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MEC MTSHWENI HANDS OVER SCHOOL UNIFORMS AND BLANKETS AS PART OF MANDELA MONTH ACTIVITIES IN THE STEVE TSHWETE MUNICIPALITY

Destitute pupils from Ekwazini Secondary School in Mhluzi were amongst the beneficiaries from a donation of school uniforms when MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga, Ms Refilwe Mtshweni on Mandela Day. The donation, included shirts, trousers and shoes to encourage learners from destitute families to attend school. The donation was done on the day to mark former President Nelson Mandela's birthday on the 18th of July.

The Mandela day is marked in South Africa and internationally in recognition of his humanitarian efforts and his fight for peace, freedom and justice. "Madiba believed that education has the power to transform an individual's life. He believed that education can change the course of an individuals' life for the better. It is for this reason that we are donating these uniforms to the pupils today," she said.

Senior citizens also benefitted from Ms Mtshweni's gesture, when she distributed blankets to them at the Ikageng and Retsogile Old Age Homes in Doornkop. "Madiba taught us to care for one another. We are determined to keep his values of ubuntu alive. This exersize would have been done by Mandela, if he was still with us. We hope the blankets will keep you warm," Ms Mtshweni said.

Ms Mtshweni also led an entourage of officials from the department to paint classes at the Khulunolwazi Primary School.

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