

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 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.

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LONMIN LAUNCHES PERMANENT HELP-DESK TO FACILITATE EMPLOYEE HOME OWNERSHIP

Lonmin has launched a new programme and a permanent help-desk that aims to assist its employees to become home owners. To date, 589 applications have been received for processing.

“At last year’s Marikana memorial service we announced our commitment to improving the quality of life of our employees through the facilitation of housing solutions informed by the needs of our employees,” said Lonmin CEO Ben Magara. “The launch of the Lonmin facilitated employee home ownership programme is the next phase towards further realising this commitment.”

Earlier this year, Lonmin launched a housing helpdesk which serves as a hub for employees to receive information about the programme. Here they can receive guidance on the various kinds of home ownership they can apply for, the documentation needed to apply, the processes to follow as well as housing categories and price ranges available to employees.

Once an employee has all the required documentation, they will go through the application process which includes a credit check. In the case of a negative credit report, the employee will be assisted with credit rehabilitation services. In the case of a positive credit report, the employee will go to the next phase of the process where they will go through an affordability assessment and ultimately choose the home ownership option most suitable to them, all of this at the same housing helpdesk.

With R500 million already invested in modern employee housing at the end of last year, Lonmin aims to further add to this amount to ensure that their employees not only work but also live safely in the areas the company operates in, further cementing their commitment to addressing social issues in the greater Lonmin community.

Contact HousingHelpdesk@lonmin.com for more information about the programme.

Extracts of Lonmin May press release.



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MONTH END DEALS RUSTENBURG

BRANCH DETAILS

Rustenburg
Corner of Faisal Mafa
Drive & Augrabies Ave
014 940 6757



R139⁹⁵
Goldi
Mixed portions 5kg



R72⁹⁵
Foodland Traditional
Chicken Nuggets 1kg



R67⁹⁵
Frey's Frozen
Shoulder Bacon 1kg



R79⁹⁵
Eskort Loin Ribs
750g



R69⁹⁵
Foodland Pork
Schnitzel p/kg



R49⁹⁵
Egte Braaiwors
p/kg



R79⁹⁵
Oxtail
p/kg



R59⁹⁵
Pork Rashers
p/kg



R159⁹⁵
Seawork Hake Fillets
2kg



R54⁰⁰
Foodland Crumbed
Hake Steakios 12x75g



R72⁹⁵
Alfalfa Cheddar/Gouda
Cheese Loaves p/kg



R44⁹⁵
Natures Garden
Chips 10/12mm 2.5kg