Litha Communications spends Mandela Day at children's home

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In honour of Mandela Day, the staff and executive of Litha Communications are going to the Othandweni Children's Home in Soweto, to spend the better part of the day with the children, while organising a variety of activities.

These include a monetary donation, face painting, juggling and helping out around the home by feeding the children, tending to the garden and any other assistance they might need, as the home only has five permanent caregivers in charge of around 90 children.

The company is in the process of arranging a musical performance for the children and has attracted the attention of well-known local groups such as GP Gangsta, Mzambia, Pantsula and Ghetto Queen.

Othandweni is a residential care facility of the Johannesburg Child Welfare Society, a non-governmental organisation. It survives through donations and there is always an appeal for the public, individuals and the corporate sector to donate in kind or cash in order to keep the doors open for children who need the care. The shelter has six cottages, each with room for 12 children between the ages of 5-18. Babies, most of them abandoned or Aids orphans, from newborn to four years old live in the nursery. There are also emergency houses, which provide temporary shelter for abused children and runaways from abusive homes.

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