



PRESS RELEASE

LET'S FIX IT: TUESDAY 21 JUNE AT 8.30PM

Let's Fix It is a half-hour, weekly reality series in which popular presenter Soli Philander is challenged to fix people's problems. Since its inception, the Let's Fix It team has assisted in helping many people alleviate the stress of poverty and hardship - with computers, wheelchairs, food, house-repairs, medical assistance and much more.

This week: For many decades the Cape minstrels have been close to the heart of South Africans, with scores of colorful troupes performing their unique and world famous music in Cape Town's streets at New Year. The Kamalie family is proud of their long tradition as one of the leading minstrel bands, handing skills down from generation to generation.

Kamoladien, the son in the family, is no different. He loves being part of the Cape minstrels, using the technique his father taught him. Yet since a shooting incident left him paralysed from the waist down and wheel chair bound, Kamoladien has been relegated to the sidelines. However, he is not giving up.

Kamoladien dreams of sharing his knowledge with the young children in his community. If they can become minstrels Kamoladien believes this will save them from lives of crime and failure. Let's Fix It went to see how it could bring the music back into Kamoladien's life.

How sad it must be to see a little girl wearing the same over-washed and fading clothes to school every day. She knows that her granny, with whom the little girl lives, cannot afford to buy her any clothes. The granny's friend wrote in with this observation heavy on her heart. Let's Fix It paid the granny and the little girl, Ayesha, a visit -- and was touched by their plucky attitude in the face of such obvious adversity.

Pat Nqotole has a dream -- she wants to be a radio broadcaster. There is just one small problem; she is a domestic servant struggling to survive on her small income. Her responsibilities include raising her late sister's three small children alone, effectively putting paid to any career dreams of her own. Her letter to Let's Fix It was a cry for help as the pressures of her hard life slowly took their toll on her optimistic plans.

Ends