

# Home for The Needy

After years and years of ineptitude, it seems that someone at the Tshwane City Council has finally taken notice of the plight of the residents of the growing Lethabong settlement east of Pretoria.

During Aiden's recent visit to the Home for the Needy on Thursday August 22, mainly to tell Catherine, Lucky, Nomsa and Precious about Judy Warren's unexpected passing the previous Sunday, he was met with a barrage of activity in the area – something very strange was going on. There were workmen all along the road busy moving palisade walling and fences at numerous sites including the Home for the Needy!

Catherine advised that the Council had surveyed the area, re-drawn the boundaries for each site and had contracted the labour to assist the households to ensure that each site's borders conformed to the new site specifications.

The Home for the Needy boundary on the front road jutted out by a foot and a half and the walling put up by Monsanto had to be taken back to conform – this work had already been completed and the workmen were concentrating on widening the site by about a foot on either side to fit the new site shape.



Catherine had already anticipated and arranged for the pit toilet to be repositioned and some additional work to re-establish the layout and garden once again will need to be done once the modifications are complete.

The very positive upside of this development is that the residents will soon be given the title deeds to the properties and there is talk of proper roads, electricity and water – the timelines are vague but let's just hope that this momentum can be sustained!

The other reason for Aiden's visit was to see the small Crèche in operation. The number of children in attendance has grown to 20 children ranging from 2 to 5 years of age under the supervision of their teacher Precious who has been trained by Siphon, the local area representative from the Smart Start Crèche franchise organisation who operate similar facilities throughout the country.



The Smart Start group provides the ongoing curriculum as well as materials while also monitoring the teacher and the children's progress and is ready to assist as and when needed. All in all the Home is in good shape despite all the upheaval.