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Crescent lifestyle donated thousands to charity

BY CANNEDY NETSHITUNGULU

On September 2nd Crescent lifestyle invited more than eight charity organisations to their offices however this was not just an ordinary invitation, Crescent Lifestyle was ploughing back to the communities that have supported them through the years.

More than R201 287.34 was shared amongst these deserving charity organisations which included Gift of the Givers, Ikageng Itereleng Aids Ministry, Sultan Bahu Centre, Al-Imdaad Foundation, MJC-Ulema Outreach Programme, Jameah Mosque-Bokaap, Beitul Aman Old Age Home and Muslim Hands.

When speaking to *Rising Sun* after the event, ecstatic Bokang Shopane of Ikageng Itereleng Aids Ministry said words alone cannot explain his jubilation, "This contribution will go along away, our organisation is responsible for more than one thousand vulnerable children and people who are living with HIV and Aids", he said

He added saying, "We are going to use this money mainly to buy school uniforms and some basic needs. We are very happy as an organisation; this is not the first cheque they are giving to us. This means the relationship is growing and it means that they also see the value in our organisation and we are looking forward to a great future," said Shopane

Anisa Moosa, Chief Social Worker at Islamic Careline said their organisation values



Standing: Crescent Lifestyle Managing Director, Al Firms Patel, Moulana Fazil Davids and Essop Dawood from Ennerdale Muslim Association, Moulana Kaldine from Beitul Ilim, Moulana Chodree from Al Imdaad, Aneesa Moosa from Islamic Careline, Aabeda Timol from Muslim Aids Programme (MAP).

Seated: Busiswe Mbele (a past beneficiary of and now representing Ikageng), Bokang (a beneficiary of Ikageng), Isaac Mkhize from Ikageng Itereleng Aids Ministry, Emily Thomas and Allauddin Sayed from Gift of the Givers.

the contribution made by Crescent Lifestyle, "It's good to see that there are community members who are willing to share some kind of contribution to our organisation. We are a female based organisation and we have come a long way, twenty one years doing a lot of work in the community and identifying the need for psycho-social services in the Muslim community".

Al-Firms Patel, Crescent Managing Director said the company gives the clients an opportunity to select the charity organisations of their choice, "We take a portion of our profits and we pay on behalf of our members to various charities, schools and mosques throughout South Africa. This is the second payment for the year. Furthermore since we started this initiative over R2,2 million has

been donated to various charities, assisting them to fulfill their objectives of doing the good work that they are doing", he said.

He added, "We feel as a company in South Africa that is our responsibility and our duty to assist and help these organisations to carry out the good work that they are doing and to uplift the community of South Africa", said Patel.

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