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Tribute to Paddy Kearney from the Sibaya Community Trust

The Sibaya Community trust learned with sorrow the passing of Paddy Kearney. Paddy was a humble and quiet leader. He worked tirelessly to support the marginalised and oppressed. Trustees of the Sibaya Community Trust, Judge Vuka Tshabalala, Mr Vivian Reddy and Chairman Tristan Kaatze met with Paddy as he sought funds to see the completion of the Denis Hurley Centre. The Trust would partner with the project sponsoring the Clinic which would mainly serve the indigent in Durban.

Paddy worked across racial, economical and spiritual boundaries. He served many organisations and worked across faiths to support a vision for a community and nation that would unify and support one another as was evidenced in his roles on the Boards of organisations that include the Gandhi Development Trust, Diakonia and the Denis Hurley Centre among others.

His work and contribution were widely acknowledged and Paddy is a 2014 EThekwini Living Legend, and Honorary UKZN Theology Doctorate recipient and was recognised with a Papal medal 'Bene Merenti'. He published three books documenting the life of Bishop Denis Hurley and his work.

Paddy Kearney will be remembered for his determination and work for the poorest among us, he never sought to bring attention to himself and his love was evident in his work. May all he built stand strong and continue to impact many for generations to come. We wish to send our condolences to his family and his work colleagues. May his soul rest in peace.

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