

Folks in Gugs helped with work

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DreamWorker is a non profit government funded organisation based in the Western Cape. Born from the dream to assist the South African Government with its goal of halving unemployment by 2014. DreamWorker has extended a helping hand to the local Gugulethu community through its Link of Love campaign. DreamWorker has managed to give 170 days of work to the community.

The merry DreamWorker team from their Athlone and Somerset West offices, visited Yizani Sakhe, a community based organisation partly funded by the Department of Social Development in Gugulethu on Friday, 18 December 2009 to hand over a cheque for R17 thousand. This will allow Yizani to provide 170 days of work to unemployed people within their community.

"Unemployed people in Gugulethu will be appointed to clean the elderly's homes for Christmas, some will wash and clean individuals with HIV Aids and four young men are helping a lady whose home burnt down, to rebuild it so she can have a home once again. It is the community being put to work in the community, for the commu-

nity", says Tania Bownes, director at DreamWorker.

"We have raised the money by selling vouchers for our Link of Love programme, which aims to provide unemployed people with a day's work that pays R100.00. Each voucher costs R100.00.

"We have used Yizani Sakhe as our pilot programme. We have also been able to assist other individuals such as Andile May, who suffers from HIV Aids and Granny Nellie, who is all alone this Christmas because her husband is in hospital with a tumor. Her home was cleaned and we also gave her a huge hamper of Christmas goodies to brighten her festive season. Her tears of gratitude made our year well worth it. We hope that our acts of love are contagious to all during this festive season, so that they can reach out to others in need", Bownes concluded.

Please support the DreamWorker employment creation initiative by buying a day of work for an unemployed person, R100.00 will be the best Christmas some will receive in a long time and they will be helping another person in their community to receive help at the same time. Contact DreamWorker at info@dreamworker.org.za or visit the DreamWorker website www.dreamworker.org.za.



Yizani Sakhe received a R17 000 cheque courtesy of Dreamworks.

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