

Local heroes share the love with less fortunate

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Local heroes share the love with less fortunate In the true spirit of Valentine's Day, Ki W 's Tow Br esscorrespondent Zavela Makwabe is this week profiling three local residents who are spreading the love in their own unique ways to those who cannot always speak for themselves. Anneite Rademeyer: Love man's best friend• Mahatma Gandhi once said, "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Living out this motto is Annette Rademeyer, a volunteer senior inspector at the King William's Town SPCA. The shelter is currently home to 15 dogs, 25 cats and a number of other animals. "These figures change on a daily basis as more animals come in and some are adopted. For example, three were adopted on Wednesday last week. We also adopted two horses about two weeks ago," Rademeyer said. She has been volunteering at the SPCA for about 25 years. She does everything in a voluntary capacity and purely out of love for animals. "Love means so many things to me. It means caring about people who are less fortunate than myself, caring about sentient creatures and it means always trying to be kind to everyone." Over the years, Rademeyer has worked as a legal secretary, a personal assistant and as a councillor for the Buffalo City Municipality. She has a higher diploma in business management, a diploma in events management and is well on her way to getting a degree in criminology. "Through all of this I have always been passionate about animal welfare because animals, like children and old people, cannot speak for themselves. "Farm animals are the most abused of all animals especially in the intensive farming industry. I detest animal cruelty in any form. "For me, it basically comes down to standing up for the defenceless and those who cannot speak for themselves." •••••

••••• MOTHER Teresa said, "Love is not patro nising and charity isn't about pity; it is • about love. Charity and love are the same with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand in stead." • • 2018 Mrs Africa Tourism Universe 2018, • Yonela Jindela, has been doing extraordi nary charity work around the province. • The young mother, wife and daughter • of a reverend grew up in Mqhekezweni Village outside Mthatha. "I grew up in a Christian home where my parents always taught me and my sib• lings the importance of giving and shar mg" That, she said, is where her love for charity stems from. She said to her, love means meeting a stranger in the street, but not finding

peace until that stranger's life has changed for the better. She said love was when you shared the little that you have with those who have nothing. "Love is an act of selflessness, to help other people because it is within you not because you are expecting to gain something from it. "You don't have to have lots of money to help the next person; you can even get other people involved." Yonela Jindela: Beauty with a purpose Anette Rademeyer and her Labrador, Jessie. PHOTO:SUPPLIED Busisiwe Papiyana: Love for the homeless "SOMETIMES it's easy to walk by because we know we can't change someone's whole life in a single afternoon. But what we fail to realise is that simple kindness can go a long way toward encouraging someone who is stuck in a desolate place," said Mike Yankoski, a writer and itinerant speaker. Busisiwe Papiyana is the second local community member who deserves recognition for spreading the love in the area. She quit her job as an auditor at the Department of Roads and Public Works in 2014 and cofounded the Ubudlelwane Enkosini Foundation, an organisation that assists the homeless and disadvantaged in King William's Town and surrounding areas. The organisation provides counselling to the despondent, hosts a soup kitchen for the street dwellers in town every Saturday afternoon and reunites them with their families. "To me, love means compassion and care. It means treating others as you would like to be treated. "If you desire to be helped, then help. If you desire to be forgiven, then forgive," Papiyana said. She believes that love gives instead of taking or receiving, which is why she gives so much of her time and love. "Love is selfless. We do not have to wait until we have millions of rands to give and share the little we have because God gave his only son." The Ubudlelwane Enkosini Foundation members dish up for the local street dwellers at their soup kitchen. PHOTO. SUPPLIED •••••

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