

## Brian Baloyi Brings Hope to Alex

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FORMER Bafana Bafana captain Brian Baloyi plans to change the game and tackle critical issues with the official unveiling of the Brian Baloyi Family Foundation (BBFF).

It was launched in Alexandra on Thursday, 22 August 2018.

The Foundation, which will work on a wide range of projects and partnerships, will

have strong focus in three industry sectors: sports, education and health, dedicated to social development and to Baloyi's most famous art – goalkeeping.

The health part was inspired by his wife who was diagnosed with cancer and now helps other communities about the dangers of cancer and early detection.

Baloyi has his sights set on building a rare Goalkeeper Academy focusing on building technical abilities of budding

goal minders while also working with near professional keepers.

The ex-Kaizer Chiefs and Mamelodi Sundowns player popularly known as

“Spiderman” has also served three years as goalkeeper coach at Chiefs.

“Rural communities, townships, are some of the most neglected areas when it

comes to social issues where the foundation aims to work with local charity

organisations and government departments to address some of the concerns in the

three identified sectors,” said Baloyi.

“Our mission is to improve, nurture talent and dreams of the youth, and thus giving them power to take charge of their future by being employable and or become successful entrepreneurs who create employ-

ment for others. Our strategy is to involve the sponsors and beneficiaries to get full value from our activities and projects.”

“Also, starting the goalkeeper academy in Alexandra has long been my passion where I get to work with youngsters from a targeted early age of six until they reach teenage stages because every position is specialised besides goalkeeping in South Africa.”

“Some keepers don’t get to learn technical aspects up until they get to be with a goalkeeper coach at professional level.”

The BBFA is expected to make official announcement on other immediate projects in the coming weeks.

«We have some projects lined for the next six months that we will make formal,» Baloyi concluded.

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From Left: Donald Mtimkhulu, Nickelwa Moleko, Kgabiso Motaung, Rebecca “Phungi” Baloyi, Sisa Majola, Masilo Machaka, Gregory Baloyi & Thuto Daly



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The community took part in planting trees at Kwa-Bhekilanga Sports Ground

## Tree planting at Kwa-Bhekilanga High School

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ON the 19<sup>th</sup> August, Friends of Kwa-Bhekilanga, led by DA activists, Kay Lockwood and Dale Ten Hope, planted sixteen trees on the school's fields.

Kay and Dale, from ward 90 in Sandton have undertaken the challenge of recruiting a generous sponsor, who only not funded the purchasing of the trees, but also assisted in planting them.

Ward 105 and 116, PR Cllr Shadrack Mkhonto said as these trees grow, they

will play an important part of enhancing the environment by combating soil erosion, creating a green bet in the neighborhood and providing shade for the field's spectators.

“The sports facility is popularly used by some 200 youths for rugby, soccer and athletics training. And moreover is enjoyed by the wider community for concerts and recreational activities. We are the government that cares about its communities and we, the DA, are committed to improving the lives of all people,” said Mkhonto.