

250,000 meals and 2,500 litres of soup to mark Mandela Day

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Charities in the Eastern Cape working with Algoa Cares plan to package around 250,000 meals, cook 2,500 litres of soup and make as many Lions Snugglers as possible to mark Mandela Day.

Algoa Cares is the corporate social investment programme of the regional radio station, Algoa FM.

People from the Buffalo City metro and surrounds are invited to invest 67 minutes of their Sunday to help make a quarter of a million meals.

The Stop Hunger Now initiative is being hosted by Hemingways Mall and Algoa Cares as part of their contribution to Mandela Day, a celebration of former president Nelson Mandela's birthday of 18 July.

"Our goal is to package 250,000 meals on Sunday, 17 July 2016, between 8am and 8pm," says Jennilee Peremore, manager of corporate social investment and public relations at Algoa FM.



From left is Algoa FM presenters Lee Duru, Charlton Tobias, Wayne Hart and George Foley (Executive Chef at Radisson Blu Hotel). Photo by: Siphokazi Peter (Algoa FM Photographer)

"These meals will provide 967 children with five meals a week for an entire year!"

"But, we cannot do this without help. We need 1,680 volunteers to help us reach our target," she says.

All meals packaged will benefit non-profit organisations in East London.

In Nelson Mandela Bay Algoa Cares has partnered with the Radisson Blu Hotel to cook at least 2,500 litres of soup to feed the hungry.

The great soup cook-up will take place on the Pollock beach lawn opposite the Radisson Blu Hotel on Saturday, 16 July, from 10 in the morning till five at night.

Volunteers will be able to assist Algoa FM presenters and Radisson Blu Hotel chefs with the chopping of vegetables, the making of sandwiches or by bringing a food parcel to the value of R67.

Animal-lovers can also bring a tin or bag of pet food, according to Peremore.

Ten Nelson Mandela Bay charities will benefit.

Farther down the coast Eden Lions has teamed up with Algoa Cares to make Lions Snugglers.

Volunteers are invited to join Algoa FM presenter Charlton Tobias and the Lions team in the Eden Meander Lifestyle Centre on Monday, July 18, from 10am until 2pm to create sleeping bags (Snugglers) made from newspapers and other recyclable material. Donations of blankets are also welcome.

"It takes about 20 minutes to make a Snuggler, so volunteers should be able to make three in their 67 minutes to honour the memory of Nelson Mandela," says Peremore.

Charlton and Eden Lions will be handing the Snugglers out in the Blanco community, along with soup and bread, on the same evening.

More details are available on www.algoafm.co.za.

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