



MASAZANE
SOUP KITCHEN & CHILD
PROTECTION PROJECT

**August 2024
Women's Month**

Dear friends and supporters of Masazane Soup Kitchen,

August is Women's Month in South Africa, and I am taking the liberty of quoting from an article that was published recently, entitled: **"Unlocking the true value of women's work in school nutrition"**. It sets out to recognise the work of women who feed the learners in our communities, and the authors make important points that are worth quoting here: (<https://www.dailymaverick.co.za/article/2024-08-19-unlocking-the-true-value-of-womens-work-in-school-nutrition/>)

"what often goes unnoticed is the work of the women who feed the learners in schools. Their significant contributions and experiences, which are essential to the programme's daily operations, are neglected. The invisibility of women's work — especially our care work — limits our potential to drive sustainable, economic growth and instead perpetuates gender inequality."

"the work of the food handlers extends beyond preparing food; their care work involves social interaction, emotional support and community building, all of which are essential for learners to feel engaged and motivated, and develop a love for learning and school."



We salute the wonderful team of women who keep our project going on a daily basis and make a difference in the lives of the children who come to our kitchen. Pictured here:

Frances Barnett, Nomathemba Booie, Shireen Willemse, Nomhle Lehlo, Martha Mdingi, Nosihlalo Mditjana, Nontobeko Nofemela, Julia Sijaji, Dila Willem.

In my last newsletter, I mentioned some of the maintenance and repairs that were needed in our faithful container kitchen. Thanks to Jacques Matthee, a member of Rondebosch United Church, the leaks to the roof were sealed and



the drains that were in poor condition, were fixed. In addition, Jacques turned his considerable problem-solving skills and built a new outdoor sink for the team to wash the huge pots that we use in the kitchen. This has been a great help – as the previous arrangement was not ideal.

Repairs will still be needed to our aging storage cupboards, and it is likely that we will need to replace our old fridge. We look forward to getting these done soon – but as with the above-mentioned repairs, these will need to be paid for over and above our running costs and **we are still looking for additional funds for this work.**

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**We continue to do what we can to keep some of the children in our corner of Mbekweni from going hungry, but we can only do it with your continued support.
THANK YOU!**

We are so grateful for what you have done for this project thus far, and look forward to a continued partnership with you as we try to ensure that some of the most vulnerable children receive the protection and nutrition that they need at this time of great need in South Africa.

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