



NORTH WEST HOUSING
CORPORATION

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MEDIA STATEMENT

NWHC MAKES A DIFFERENCE AT LOKALENG PRIMARY SCHOOL

MAFIKENG - The North West Housing Corporation held a Mandela Day 'My 67 Minutes' campaign at Lokaleng Primary School in Mafikeng this past week. The school was identified as one of the poorest in Mafikeng where learners cannot afford school shoes and jerseys to go to school.

The Entity donated 123 shoes and 108 jerseys to the learners who are underprivileged as part of its individual act of kindness. The school has 403 learners and eleven classes and admits learners from grade R to grade 6.

Chairperson of the board of the entity, Adv Okgabile-Dibetso said Mandela should be remembered as someone who brought us freedom. She urged the learners to not look down on themselves because of their socio-economic conditions.

"I saw your motto and it says 'ithuteng le tle le je monate. Thuto ke Lesedi.' This should encourage you to do better. This means don't oppress yourselves or look down on yourself. Today we plant a seed, and we expect you to water it and tend to it." She concluded.

NWHC CEO, Bishop Sello Mogodiri stated that giving and taking care of the poor is a not a new thing, we are doing what we normally do. "To us giving is an addiction and we cannot live without giving. We are here because of this addiction".

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He also encouraged learners to take care of their gifts and ensure that they do better in their studies, said Mogodiri.

The school Principal, Jack Tlhabang said he hopes that the gifts benefit the children who have nothing. “Ngwana ke sejo wa tlhakanelwa,” “We hope this will help learners to fully concentrate on their studies. And so, I urge parents to take care of these gifts. I do not have enough words for the Entity; however, I am grateful for the opportunity the entity gave these kids.” said the jubilated School Principal.

My 67 Minutes’ campaign was started in 2009 by former President Jacob Zuma with the aim to get the public involved in charitable activities. The public is encouraged to take 67 minutes out of their day to help the poor, support a chosen charity or serve in their local community. The 67 minutes represents the number of years Mandela fought for human rights and the abolition of apartheid. The theme for this year is ‘Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.’

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