THE FIGHT CARRIES ON — ON WHEELS!

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SENTENCED to death by the apartheid government in 1985 for treason, struggle veteran Theresa Ramashamole is still going strong!

Now 54 years old, Theresa was the only woman among the Sharpeville Six — a group of residents from Sharpeville in the Vaal who were arrested, detained, tortured and sentenced to execution.

She now is a councillor at Emfuleni Local Municipality in Vanderbijlpark.

Recently, Rand Water, ArcelorMittal and the Community Work Programme donated an electric wheelchair to her.

The handover was organised by the Emfuleni Local Municipality and held at the Sharpeville Human Rights Precinct.

The event was attended by mayor Greta Hlongwane, donating companies and organisational representatives.

Hlongwane challenged them to build a house for Theresa, who lives in a block of flats in Vanderbijlpark, which is owned by the municipality.

Theresa recently had her left leg amputated and donors hope the electric wheelchair would help her to get around.

She thanked the donors. Hlongwane said Theresa is a long-serving hero of the masses who still contributes to people’s wellbeing.