



Department of Public Works KwaZulu-Natal

Press Release

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SUBJECT : MEC at work renovating orphanage

The MEC for Public Works, Mrs Lydia Johnson will do minor repairs and renovations at the Home of Comfort Childrens' Care Center in Kokstad on the 7 December 2007.

In support of the 16 Days of Activism of Prevention of Gender -based Violence against Women and Children, the MEC has decided to spend this day to work and renovate this orphanage center as an expression of her love for the children, but more importantly, as an ordinary citizen who cares for the most vulnerable members of our society.

The MEC will be joined by the First Lady of the Province, Mrs Zama Ndebele, and the MEC for Arts, Culture and Tourism, Ms Weziwe Thusi. MEC's initiative comes after a recent incident in which elders at a home in Nkandla lost their lives to a fire, as a result of poor infrastructure, and maintenance of the home.

The MEC is calling on private businesses to also lend a helping hand on this day, as part of their Corporate Social Investment. Some individual entrepreneurs have indeed heeded to this call, and therefore a joint initiative to renovate the hospice is planned.

Members of the media are invited to cover and witness this event.

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