



# 2012 WOMEN'S MONTH 10th Anniversary



## Sedibeng District Municipality proudly announces its 2012 WOMEN'S MONTH PROGRAM

This year as we mark the **tenth anniversary** of women's celebration we once again set aside everything in our busy schedules to celebrate the **WOMAN**... the mothers, the sisters and the daughters of this wonderful land of ours. Each year for the past ten years Sedibeng District Municipality and its three local municipalities (Emfuleni, Midvaal & Lesedi) have been putting together an assortment of programmes to honor, celebrate and to highlight the plight of women in our society. This year being the tenth Anniversary the theme for these celebrations is **'Wise and Courageous Women: Marching towards another decade of women development'**. A befitting and appropriate theme considering how these month-long celebrations have grown throughout the years in magnitude and impact; evolving in nature to become a unifying force in the region for the struggle for women emancipation and empowerment.

It has been a long and winding road since the inception of this programme in 2002 and much appreciation goes to my predecessors (Mme Kedibone Mogotsi and Ausi Nelesiwé Mbatha) whose passion and compassion for women's issues inspired their leadership and dedication. So this year we will among others accordingly honor and celebrate the value of such women, including but not limited to Mme Christinah Mokotuli Nku and Ausi Theresa

Ramoshemola, whose selflessness and humble contribution to social change have changed the lives of many of our ordinary folks. And since we are mothers we will also highlight the plight of our young people by adopting a certain number of child headed families in our communities, together with our partners we will once again take time to spoil our grannies (bonkgono) as a token of our appreciation for the magnificent work and sacrifices they made as mothers throughout the many years of hardship during the apartheid years thereby ensuring the dawn of a new democratic era. And more importantly, what kind of women can we be without prayer, without taking time to remember our Maker (The Lord of Hosts), which is perhaps the most important source of a woman's strength. So we will also take time to bring together women from different interdenominational formations in our area to pray for our society in general. Whilst at it we will also encourage women to lead healthy lives by taking them out into the field to play different sporting codes, ultimately bringing them together under one roof to discuss those health issues that confront them each day.

I am confident that at the close of this programme women would have enjoyed themselves, they would have learned more about business and health, they would have played

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and taken care of the weak. The four municipalities have indeed put together a good mixture of programmes for all the women of the region, once more proving that together we can indeed **'do more for our communities'**.

Lastly, I want to encourage all women to continue with the spirit of the '67 minutes' of the recent celebrations of the life of our greatest statesman Tata Rolihlahla Mandela by continuing to do something wonderful for vulnerable folks around them. We should remember that as women we are the custodians of generations and that it is by caring for our most vulnerable that we can secure a future that embraces all unique talents and feeds all its members.

May our lives symbolize the gift of selflessness and compassion as our fore-bearers have proudly demonstrated. **Let the celebrations begin!**

### The month long program will include the following events:

**3 August 2012**  
**Women's Month Launch**  
Stonehaven on Vaal  
15h00

**4 August 2012**  
**Women's Spiritual Revival**  
Sharpeville Community Hall  
11h00

**7 August 2012**  
**Mens Forum Dialogue**  
Extension 7 Hall, Ratanda  
10h00

**9 August 2012**  
**National Women's Day Celebration**  
Union Buildings, Tshwane  
09h00

**14 August 2012**  
**Health Talk**  
Emfuleni Mayor's Palour, Vanderbijlpark  
09h00

**16 August 2012**  
**Mme-MaNku Memorial Lecture**  
St. John Apostolic Faith Mission,  
Small Farm, Evaton  
11h00

**17 August 2012**  
**Child Headed Household Campaign**  
Across Sedibeng from 15h00

**17 August 2012**  
**Rural Development**  
Langezekoeg, Heidelberg  
10h00

**20 August 2012**  
**Women's Parliament**  
Vereeniging City Hall  
15h00

**21 August 2012**  
**Women's Seminar**  
Meyerton Hall  
09h00

**23 August 2012**  
**Women's Interdenominational Prayer**  
Heidelberg Town Hall  
09h00

**24 August 2012**  
**Women Employee's Celebration**  
Vereeniging City Hall  
16h00

**25 August 2012**  
**A Day for the Elderly**  
Saul Tsotetsi Sports Complex, Sebokeng  
09h00

**27-28 August 2012**  
**Women's Leadership Symposium**  
Emerald Resort & Casino  
09h00

**27-31 August 2012**  
**Women's Empowerment Workshop**  
Library Auditorium, Vanderbijlpark  
08h00 to 16h00

**31 August 2012**  
**Women in Sport**  
Cecil Oldridge Park, Vanderbijlpark  
06h00

**31 August 2012**  
**High Tea**  
Heidelberg Town Hall  
11h00

**'Wise & Courageous Women: Marching Forward into the next Decade of Women Development'**