

Blanket Drive hand-over for the month of May

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The Abraham Kriel Bambanani Homes receives 43 blankets from the May Blanket Drive on 1 June.

**So far, 184 blankets have been collected for the blanket drive where Heathway Centre, Pick n Pay Heathway, Northcliff Union Church and Northcliff Melville Times, as part of Caxton Cares, have partnered together.**

The drive aims to collect and distribute blankets to the needy in the greater Northcliff area and has been extended for the month of June.

On 31 May, Gary Taylor from Northcliff Union Church collected blankets from Heathway Centre to be distributed to various charity organisations including Abraham Kriel Bambanani Homes, Tshepo Community Development Initiative and Hotel Hope. Taylor said, "Blankets of every size and colour were collected by the end of May, and a large number distributed by Northcliff Union Church to specifically identified charities on 1 June."



Tshepo Community Development Initiative happily receive 38 blankets for their aftercare programme.

The Abraham Kriel Bambanani Homes received 43 blankets for children and adults in their care. They have different sites and provide residential care and education to traumatised children and teens. Ricci Boonzaaier from the home said, “We are honoured to be part of this great initiative – the blankets have already been allocated and will be put to good use.”



Heathway Centre operational manager Clive van Rooyen hands over collected blankets on 31 May to Gary Taylor from Northcliff Union Church to be distributed. *Photo: Bonakele Sithole*

The Tshepo Community Development Initiative runs an aftercare centre for latchkey children in Windsor and were happy to receive 38 blankets. Social worker Theki Phukuntsi thanked the Blanket Drive partners and those who donated. “In a dwelling which is not well insulated, a blanket like this makes it possible for people to sleep warm – this is a wonderful gift.”

Northcliff Union Church’s senior pastor responsible for the blanket allocation, Gavin Wood, said that they are vetting a number of additional potential charities to receive the blankets which are still coming in, and will ensure that all donated blankets are given to meet genuine needs. Drop-off points for the Blanket Drive are at Northcliff Union Church and Heathway Centre.