



AWF-DIOCESE OF GRAHAMSTOWN



THABO MAKGOBA BURSARY FUND ANNIVERSARY

The Anglican Women's Fellowship (AWF) of the Diocese of Grahamstown started a youth development initiative to support needy school going children in 2008 through initiating a fund known as "Thabo Makgoba Bursary Fund". The support is in the form of provision of school uniform, spiritual support and prayers to needy children in 2 schools in Nxarhuni - Ntsonkotha High School, Zikwaba Public School and Sinomonde Primary School in Orange Groove informal settlement. It is through this initiative that the AWF has started to sponsor school uniform to Sinomonde Primary learners, boarding fees and other school needs (uniform & stationery) to one child from Nxarhuni who lost her mother who was an AWF member. The AWF (at parish level) is also seen supporting various needy schools that are in close proximity with their parishes. The AWF has recently taken a decision to collaborate and co-operate with institutions that are already working in the youth development space in order to intensify its efforts in addressing the major challenges affecting the youth beyond the classroom and increase the number of needy youth benefitting on this initiative.

It is under this backdrop that the AWF will be hosting the Thabo Makgoba Bursary Fund Anniversary on 26-27 November 2016. Under the theme **"Journeying with Youth towards Economic Transformation"**, the event seeks amongst other things to intensify support on youth development through facilitating cross sectoral collaboration between the church, private, public and social sectors. This event will start with an information session targeting the youth where various stakeholders will share information on available youth development (training, education and business) opportunities and also motivational speakers focussing on positive and risky behaviours. This will culminate to a gala dinner in the evening and a Eucharist service on the following day. With a minimum donation of R200, the gala dinner is aimed at raising the profile and heightening awareness of this fund whilst simultaneously soliciting support and commitment from other relevant stakeholders.

The event will be hosted from the 26 -27 November 2016. The Youth Information Session will start from 09h00-15h00 on 26 November 2016. All members of the Diocese of the Grahamstown are humbly requested to support this inaugural event which promotes the advancement of youth development as embraced in the Synod resolutions.

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