

WITH HELP FROM FRIENDS

....10 wheelchairs donated to different communities

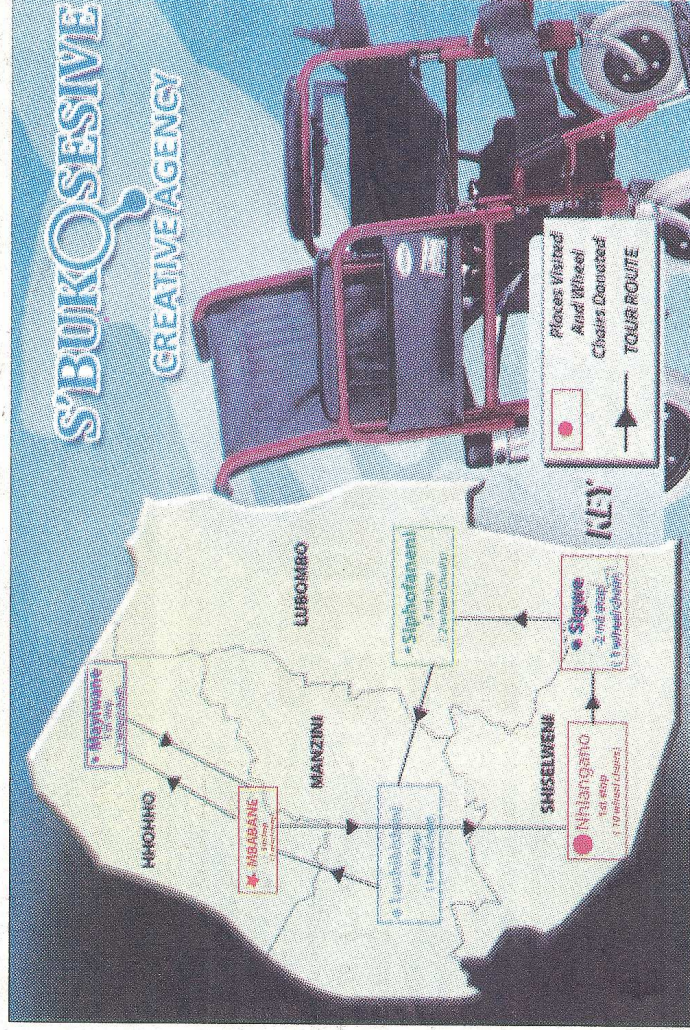
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PARTNERSHIPS are a true reflection that two or more heads are better than one and that was the case when S'buko Sesive Creative Agency embarked on a countrywide tour delivering wheelchairs were donated to them by Shiselweni Home-Based Care in Nhlanguano.

The tour called the 'Donation of Wheelchairs Tour' saw the creative agency, S'buko Sesive, partnering with the Swazi Observer, Media Space and Shiselweni Home-Based Care, who are the main donors, to help fellow citizens in dire need of wheelchairs.

Shiselweni Home Based Care (SHBC) reached out to S'buko Sesive requesting their assistance in identifying individuals who need wheelchairs and with the help of the Swazi Observer, deserving people were identified. S'buko helped in co-ordinating the entire tour and saw companies like MediaSpace coming on board facilitating transportation for the delivery.

The two-day tour started off at Dwaleni, about



10km from Nhlanguano, where SHBC handed ten new wheelchairs to S'buko Sesive to facili-

tate delivery of the donations.

The first stop was at Sigwe followed by Siphofaneni.

On the next day the S'buko team with the help of Media Space proceeded to Lushikishini and Mayiwane and finally Mbabane at Gobhoho, Ekwetsembeni Primary School and SOS High School.

SHBC is one of the largest NGOs in Swaziland focusing mainly on the caring and counselling of HIV and AIDS clients.

In 2005, Dr Amau van Wyngaard, a pastor of the Swaziland Reformed Church, had a vision where God convinced him to empower the Shiselweni Congregation situated in the most impoverished and vulnerable part of Swaziland to 'become the hands and the feet of Christ in the communities surrounding the church' through a home-based caring programme, with the help of members of the church.

From humble beginnings of 32 volunteers back in 2006 in an area known as Dwaleni, Shiselweni Home-Based Care now has more than 1 000 volunteers, who work tirelessly without any salary, some of whom are living with HIV.

Apart from caring for more than 4 000 clients in 41 chiefdoms spread all over Shiselweni, SHBC also runs five pre-schools and supplies at least one nutritious meal daily to more than 400 orphaned or vulnerable children at seven different NCPs.

To date, they have also distributed 450 wheelchairs to physically challenged individuals.

The wheelchairs were donated by an organisation in the United States of America known as Free Wheelchair Mission which partnered with Project Glory that works closely with SHBC, which then distributes the wheelchairs to those people in need of them in Swaziland.

For more information on SHBC or if anyone is interested in making any contributions to this organisation, please visit their website at

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