

Mark Solomons

Mark Solomons is one of the Flamingo's longest residing community members who currently serves as one of the leaders in the community. Currently living in structure F31, he has 2 sons: Migel (1 year old) and Reuben (5 years old). Also he has a girlfriend named



Elizabeth.

A Little Bit More about Mark

Mark, or Markie as he likes his closest friends to call him, grew up in Crawford. During his early years, he lived with his mother, his sister and his brother. His father married another woman. He attended school until completing standard 8th grade. At this young age, he started playing soccer and has continue playing it ever since. In 1994, he moved with his mother to Flamingo Crescent where he has been living for almost 20 years. In 2010, he decided to become a community leader.

Interests & Hobbies

Mark volunteers as a community worker. He is also one of Flamingo's community members that form part of the Project Steering Committee. In his free time, Mark enjoys playing soccer; his position is a forward. In the past, he was part of a soccer team but is now trying to start a new team up the road soon. Also from a young age, he learned about motor mechanics and is always willing to work with cars and motor bikes.

Being a Community Leader

His desire to become a community leader came from his will to make a change for the people and turn Flamingo into a better place. All the things that he does for the community, he does them for the kids. He wants a better life for them. Part of his role as a community leader is being the head of the building team. Once the construction of new structures starts, he will be in charge of leading the team that will assemble the new shacks.

Often he faces a lot of challenges as a community leader. He states that one of the main problems occur when people give empty promises. In these situations, the community comes back as they do not see any results and he, as part the leadership committee, has to stand up for the them. He expresses that these are very nerve-racking moments, where as a community leader he does not want to disappoint the people. Regarding the reblocking, Mark believes that in a years' time Flamingo will be a better place.

A Glimpse into the Future

One of Mark's goals is to have his own soccer team. He plans to ask around, and obtain the resources and the people necessary to make his team. Also he aspires for the community to become a better place for Flamingo's children. Some of his ideas for improving Flamingo are building a community centre, a school or a crèche. He also believes adding speed bumps in the road will make it less dangerous for children.



Skills

- Communication
- Engineering
- Leadership
- Entrepreneurial
- Cultural
- Caring
- Building
- Crafting
- Musical
- Cooking
- Teaching