

# Let's Communicate



**INTERNAL NOTICE TO ALL STAFF**

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Officials clean the shelter during the Mandela Day commemoration.

## Head Office officials cleaned and donated parcels to the needy

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Head office officials went all out on 22 July to honour Mandela Day at a homeless shelter near the city centre.

The officials walked from Head office to the shelter under the leadership of DC Human Resource Management, Emmanuel Khoza, and DC Integrated Employee Health and Wellness, Mollet Ngubo.

The shelter accommodates about 1000 people, including refugees, disabled persons, women and children. During his address Khoza said the dwellers must remain disciplined and maintain hygiene, though they are facing challenges. He promised that the department will provide ongoing help in the form of maintenance of the building. He encouraged them not to lose hope in life and that they are not written off as people and that God loves them.

He encouraged the spirit of sharing, using a Sepedi idiom, Bana ba motho ba ngwathelana hlogo ya tšie, which loosely translated means to share the little that one has. He conveyed his gratitude to the officials, who with the little they have, dug deep into their

pockets to help the needy.

Amongst the recipients was Solly Gadebe, a 41-year old wheelchair bound former DCS member who hailed from Nelspruit, Mpumalanga. Gadebe used to work at Nelspruit Community Corrections from 2008 until 2012. Gadebe said that he resigned in 2012 because of transport challenges which resulted in him always being late for work and it didn't sit well with his supervisors. This father of four said he was looking for a job and he was willing and prayed that DCS take him back. Mr Khoza said the department will look into Gadebe's situation and will take it from there.

"I lost everything, my company, house and car, Hazel Pienaar (58), former Chief Executive Officer of Zels Finance Company said. She was tearful when asked about the living conditions in the shelter but said she didn't have any other place to stay. She has become a motivational speaker for homeless people around Pretoria Central. Her senti-



One of the shelter dwellers at Struben Shelter receive a food parcel from DCS members.

ments about the living conditions in the shelter was anchored by Marita Chiwawu from Zimbabwe, who said she was staying because she had no other place to go after her husband abandoned her and their 20-year old wheelchair bound daughter.



DC Human Resource Management Emmanuel Khoza hands over washing powder to former DCS employee Solly Gadebe.

The representative of the shelter, Ms Rushy Pina said she was humbled by the gesture shown by DCS officials, and she couldn't believe that they helped because lots of people promise to help but few fulfil their promises.

Acting CDC Human Resources, Britta Rotmann, expressed her gratitude on the donations and support that was given to the shelter. "Let us continue to change the lives of disadvantaged individuals and communities by doing good things to them at all times. Thank you for your active participation and contribution," she said.



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