

Volkswagen Group SA pledges support to 10 Gqeberha NPOs

Volkswagen Group South Africa (VWSA), through its Community Trust, has pledged R1,2m support to 10 non-profit organisations (NPOs) working in the communities of Nelson Mandela Bay in the Eastern Cape over the next 12 months.



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Six of the organisations were previously beneficiaries of the Community Trust, with the partnerships being renewed recently, while the other four organisations have been approved as new beneficiaries.

The organisations include:

- Thand'usana Babies Safe Home A safe haven for abandoned, abused and neglected babies in Gqeberha.
- **Khayalethu Youth Centre** Provides a home for 35 formerly homeless boys and provides them with physical, emotional and intellectual support to reach their potential.
- Community Chest A non-profit organisation focusing on initiatives to promote education, health, skills development and community development.
- **Ubomi Obutsha Centre** Works with at-risk children in KwaZakhele and supports them in social, cognitive and academic development through various programmes.
- **Nakhane Empowerment** A youth-led organisation dedicated to bringing about positive change through education, business and sports programmes for young people.
- Pandora's Music Box Spreads and promotes musical knowledge among the youth of Gelvandale, Helenvale and surrounding areas.
- Masifunde Learner Development Runs a holistic youth development programme and offers educational support to learners from historically disadvantaged communities.
- Family Restoration Works with children who have been abandoned, abused or orphaned in Motherwell, Wells

Estate, Kamvelihle and surrounding informal settlements.

- Ray Mhlaba Skills Training Centre An extension of the EP Children's Homes that offers skills training and work readiness programmes to unemployed youth.
- Maranatha Street Workers' Trust Works with the Nelson Mandela Bay metro's homeless and unemployed, and assists them to become self-sustaining members of society.



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Nonkqubela Maliza, director of corporate and government affairs at VWSA, said that these organisations align with VWSA's priorities of youth and community development and "play an instrumental role in uplifting the communities in which VWSA operates".

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