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Being a communication to residents on the story of your Christmas Presents

Dear fellow Residents,

12th December, 2017

Here is a **Big Thank You Letter** from Rays of Hope.

Graham Langmead took all the presents collected at our Christmas social to them on the day after the social.

A real Father Christmas moment.

"Dear Graham

Please pass on our grateful thanks to all the residents for the loads of wonderful gifts they collected for Rays of Hope. I was privileged to be able to deliver gifts to all the kids at one of our Early Childhood Development centres in Alexandra. What a joy to see the smiles on the faces of these little children who often do not have much to smile about.

This is a real gift in the work we do, being able to bring 'miles of smiles' to these beautiful little kids.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support of our work.

Kindest regards

Trish Lockwood
Programme Specialist"



"Dear Friends of Rays of Hope,

It's been a wonderful year for Rays of Hope, but we couldn't have done it without you, our friends and partners in the work that we do in Alex. We wanted to share some highlights from the year with you as we have seen significant growth in our partnership with the people of Alex.

Last year...

- We were directly impacting 2,000 people in Alex; this year it has grown to 2,660, an increase of an incredible 33%.
- We had 206 volunteers; this year we have had 587 across our nine different programmes - thank you so much.
- We partnered with 40 corporates; this year we have worked with over 70 and are looking forward to growing this base in 2018 as we embark on developing BBEE partnerships.
- We only partnered with a handful of organisations and now we work with over 30 Alex organisations - these include schools, a hospice, a women's shelter and Early Childhood Development forums, with which we are developing mutual recognition and respect, even interdependence.

As we enter into the Christmas season once again, the team at Rays of Hope would like to extend warm wishes to you and yours. Please make the most of the holiday and look forward to 2018, which we are trusting will be more exciting and more impactful as we grow our partnership with the people of Alex.

Sihle, and the team"

Cheers, Chris Edwards - ResCom Communications
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