

Message from TIBA chairman, Mr Ebrahim Essop...

TO celebrate two milestone events is indeed a historical and a memorable occasion for Tiba Services for the Blind.

I am privileged to have been associated with the organisation since its inception 30 years ago and more so I am delighted to celebrate this momentous occasion together with my many long serving colleagues on the management committee of Tiba.

We cannot deny the existence of persons with disabilities who are integral members of our society. Self worth, dignity and independence are basic human values that one aspires for and cherishes.

It becomes our responsibility to assist the visually impaired to nurture these values for the purpose of improving their quality of lives.

Tiba endeavours to conscientise the visually impaired of these values to enable them to maximise their potential by undertaking learning opportunities in education, career and self independence skills.

Having faced many crucial challenges from a humble beginning, Tiba has succeeded, over 30 years in establishing various needed essential services in terms of its mission keeping pace with the transforma-

tion processes of the social welfare delivery services. The communities it serves recognizes its worth and the contribution being made for their well being accepting Tiba as an indispensable community based organization. The new service centre built is a major achievement for Tiba.

The functional facilities provided will assist in enhancing the quality of the services such as that of the protective workshop, eye clinic, low vision aids and pre-school stimulation of children needing a specialised care and community eye care awareness workshops.