

# **Message of Support by the Mayor of Greater Tzaneen Municipality At Lenyenye Pensioners Association On The 09<sup>th</sup> Of February 2016**

Programme Director

The leadership of the Lenyenye Pensioners Association

Ladies and Gentlemen

Distinguished guests

Let me begin by commending the coordinators and members of this special association that brings our senior citizen together to form the lenyenye pensioners association.

It is a wonderful thing to see a good initiation by elders of this municipality which is used to engage with fellow pensioners and confront elderly challenges in the municipality.

Ladies and gentlemen the greater Tzaneen municipality is proud of this initiative and would like to encourage you to continue with what you have started, the municipality is willing to support this initiative.

As senior citizens of our municipality we rely on our elders for wisdom and guidance, your support and experience is crucial for the benefit and development of this municipality.

We need you to be active and take part in government activities because without you we would not be where we are as a country.

I would like to take this opportunity to appreciate all your efforts in this initiative; we need this kind of dedication to prosper as a municipality.

If the youth of this municipality formed initiatives for youth such as the pensioners association I am convinced that this would be a progressive municipality.

My wish is for citizens from all over Greater Tzaneen to learn from this unity, I trust that a number of challenges that we are faced with could have been resolved, I also believe that it would keep us occupied and focused on things that would bring us peace as people.

Ladies and gentlemen the Greater Tzaneen municipality caters for the needs of senior citizens; we have an indigent programme to assist pensioners who are struggling to pay for electricity and water bills.

Pensioners who need assistance are advised to visit our offices to find out what the requirements to be indigents are, our officials will also assist you to apply.

I am glad that you invited us to be part of this meeting today because it is important for the municipality to build and strengthen our relationship with this pensioners association.

We value our pensioners and we will continue to support you, we hope for this association to grow bigger and stronger with time. I believe that it is a positive contribution in our society.

Our senior citizens, it is also important to take care of your health and well being at this age. Golden age does not stop us from taking good care of our bodies and our health.

Continue with regular exercises even at home, it is also important to do regular checkups at the clinic and doctors. It is equally important to take medication for blood pressure and other chronic illnesses that are accompanied with old age.

Old age certainly does not stop anyone from achieving their dreams or making a difference in their society like this initiative. There is still a lot that we anticipate from you as pensioners, we know that you have a lot of knowledge that we can learn and grow from.

I hope that you will continue with your meetings and encourage one another, I believe that there's a lot that can be achieved through the pensioner association. Other pensioners will learn from you because you have set a good example.

**I THANK YOU!!!**