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**GIRL GUIDES South Africa is saddened to hear of the passing of our Patron, the Queen Mother of the Royal Bafokeng Nation.**

Her Majesty, the Queen Mother Semane Molotlegi became a member of GIRL GUIDES South Africa when she was invited in 2012 to be our Patron, although she had been a Guide many years previously!

As she was well known for her love of girls and women, the GIRL GUIDES South Africa motto (Guiding girls towards a confident future) shows that her feelings were also for the girls in Guiding.

The Rustenburg Region of Guiding was blessed to have her help when they asked for it; she would visit the girls at camp and greet them, she assisted with accommodation for overseas Guiding people as well as having meetings with the Adult Leaders in her offices. She insisted that we (the Rustenburg Region of Guiding) built capacity in her community, to assist girls of the community.

The Queen Mother was a regular attendee to our annual AGM, in Randburg. She spoke well to the ladies at the AGMs, she even sang for us on one occasion.

We think especially of her family at this time.

May her dear soul rest in peace and rise in glory.

Sizeka Rensburg (Chief Commissioner) and all members of GIRL GUIDES South Africa

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