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The Ammish members

## Ammish making a difference in the community

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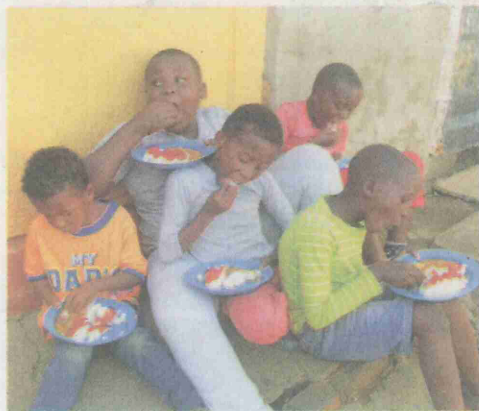
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Ammish is an organization that looks after unprivileged children in Jabavu. They are feeding 2000 beneficiaries and also providing the community with their daily kitchen soup. They are working with five Primary Schools around Jabavu and nearby areas. They don't only offer the kitchen soup to the learners but they also provide the

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after-school program where they help them with their homework, giving them life skills, extra curriculum education, and offer various fun activities such as chess, netball, soccer, maths and art competition.

There is a quote which says 'a child in sport is a child off court' which means if the youth of today can focus more on healthy



The children who benefit from the Ammish organization

activities like sport, it will limit the chances of them becoming involved in destructive behaviors such as crime, alcohol and drug abuse.

They are currently based at 388A Mphuthi

Street White City. Ammish stands for action, mentoring, mission, impact, society, home-based that aims to empower the community and reduce the number of poverty within their community.

Masishaba Mlotshwa Project Director of the organization said February this year we made the partnership with Social Development through 'Buyisa Ubuntu'. We have already started distributing 250 food parcels to the vulnerable families and they have received for the period of 3 months each household.

Mlotshwa said "Our aim is to minimize the rate of poverty and hunger in our community to needy children. We are able to put a smile on these children face. They are future leaders which give us more passion to make sure that they always have something on their stomach.

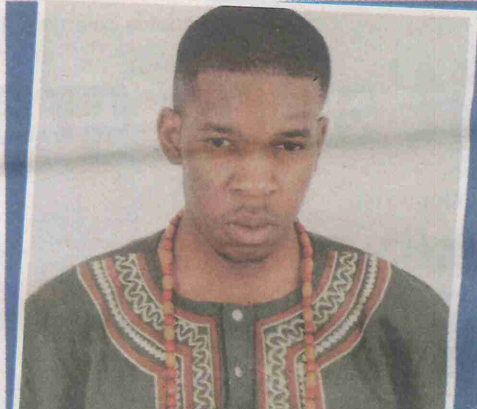
"We want to be acknowledged in the community. Our future plans are to expand more in Soweto with homework assistance and the community to be more involved in what we are doing. We want to get funding and donations from the big companies and business people," she said.

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# Miss and Mr Rutegang pageant

By Happy Shikundu

The Rutegang Primary School learners took their teachers and parent by surprise with their stunning performances in the Miss and MR Rutegang Primary School pageant 2017 at the June 16 Memorial Arch hall.

The Miss and MR pageant was hosted under three categories from, Miss and MR Confidence, Miss and MR personality and Miss and MR uniform.

The event was part of the Amish Community Development (ACD) in partnership with the school to raise fund for the long-running school tradition to bid farewell for their senior learners. Being it no secret that other learners would not afford to pay for their farewell ceremony, this was also a way of practicing "Ubuntu" and to show equal love to every learner in the school as the family.

According to ACD Project manager Masechaba Moloto, this event was not only about raising funds, but also a tactic to create an opportunity for the learners to unearth and explore their talent.

"It is not a secret that other learners couldn't afford to pay for the farewell, and we thought we cannot afford to have sad faces on a day which is meant for celebration, hence we came up with this pageant. The most interesting part of this occasion is that other learners are also going to disclose their talents in front of their parent, and we would encourage parents to support these learners or rather their kids on their talent," she says.

The school principal Phumelelo Mthiyane Indicates that Education will always be the cornerstone of everybody's future, but we always need an alternative. We always need to stretch our options to secure a better future, but not forgetting that education comes first.

"It is no secret that education will always be a strong tool to prepare a better future for everyone. But I would love to challenge



(l-r) Thabelo Maloke and Bokang Dupholo.

parents and teachers to help our kids spread their wings. In most cases, we are only focusing on that our kids must be educated turning a blind eye to a fact that other people's future lies in their talents.

"We cannot be all good academically, so it is time for parents to encourage themselves

to acknowledge their given talents. This might be a start of someone's fame, even better a start for greater future. Thanks to Amish for this initiative. I believe that this is just a beginning of bigger things to come in future," says Mthiyane.