



RESCOM COMMUNIQUE

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Support for the Community

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Dear residents,

I'm sure you are all aware of how the self and unemployed in our community are suffering through the COVID-19 lockdown. You've seen the long queues standing in line for food parcels and even next to roads begging for food.

Some of you have asked whether there isn't anything we as a community can do and have suggested that we should donate the proceeds of the next 100+ club draw to some scheme. ResCom has been considering an appeal for support to the community and looked at several options. In this regard on Thursday a donation of R6 000 from ResCom funds was paid over to the Lonehill Residents Association. This association has a well-established scheme of collecting funds from its community, buying food parcels in bulk, and distributing them in Diepsloot. We should have asked your permission first, so I hope you'll forgive us for making this donation without your specific approval.

While a single, once-off donation will help, we believe that we should be looking at ongoing regular donations. We are aware that many of you are making donations to your preferred feeding schemes and continuing to pay your staff in full. This appeal is not to substitute those, but to start and sustain our own community scheme like that going in Lonehill. After all, most of us receive a regular pension, interest, or dividend payments and are spending a lot less than we normally would, so why not make a contribution to the less fortunate in our community?

So, instead of regularly calling for voluntary donations to such a fund, we decided to do it through the 100+ club. This is the appeal: let's continue the 100+ club draws, but:

- A: Instead of running them every 3 months, run them every 2 months and perhaps more frequently if we get your support.
- B: Instead of paying out about 50% in prizes and ResCom retaining the balance, the prizes are reduced to about 25% with the remaining 75% being paid to a selected feeding scheme;
- C: This rule will apply to future draws. The one scheduled for some time in

June will run as before because you were not aware of this proposed change when you bought your ticket. However, subject to majority approval, we can apply the same rule to the June draw. Let me know your response to A, B and C by replying to me by e-mail, by note via reception. Alternatively, let me know via either the EVERGREEN CHAT or PARKRUNNERS groups. If I don't hear from you by Saturday 13 June, I'll understand that you approve of the proposals.

Please understand that your participation in the future 100+ draws, and hence in this initiative, will be entirely voluntary. If you don't wish to participate simply don't buy a ticket!

Our first donation has gone to the Lonehill Residents Association. Decisions must be made about future donations. We already have a list of 5 other such schemes, but if you have a favoured scheme that you'd like to benefit, we will consider it. Let me know about your choice, with your motivation by e-mail or one of the chat groups.

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