

Beautifying the community one paint tin at a time

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Following their Youth Day event, ReachOut Foundation, a registered non-profit organisation spent the whole Mandela Day painting and collecting items which they will distribute to those who are in need. This event took place at the Riverlea Recreation Centre on July 18. Vernon Milton, who is part of the organisation said: "We took the initiative to give back to the community, we approached various businesses to assist us with making this project possible, the businesses are Metal Paints and Al's Hardware, we want to extend a huge thank you to them for their assistance. We invited the community out to beautify the community centre, we starting out with the car park area, and as time goes on, we plan to have various projects that will continue to beautify

our centre. We started painting the walls of the car park and the rocks that are in the parking." According to Milton, their second project to this event is to go to put positive messages on the walls. The organisation, also plans on a later stage, to put up a mural on the wall which will showcase the diversity in the area. "We are also doing a donation drive, people who are willing to donate clothing, non-perishable food items, books and blankets can do so. We would like to support different homes who are in need of donations," said Milton. ReachOut would also like to say thank you to the following residents who donated to the cause: Sharon Pekeur, Lauren Tobin, Assam Foundation, Edwina and Freddy from the Recreation Centre, Thelma van Rensburg, Riverlea Aerobics and the Expanded Public Works Programme.



ReachOut Foundation with volunteers from the community who were all painting.