



To whom it may concern,

MINISTER REAGEN ALLEN COMMENDS THE PROACTIVE EFFORTS OF THE COMMUNITY KEEPERS ORGANISATION TO CREATE SAFER COMMUNITIES IN THE WESTERN CAPE

As we continue to realize the Western Cape Safety Plan, every person in our province deserves to feel safe in their communities, no matter where they live. To ensure that this important objective is achieved, we have prioritized collaborative efforts with all stakeholders, including safety partners such as the Community Keepers organization.

Committed to proactive rather than reactive measures to create safer communities across the Western Cape, I commend the Community Keepers organization for building a culture of wellbeing in our communities most in need thereof. By providing psychosocial support, social and emotional learning opportunities, therapeutic counselling, support groups and resilience building workshops for over 30 000 learners, 3000 educators and 17 000 parents in 31 partner school communities, Community Keepers has indeed made great strides in creating enabling and motivating environments in which our youth and vulnerable communities can thrive.

As we all have a role to play in the Western Cape Government's Whole of Society and Whole of Government approach, collaborative efforts of this nature are pivotal to create safer communities. It then gives me great pleasure to endorse the innovative work administered by the Community Keepers organization.

Together, it is our duty to create an enabling environment in which all those we serve can feel a sense of safety. As we continue to strive to improve service delivery, particularly in communities overwhelmed with social ills, we wish the Community Keepers organization well in their future endeavours and recommend favourable outcomes to applications submitted going forward.

Together in service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Reagen Allen', written over a dotted line.

**MINISTER REAGEN ALLEN
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