

AFRIFORUM EN DEMAR KONSTRUKSIE HELP BEJAARDES

Rustenburg – AfriForum se Rustenburg-tak het oor die afgelope 12 maande herstelwerk en instandhouding ter waarde van R120,000 in samewerking met Demar Konstruksie by die munisipale woonstels vir bejaardes in Kremetartlaan en Kerkstraat verrig. Dié werk behels hoofsaaklik die vervanging van geisers en hoëdrukkelepe, en die herstel van waterpypkelepe.

"Die instandhouding en herstelwerk van die woonstels is die munisipaliteit se verantwoordelikheid. Dit het egter onder die Rustenburg-tak se aandag gekom dat die munisipaliteit glad nie hierdie verantwoordelikheid nakom nie en dat baie van die woonstels geen warm water gehad het nie. Dit is baie ontstellend dat die munisipaliteit nie na die kwesbaarste mense in ons gemeenskap omsien nie – bejaardes word tydens die COVID-19-pandemie en die koue wintermaande wat voorlê aan hul eie lot

oorgelaat," sê AfriForum distrikskoördineerder vir Marico, Petrus Coetzee.

"Ons kan eenvoudig nie toekyk hoe ons bejaardes swaarkry nie. Die munisipaliteit moet verantwoordelikheid neem; daarom is AfriForum besig om prosesse in plek te stel om te verseker dat die munisipaliteit hul pligte in die toekoms nakom. Ons is baie dankbaar dat Demar Konstruksie ons tegemoet gekom het met laer kostes, wat die projekte moontlik gemaak het," sê AfriForum Rustenburg-tak voorsitter Chris Trytsman.

Die tak versoek ook dat gemeenskapslede en plaaslike ondernemings by die inisiatief betrokke sal raak om 'n selfs groter verskil te kan maak sodat meer soortgelyke projekte aangepak kan word. SMS "Rustenburg" na 45351 (R1) of kontak Trytsman by 082 469 2221 vir meer inligting.

AfriForum persverklaring, 25 Mei 2020



AfriForum in samewerking met Demar Konstruksie het toegesien dat verskeie geisers en hoëdrukkelepe herstel en vervang was.

SHOPRITE DONATES OVER R11 MILLION IN SURPLUS FOOD TO DISTRESSED COMMUNITIES

South Africa – The Shoprite Group has since the start of the lockdown donated surplus food valued at more than R11 million to over 230 vetted non-governmental organisations (NGOs), providing 3.7 million meals for the growing number of hungry South Africans.

It also partnered with its customers to raise more than R3.1 million via its in-store Act For Change Fund collection facility for the Solidarity Fund in aid of the most vulnerable during this crisis. The surplus food beneficiaries have all reported a marked increase in the number of people in distress due to wide-scale loss of income as a result of the lockdown.

One such organisation, Randburg-based Nosh Food Rescue, has since the lockdown began, seen the number

of charities it supplies increase from 32 to 51 organisations. "We have been able to scale up partly due to the donations we receive from our 15 Checkers partner stores throughout Gauteng," said Hanneke van der Linge, the organisation's managing director.

Nosh diverts, repurposes and redistributes prepared and perishable surplus food, and has provided over 50,000 meals to soup kitchens and feeding schemes over the past 5 years. "We recently achieved the significant milestone of distributing 31,500 cooked meals since the start of lockdown. This is in addition to the food hampers our partner organisations distribute daily," added Van der Linge.

Shoprite press release extracts, 14 May 2020



R11 million worth of surplus food translates to 3.7 million meals provided throughout the national lockdown. Here Checkers Hyper Fourways's Confidence Tshikovhele (middle) helps Korah Kora (left) and Garikai Maharadse (right) to load this store's surplus food donation to Nosh Food Rescue, a beneficiary organisation based in Randburg.

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South Africa – Now in its 15th campaign, the Santa Shoebox Project has touched the lives of 957,297 underprivileged children in South Africa and Namibia. With annual reach extending to up to 100,000 children, the project will be receiving and handing out its 1,000,000th shoebox this year!

To commemorate this magnificent achievement, private donations have been accruing to make a significant difference to the impoverished communities in which Santa Shoebox beneficiary children live.

What better time than right now, in the throes of COVID-19, to alleviate suffering and uplift lives in the hardest-hit areas of South Africa? Santa Shoebox founder Irené Pieters has extended project funding to organisations doing meaningful work in line with United Nations (UN) Sustainability Development Goals.

Said Pieters: "Santa Shoebox goes to great lengths to find and serve rural children, who do not receive aid from either government or large non-profit organisations (NPOs). During these uncertain times, the children and their families suffer the same devastating effects as those living in the urban parts of the country. Much of what is being done right now in response to COVID-19 is a relief, not a solution. We balanced our donations to address both the preserving of lives and livelihoods."

For detailed information about each donation, please visit the Santa Shoebox Project Facebook page. You can also email: info@santashoebox.org.za.



The Santa Shoebox continues to change the lives of many children.