



KALK BAY ST. JAMES
Special Rating Area NPC

****PRESS RELEASE****

“IT TAKES A VILLAGE...”

The Social Development Team of the Kalk Bay St James Special Rating Area (KBSJ SRA) recently hosted an Appreciation Morning on Tuesday 17 July 2018 at the Olympia Café in Kalk Bay. The aim of the morning was to bring roleplayers who regularly collaborate and facilitate with the SRA Social Development team together and give recognition for their good work in the area.

Over the past three years, a particular case of the well-being of a person living on the streets of Kalk Bay raised concern within the community. There were many challenges in trying to find a sustainable solution and hope nearly faltered as a result. Thankfully, the SRA community did not give up that easily and on 12 June 2018, a family was reunited. While the reunification was special it is only the first step towards a sustainable outcome for the family.

As 13 people sat around the table, Marion Thomas, contracted social worker to the SRA, highlighted the fact that it took 13 people (and more) to change the life of one person over three years”. She continued to say that “Life on the street is tough, but taking the first step that leads to a pathway away from the street can be tougher. It is important to ensure that the person is supported consistently along this journey especially during the transitional period. This can be achieved through healthy working relationships.” Special mention was given to the team from the City’s Area South Street People’s Programme, namely Rudi-Leigh Eksteen, Julianne Rogers and Jody Van Niekerk for their assistance to the SRA Social Development Team over the past three years.

The SRA expressed its sincere gratitude to all parties in being willing to support and collaborate with each other. Recognition of efforts that often happen behind-the-scenes is important in order to highlight that it takes a village to form a network of relationships and values that are connected in order to bring about change.

The KBSJ SRA offers a weekly Open Door service every Tuesday from 09h00 to 13h00. For more information, email Marion Thomas on mamadu06@gmail.com



Above: Some of the role-players who regularly collaborate with the KBSJ SRA Social Development team. Recognition for their tireless efforts was made at a special morning of appreciation on Tuesday, 17 July 2018, hosted by the SRA.

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