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## Lindiwe walked 100km for school shoes

**Rustenburg** – Boikagong Secondary School is situated in Paardekraal outside Rustenburg. The school educates about 1,230 learners from neighbouring villages and about 80% to 90% of the homes depend on government grants.

Most learners are either orphans or have a single unemployed parent. For most of these children, school shoes are a necessity that they simply cannot afford.

After Lindiwe Mokotjo heard the plight of learners for school shoes, she decided to jump into action and help.

To raise funds for this cause, Lindiwe entered the Sunrise to Sunset 100km Magalies Biosphere Woman's Walk, a challenging journey where she had to walk 100km over the course of four days.

Through her determination, Lindiwe managed to collect about 60 pairs of shoes and handed them over to learners of Boikagong Secondary School on Monday 20 May.

In an interview with *Platinum Weekly* Lindiwe said: "According to research, children from disadvantaged backgrounds are likely to drop out of school and consequently join a life of crime or to be dependant on government grants for the rest of their lives. I want to help to end the cycle of poverty through education by assisting learners to walk to school with dignity."

Lindiwe is already busy training for the walk in 2020 where she hopes to raise more money and awareness towards this cause.

For more information contact Lindiwe on 073 872 9175 or lmokotjo@yahoo.com.



From left: Phemelo Moswete, Lindiwe Mokotjo and Koketso Monare.



Trading in the old school shoes for new ones.

### GIVE A LITTLE, HELP A LOT

**Rustenburg** – Rustenburg's elderly needs our help. Growing old is not child's play.

Besides one's physical health deteriorating almost as fast as the price of health care increases, many of the country's elderly have been swindled out of their life saving by Ponzi schemes and 'sure-thing' investments.

For some, little things like replacing a light bulb or sewing a tear has become not only difficult, but a physically painful exercise. Having to depend on others to be able to go to the store or visit a friend, all the while spending your retirement years just trying to stay out of the way... often forgotten and left behind.

A large part of the elderly population is struggling to make ends meet on a meagre R1,780 South African Social Services Agency (SASSA) grant allowance per month. R1,800 can only go so far and often these retirees must make the choice between lifesaving medication and food.

If your grandparents are anything like mine, they would never want to be an inconvenience, giving you the shirts off their backs to ensure that you had a future they were never afforded... Now is the time to give them that future!

The municipal flats throughout Rustenburg assist the elderly with affordable housing, but the small allowance from SASSA does not cover medical expenses, food, sundries and general costs. Having to worry about food can be soul crushing and adds to mental stress and a feeling of hopelessness.

*Platinum Weekly's* Local Love is a project to help lift the burden off our local elderly living in the various municipal flats in Rustenburg. With this project we will donate food and toiletries to the elderly to assist with their basic needs.

We invite you to participate by donating non-perishable food and toiletries. The handover of the food will take place in July. The logos of companies that donate towards this worthy cause will feature in the *Platinum Weekly* issue after the handover, free of charge: terms and conditions apply.

Donations can be dropped off at *Platinum Weekly's* offices at 50 Marais street. For more information contact Danika Pretorius on 081 579 7000.

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