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## NNR supporting social welfare upliftment as part of Madiba Day Centenary celebrations



On 18 July 2018, NNR site office employees spent time at a Peace Home, for abused children in Parklands, Cape Town.

The haven was founded by Aziza Nolan a decade ago after she heard the speech by Mr Mandela in Trafalgar Square in 2005. Mr Mandela pleaded with expatriates to return home and use their knowledge to help the children of South Africa. At the time of Mr. Mandela's speech; Mrs. Nolan had a well-established career in Psychology abroad. She described Mr. Mandela's speech as a calling, and she decided to sell all and come back to South Africa to open a home for abused children.

When she took in her first few children, she discovered some of them had been sexually abused and to get justice for them has not been easy. She decided to be the voice for the voiceless. There are 13 children in her care; the eldest is 14 and the youngest 18 months old. She has also rescued three dogs.

The NNR site office employees prepared sandwiches, baked a cake, collected clothes for the kids, bought groceries and stationery, and on the day delivered all the goods to Mrs. Nolan and the children. NNR staff were given a very warm welcome by staff and the children of Peace Home.

The time spent with Mrs. Nolan and the children was a unique experience. The children sang and danced with happiness. NNR employees were given a tour of the Home by Mrs Nolan to view their living and play areas.

It became very emotional when the children hugged the NNR employees when they had to leave and NNR employees left the refuge with all the smiles of the children as a precious memory.

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