

Shoprite among the first to donate care packs to Brackengate facility

The Shoprite Group, which is headquartered in Brackenfell, recently showed itself to be a good neighbour to the newly completed Brackengate field hospital by donating 330 care packs, containing blankets and toiletries, for distribution amongst the hospital's Covid-19 patients.

This donation comes on the back of a similar one of 250 care packs to the Western Cape Government Health, which were distributed among patients making use of the isolation facilities in the province.

Each pack contains a blanket, soap, waterless hand sanitiser, a face cloth, toothbrush and toothpaste to help make the often-difficult isolation process slightly easier.

Western Cape MEC for Health Dr Nomafrrench Mbombo thanked the Shoprite Group for their donations.

“The aim with the *Spreading Warmth Mandela Day* drive is to provide essential items that will promote the recovery of COVID-19 patients from our most vulnerable communities. Although we're grateful for all the recent rains, it has also meant that we've experienced a bitterly cold winter this year. Thank you for the donation, Shoprite, and we will make sure the care packs reach the right people,” she said.

Lunga Schoeman, CSI manager of the Shoprite Group, says that the decision to support the new Brackengate facility was an obvious one.

“Due to its proximity to our Home Office in Brackenfell we consider the Brackengate facility a neighbour, and as a good neighbour we just had to reach out and help. The only way we'll overcome this crisis is by standing together across sectors and by acting as good neighbours.

The field hospital, which is an intermediate facility forming part of the Hospital of Hope initiative, receives its first patients in mid-July and can accommodate a total of 338 Covid-19 patients.

Individuals and companies wanting to join Shoprite in *Spreading Warmth*, can contact Harry Grainger at The Health Foundation on Tel 021 418 1580 / 072 6133 719 or email: harry@thehealthfoundation.org.za. Care packs can also be dropped off at The Health Foundation offices: 16th Floor Norton Rose House, 8 Riebeek Street, Cape Town and must be labeled with the words “Spreading Warmth” and the donor's name.

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