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Tourism participates in Mandela Day Celebrations

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The staff of the Department of Tourism joined the rest of the country in celebrating the Nelson Mandela International Day with the children of the Child Welfare Tshwane Centre in Fountains Valley at the Groenkloof Nature Reserve on Sunday, 17 July 2016, under the theme, "*Take action and inspire change*".

The 95 year-old Non-Profit Organisation endeavours to provide a safe home environment for the children in Tshwane, and seeks to contribute in building communities where all children live with a loving adult care giver in a family home with easy access to food, health-care, education, recreation, and emotional support. The organisation also provides interventions to a vulnerable children, through security, development and to help them cope independently.

The Department of Public Service and Administration (DPSA) urged all Government Departments to contribute towards the day, in celebration of the life of the late former South African president, Nelson Mandela, as a global call to action for people to recognise their ability to have a positive effect on others around them. The day was aimed at inspiring people to embrace the values that Mandela shared.

Employees of the Department of Tourism took up the challenge to give and combined it with efforts to encourage day visits for leisure. They made monetary contributions to fund the visit and a picnic lunch at the Groenkloof Nature Reserve for the children of Child Welfare Tshwane Centre. The staff also donated items requested by the children in their wish list like school stationery and food parcels.

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