

# More than 150 people clothed for Christmas

**Rustenburg** – Mohamed Abba in partnership with Abba Emporium and The Street Store launched a - pop-up - free street store on 9 December at Laerskool David Brink.

The Street Store is a free pop-up (temporary) store for the needy and homeless. The concept is simple. In stead of hand-outs, the store gives people the oppottunity and freedom to choose their own items.

The free store is a great way to bring the entire retail experience to charity services.

As many shoppers can testify – a bit of retail therapy can go a long way in making you feel better and restoring your dignity. It's not just the purchasing of an item but the entire experience. It gave them the

opportunity to choose for themselves.

For many people it's a form of therapy and perhaps even a way to inspire them to improve themselves.

The store received a great response from the community and there was a huge variety of donated clothes for the 'customers' to choose from. Children also received gifts and volunteers ensured that there were snacks like fruit and cookies to nibble on while shopping.

This was a great initiative and about a 150 less fortunate people showed up to get much needed items of clothing.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who offered up their time and efforts on Sunday morning to assist in this project.



Volunteers preparing lunch.



From left: Hellen Diale and Ontlanetse Segalo unpacking some of the donations they received.



Shoppers supporting the pop-up stores.

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**Rustenburg** – Grace Help Centre is a registered non-profit organisation that provides emergency care, shelter and support to victims of gender-based violence and human-trafficking as well as abandoned new-borns and child victims of abuse.

A major contributing factor for staying in a trapped relationship, is the all absorbing fear that without 'him' you have no financial freedom or income or accommodation.

During the 16 days of Activism against Woman and Child Abuse that launched on 25 November, Grace Help Centre invited corporations and concerned members of the public to let their voice be heard.

Actions speak louder than words! You can get involved by sharing work-from-home opportunities, sponsor or donate craft items that can be converted to income generating opportunities.

You can also support Grace Help Centre's IT hub. Their most ambitious project for the new year is to teach women the most basic information technology skills. This enables them to use smart phones and obtain entry level work.

A section 18A tax rebate certificate can be issued in return for any pledges or sponsorships.

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