



## NEWCASTLE MUNICIPALITY AND NEDBANK PARTNER TO PROVIDE FOOD RELIEF

17 AUGUST 2020

Christmas has come early for over 60 disadvantaged families in Newcastle, who are beneficiaries of the Newcastle Municipality and Nedbank food relief partnership. Banking giant Nedbank, has responded to President Cyril Ramaphosa's clarion call, to provide aid and emergency relief during the current Covid-19 pandemic, which has gripped the country and the world. The bank donated over 60 food parcels, worth R500 each, costing R30 000 in total, which will be distributed to deserving families across the municipality. Newcastle Municipality Speaker of Council Cllr. Samke Yende, received the generous donation on behalf of the municipality. "This tremendous and generous donation will go a long way for over sixty impoverished families within our municipality. The negative impact on the economy that this pandemic has had is sadly unprecedented, and therefore as society we all need to lend a helping hand. We understand and are aware that people's lives have changed for the worse. We appreciate the kind gesture by Nedbank and we want to say thank you on behalf of the beneficiaries," responded Cllr. Yende.





# NEWCASTLE'S FIRST LADY JOINS THE # JERUSALEM # CHALLENGE

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Newcastle's heroes, the healthcare workers, joined their counterparts in the health profession by participating in the global Jerusalem Challenge. The nurses, doctors, matrons and rescue paramedics moved to the beat, as millions of health professionals and frontline employees from across the world moved in one rhythm, dancing to DJ Master KJ's Jerusalem. Among those who danced to the tune of Jerusalem is Newcastle's first lady, Dr Busi Mahlaba, wife of Newcastle Mayor Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba. Dr Busi Mahlaba, who is also a dance enthusiast, says the challenge has reassured her that, as health practitioners, they take comfort in knowing that they are united in the fight against Covid-19. Dr Mahlaba praised the selflessness of all frontline employees, especially those healthcare workers who have succumbed to the Corona virus. "Music and rhythm has a unique way of healing the soul, body and the mind. Being part of this challenge, for me is a constant

reminder that we are an army which is united and ready to wage war against this invisible enemy which confronts us today. Mayor Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba also sends his heartfelt gratitude, for the outstanding work that our colleagues in the healthcare fraternity are currently doing," remarked the cheerful Dr Mahlaba.



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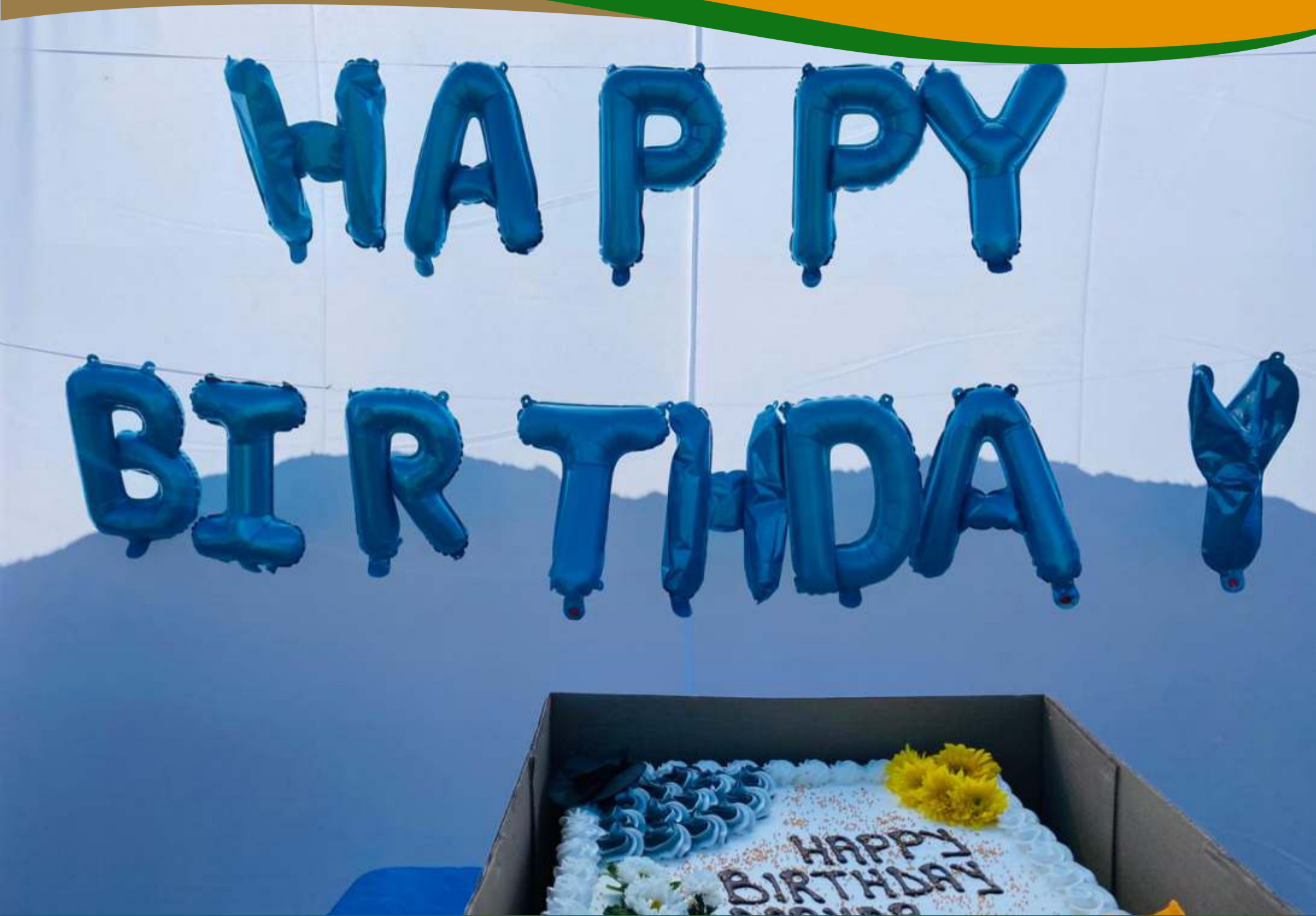
14 AUGUST 2020- The Newcastle Municipality hosted a virtual women's day conference, to highlight the scourge of "rape of women, abuse and femicide." The

robust discussion themed "with or without the pandemic, as women of Newcastle, we thrive," was championed by Newcastle's First Lady Dr Busi Mahlaba. The Department of Social Development (DSD), National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) and the municipal Department of Special Programs also formed part of these high-level discussions. The conference's aim

was to find long lasting solutions to the social ills that continue to plague women, and the girl-child in particular. In conclusion, the various units and departments have agreed to work jointly in implementing recommendations and resolutions adopted during the meeting. They've also agreed to continue to lobby for other key stakeholders to participate in ending injustice against women. "Gender-Based

Violence can no longer be tolerated in our society in this day and age. It is unfortunate and a shame that we have men who continue to treat women as sub-humans or objects. We need to work collectively to rid society of this ill-informed mindset. We also need to dismantle the shackles of patriarchy and the supremacy complex that exists in this world," concluded Dr Mahlaba.





## **“YOU CAN BECOME ANYTHING YOU WANT TO BE,” Newcastle Municipality Mayor encourages children.**

23 August 2020

Newcastle Municipality Mayor Dr Ntuthuko Mahlaba has donated a cake and goodies to an orphanage and Day Care Centre in Osizweni on his special day. Mayor Dr Mahlaba sent a message of encouragement to the children of Ikhaya Lezingane Day Care Center.

“Irrespective of your circumstances, you can become

anything you want to be in this world. Study hard and play hard. You are the future of this country and we want to see engineers, doctors and accountants among you. Don't let anybody tell you that you can't do or achieve anything in life,” said Dr Mahlaba.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
HONORABLE MAYOR!

