



POP UP STREET STORE FOR “MAHALA” IN DIEPSLOOT

Robbed of personal choice and dignity - hand-outs are always appreciated and those in need will accept anything, even if the items don't fit them or its not what they truly need, the receiver is expected to just accept what they are given.

And, let's face it, 'for those who are down on their luck and reduced to begging, there can be very little dignity in life and seemingly not much choice' (Marklives, 2014).

Being able to choose an item of your choice is something that the majority of us take for granted, but for the homeless and needy people, this is a luxury that most of them hardly ever experience. In celebration of **Nelson Mandela Day**, Change the World Trust hosted it's first ever Pop-up Street Store in Diepsloot, Johannesburg at one of our IT training labs on the 16th of July 2016.

The Pop Up Street Store is a simple, organised store made up of donated clothing of all shapes, sizes and styles. Young and old came from every section of Diepsloot from early morning to 'shop' for free. Each person got vouchers which allowed them to buy any 3 items they wanted and needed. There were suits, shirts, dresses, shoes - you name it!

The best part was seeing their eyes light up as they found something they were looking for and that fit them perfectly. Many moms came up to us and kept on thanking us endlessly for allowing them to 'buy' clothes at the store.

In total we were able to serve over 1000 men, women, and children in the community with clothing, shoes and blankets.



Mpho Segolela, Head IT Training at CTW, helping a beneficiary choose a suit.



Left: Before the event during the set up of the fencing.



Right: The result of all the effort. Clothes beautifully hanged on the fences.



The queue started at 7 AM!



CALL TO ACTION

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A BIG THANK YOU

to all our partners, volunteers and friends who donated their time, clothes and money to make the event an amazing success, filled with gratitude, fun and excitement.

Natalie and Team