

PHOTO: VATHISWA RUSELO DEDICATED: Nosipho Mayana provides food to children and assists the community on Aids-related issues.

my own mother. My grand-mother's love is what made me the person I am today, Mayana says.

Mayana started Siyanqoba, a and has made it her priority to provide daily food to schools A great inspiration to many, and poverty-stricken housenonprofit organisation, in 2002 holds in the area.

She says a major problem in the community is that people spend their money on alcohol rather than food

is widespread and children go As a result of this, HIV-Aids hungry on a daily basis.

Mayana also counsels HIV

affected families and educates the community about the dangers of unprotected sex.

need of: "I was trained by an Aids to ensure that HiV-positive consortium as a nutritionist so families get adequate nutrimy number one priority is tion to keep them good and healthy."

Siyangoba also has a number of volunteers who make beaded jewellery and sew carpets to raise money for the organisation

Mayana relies on donors for marketing and food supplies such as bread, vegetables and

Realeboga Crèche, which she

eagerly demonstrated their recitation of nursery rhymes. Siyanqoba is in desperate The Grade Rs sang and cheered in welcome provides with food.

and supplies to the township. A bakkie to transport food volunteers to work with. machines Sewing

Sanitary products such as

 Any other donations are or email infosiyangoba@sable.co.za welcome: www.siya.org.za soap and towels. also



received the Invathelo Woman NOSIPHO Mayana recently

she quit her job as a top martownship northwest of Johanand started doing charitable selfless work in Zandspruit As a single mother of two, keting executive for Nedbank nesburg.

work with her pension pack-

ing a good salary but felt that She said that she was earnsomething was missing.

"I wanted to help orphans because I was dumped by