

It's My Turn Was a Success!

Casual Day on September 5 was a day of mixed emotions for most of the participants of the It's My Turn project. Associates were excited to give back to the community while others were humbled by the positive difference they made in the lives of the disadvantaged communities. The day was to celebrate Casual Day by giving back to communities that are living with disabilities and National Arbor Week by planting trees. In total, Associates planted nine trees.



Two organizations benefited from CCSA's efforts - Gordonia Services and the Alexandra Police Station.

Gordonia Services, an organization that falls under the Central Gauteng Mental Health Society, is a residential facility dedicated to the psychosocial rehabilitation of persons affected by mental illnesses. The residents at the centre were so excited to have CCSA Associates support their centre and were welcoming and helpful in getting the project completed.

Director of Legal Services Joe Ralebepa who joined the team at Gordonia says, "I was very humbled not only by the lively spirit of the residents, but more so by the living emotional strength that was evident amidst their circumstances. We left Gordonia a little better than we found it and I realised that *it is the small things that help cheer up the day for the many in need*. It was indeed my turn...!"

At Alexandra Police Station, Associates were assisted by volunteers at the police station to paint the Victims Unit Waiting room and the Community Policing Forum Meeting Hall. Trees were also planted around the complex to commemorate Arbor Week and to provide much-needed shade for the Police Station.

Patricia Sefara, Receptionist at Illovo Group Office, who happens to be the resident of Alexandra Township, says, "Giving back to the Alexandra community has brought so many fulfillments in my heart. I enjoyed getting hands dirty for my community".

Maureen Kamffer says, "Friday was the best, but probably the saddest. Thanks to CCSA for another reminder of how to be truly grateful".