



## ETAFENI'S GREEN FINGERS GROW GOODNESS

Etafeni Day Care Centre is now able to continue to provide fresh, organically grown vegetables for up to 200 healthy meals daily at their centres in Nyanga and Vrygrond, due to the generous donation of gardening equipment, seedlings and compost by the Institute of Waste Management of Southern Africa (IWMSA).

In addition to the food gardens at each centre, the Etafeni staff have also established 20 community food gardens at their clients homes in the past two years. The Etafeni Day Care Trust, in partnership with the local community, has built multi-purpose day care centres which take into account the needs of vulnerable children, the needs of those who care for them and the needs of the community. Etafeni views the physical structures and services on their sites as a metaphor for what they hope to see happening inside all the role players: the gradual growth of trust, of softness, of creativity and of enjoyment of self and others.

The Western Cape branch of the IWMSA identified and selected Etafeni as a beneficiary for their annual community outreach initiative based upon Etafeni's commitment to developing food gardens and their best-practice model of sustainable community-based care for AIDS-vulnerable children and their caregivers. The IWMSA thanks Builders Express who offered free delivery, as well as a substantial discount on the items that were purchased. To contact the IWMSA, email: [iwmsa@telkomsa.net](mailto:iwmsa@telkomsa.net) or visit [www.iwmsa.co.za](http://www.iwmsa.co.za).

**Pictured below:** Barbara Miller (Etafeni Day Care Centre, Development Manager) left, Mahier Abrahams (IWMSA Western Cape Branch, Committee Member) centre back, Mzoxolo Menyo (Etafeni Day Care Centre, Equipment Manager) front, and Richard Emery (IWMSA Western Cape Branch, Chairman) right



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