

Responding to Covid-19 with Food Parcels and PPE

Community Chest has responded to the pandemic with urgency and directed much needed support to the destitute living in our communities.

Help for the homeless

Over and above our annual allocation to the Dennis Hurley Centre this year, Community Chest made an additional grant of R150 000,00 to them from our Emergency Fund. This enabled the centre to provide shelter and food to 1700 homeless people during lockdown.



The Dennis Hurley Centre works with people of all faiths/traditions, serving some of the poorest people in central Durban. In particular, homeless people, drug users, the urban unemployed and refugees are assisted with food and shelter.



Distribution of food parcels

Through the Community Chest of the Western Cape, R 350 000 was received from the Health and Welfare Seta to mitigate the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and subsequent lockdown. With these funds we were able to distribute 11 tons of food to the Lamontville community in association with Muthande Society for the Aged. Another 11 tons of food was distributed in Inanda working with the Masisizane Service centre.



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NCT Forestry heeds the call

This year NCT Forestry requested that their R 100 000 Donor Advised Gift be used to provide relief during the Covid-19 pandemic. We distributed food parcels and PPE to the following Community Impact Partners, thanks to NCT.

- Kwa Mashu Child and Family Welfare
- St Theresa's Childrens home (Bluff)
- Durban Hospice for Women
- Ethembeni Crisis care centre (KwaNdengezi)
- Ilungelo Labadala (Inanda)
- Lulisandla Social Outreach (Hammarsdale)
- Merewent Cheshire home
- Molweni Zimele
- Sahara Shelter (Phoenix)
- Sonke Care centre (KwaNdengezi)
- Verulam Frail and Day Care centre
- Ubuntu Music (Newlands East)



Albany Bakeries and East Coast Radio donated 2500 loaves of bread which were distributed to Homes for the vulnerable & community feeding schemes.



Wonderbag supports our community!

The Wonderbag / Community Chest Covid-19 Sustainability Initiative was a WIN - WIN partnership. We were able to raise funds and provided our Community Impact Partners with an opportunity to raise funds, to support their services during the pandemic. In the Durban region 13 932 Wonderbags were sold. The Community Chest generated a surplus of R 183 000 on our sales, while our Community Impact Partners were able to earn R 220 500, at a time that these funds were desperately needed.



We need your support for the continued good of our community. Can we count on you to help us enhance our community and restore hope?