

## **Shoprite employees warm bodies and hearts with donation of knitted items**

Some of the homeless in Port Elizabeth and elderly in Bethelsdorp now have extra protection against the cold this winter thanks to the knitting skills of a few employees from the Shoprite Group.

For the second year in a row women from the Group's Eastern Cape divisional office, located in the Greenacres Shopping Centre, knitted scarves and beanies. This year these were distributed at Jarman Hall, where homeless people have been housed since the outbreak of Covid-19, and Bethelsdorp Old Age Home.

Jackie Adams, manager of the Bethelsdorp Old Age Home, said they received enough knitted gear to give to those who most need them: "Our retirees are very grateful as many of them have no family support. When we receive donations like these it reminds us that there are people out there who care. Such donations not only warm the body, but also the heart."

The homeless shelter and old age home also receive a regular delivery of meals from the Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchens.

Since the start of the lockdown, the Shoprite Mobile Soup Kitchens have delivered more than 865 000 meals to more than 1 220 beneficiary organisations across South Africa. Over the same period, the Group has donated surplus food valued at almost R23 million, providing more than 7 million meals to vulnerable communities in our country.

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CAPTION 1: Sophie Fleur (left) and Lizzy Martin with some of the scarves and beanies knitted by women working for the Shoprite Group in Port Elizabeth.

CAPTION 2: From left Ezile Kodile, Ruwayne von Buchenroder and Heinrich Jaftha deliver soup and bread to the people housed in the Jarman Hall.