Mr Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela who is an internationally acclaimed Freedom Fighter, the first democratically elected and African President of the Republic of South Africa spent 67 years of his life making the world a better place.

The 18th of July is Nelson Mandela’s birthday and all people around the world are encouraged to dedicate at least 67 minutes of their time in doing something good that will benefit someone else. Due to the day being so busy everywhere, July has been declared a Nelson Mandela month, meaning you can do your goodwill any day, as long as it is within the month of July.

Ngwelezana Hospital has been engaged in many activities during the month of July to celebrate and prove that each individual has the power to transform the society and the ability to make a positive impact on another person’s life.

The hospital had visitors who chose the hospital as their place where they will celebrate Nelson Mandela day/month.

Coastal Farmers’ Co-operative Limited donated blankets to patients who suffer from cancer at the Chemotherapy Clinic.

Mondi and Tongaat Hullets painted different departments inside the hospital with paint and tools that were donated by them.

The hospital also had its own activity which saw staff members contributing wholeheartedly to benefit those who are less fortunate.

Above, food and clothing was distributed to different families who are less fortunate. Siyabonga kubasebenzi basengwelezana, kwande lapha nithathe khona.
Mondi Group, based in Richards Bay visited Ngwelezana Hospital on 17th of May 2015. The team bought paint, brushes and all the tools necessary for painting. They brought T-Shirts for all I participants. Even their Managing Director Mr Clinton van Vaught participated in the painting of Thembalethu Clinic, which now looks completely new after the work. The team also distributed fruits to outpatients and distributed toiletry bags to inpatients.
Tongaat Hullets painted the Eye Clinic on Saturday, 18th of May 2015. The team ensured the big ward received all necessary paintings. They bought paint for doors and walls and T Shirts for all participants. They were joined by the hospital management and staff members. The Tongaat Hullet team was led by Mr Pius Masinga, General Manager from the Felixton Mill. They promised more projects in the future.
Thanks to all staff member who donated food, clothing and money to buy necessities for four families who were identified as disadvantaged and needy. Unfortunately the team distributed food while the children who are the majority family members were at school.

- **ABOVE:** Family of Lungi Mathaba, 20 year old who lives with her two year old daughter after her mother died and his father abandoned them.

- **BELOW:** Mpungose family lives alone. They are a family of 8 siblings and four grandkids. They are without parents and have to use child support grant to survive.

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**ON 24 JULY 2015, NGWELEZANA STAFF MEMBERS DISTRIBUTED DONATED FOOD AND CLOTHING TO DISADVANTAGED FAMILIES**

**ABOVE:** Sanele Ngwenya cried tears of joy when she saw the gifts. She is the eldest of five siblings without parents. He sisters and brothers were in school.

**ABOVE:** Mbokazi Family, teary after receiving her food parcels was Celokuhle Mbokazi who lives with her son and 2 siblings. Her sister did not have uniform to wear at school, the team bought a skirt, shirt and shoes to ensure the child is clothed and able to continue with school.
Coastal Farmers’ Co-operative Limited donated 30 blankets to patients who utilise the Chemotherapy clinic/department on 09 July 2015. Deena Govender, Branch Manager distributed the blankets to keep the patients warm during cold winter nights.

The hospital management would like to pass many thanks to the staff members of Ngwelezana Hospital for the amazing donations they made which were distributed to a total of four families.

Your heart-felt donations ensured that the recipients went to bed with food and clothing and will still be able to put food on the table for many days or even months to come.

Kwande lapha nithathe khona, sibusisiwe isandla esiphayo kunesamukelayo.

Different companies who considered Ngwelezana Hospital when they thought about activities of goodwill are also thanked.

We thank Mondi, Tongaat Hullet and Coastal Farmers for their much needed donations. We also hope this was the beginning of a fruitful partnership between the hospital and the corporate sector.

The painted areas now look amazingly beautiful and freshened.

Also thanks to all staff members who assisted during the painting of departments.