

Xstrata assists old age home



Mission statement

We will grow and manage a diversified portfolio of metals and mining businesses with the single aim of delivering industry-leading returns for our shareholders. We can achieve this only through genuine partnerships with employees, customers, shareholders, local communities and other stakeholders, which are based on integrity, co-operation, transparency and mutual value-creation.

Swartruggens – Xstrata continues to play a part in improving the welfare of people living in the communities that the company operates within.

As part of its pledge of always giving back to the community, Xstrata brought smiles to the elderly people living at SAVF – Rodeonhof on Wednesday, on 23 November during the end of year celebration event that was also held to mark the handing over of the conference/ living room constructed by the mining giant. The construction of the room – which is well equipped with conference facilities – will go a long way in assisting the elderly people at the home in terms of hosting events. It can also be used when receiving visits from relatives or friends. This immaculate construction is very spacious with conference and other facilities that will be very useful to all the people living at the old age home.

The event was attended by the Executive Mayor of Kgetlengrivier, Cllr Onica Dipou Kim Medupe, Jackie Naude (Group Manager: Wellness - Xstrata) amongst other invited guests. The programme director of the event, Marcella Hartwijsen – also steers the SAVF/ Volunteers as chairperson. Pastor Freek Steenberg of the N.G Kerk Swartruggens, officially opened the proceedings with a word of prayer.

The theme of the event for this year was: "Colour Alive" The choice of the theme was inspired by the words of Mother Theresa: "Be a pencil in God's hand". Nurse Johanna Kobedi then lit a candle and a moment of silence was observed by everyone attending the event in honour and memory of all the people at the home who passed

away during the year. The Executive Mayor of Kgetlengrivier Municipality, Cllr Onica Dipou Kim Medupe, also lit a candle in memory of people infected or affected with HIV and Aids.

She also donated a painting, pot plants and Christmas gifts for each and every elderly person living at the home. "We appreciate this gesture from Xstrata tremendously. We are very proud of the living/ conference room. It will surely bring us a lot of joy. Memories will be made here." one of the Rodeonhof occupants, who could not contain her joy, said. The cutting of the ribbon – symbolizing the opening of the conference room – was done by Pule Mareko, with Jackie Naude handing her the scissors.

Entertainment was provided by Harlien Human (pianist) and Willemien Olivier. They performed: "My favourite things" - which was voted the most popular and favourite song of the Rodeonhof old age home.

Xstrata would like to commend Project Manager, Riaan Venter for a job well done as well as the contractors and all the local suppliers for quality service rendered. The budget for the construction of the conference room was set in the region of R1 million. During the construction process, Xstrata also played a huge part in empowering the community as all the materials such as bricks, cement, glass and other hardware was bought directly from local businesses.



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