

CCSA Opens heart to Orphaned and Vulnerable Children

Friday 15 August was abuzz with excitement, dance, song and ululation as Coca-Cola SA donated much needed items to the Ba-Leema Home Based Care and Drop-in Centre in the Village of Tlathlaganyane near Rustenburg.

This donation is part of CCSA's commitment towards the betterment of the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children (OVC's) in the country. CCSA identified the centre through the assistance of Star Fish during a visit in June.



The items donated include groceries, a fridge, a stove, a cupboard and kitchen utensils to enable the children to have access to at least one decent meal after school. About 190 school-going children received full school uniform and stationery. The crèche was equipped with mattresses, blankets, tables and chairs. The generosity of CCSA's associates helped the children with toys while the care-givers received t-shirts, tracksuits and back packs.



“I am glad that as CCSA we were able to make a difference in these children's lives. During my visit to the centre in June, I was touched to find that the crèche had no chairs or tables. The children were using one thin blanket and cupboard boxes to sit and sleep - on a cement floor” said Community Affairs Manager, Tuli Mkatshwa.

A group of 16 volunteers from CCSA assisted in the hand-over which was attended by community members, teachers from neighbouring schools and the local chief.



HR Manager, Gift Petlele, one of the volunteers from CCSA said “I’m excited to work for a company that cares for the disadvantaged communities”.