



"Happiness is the echo of kindness"



It's not often that you come across caring and wonderful people who are full of compassion and love for those who are going through challenges and crises. How wonderful it is that our Rotary Club has met the team from The Teddy Trust UK.

What special people you all are that you take the time to launch and run this incredible initiative in the world. To see faces light up when a warm soft teddy is placed in their arms is simply lovely. Whether old or young, I am certain of your motto;
"Don't underestimate the power of a teddy"



Suddenly it becomes easy to spread joy and kindness. We received the bears in our huge medical container and after the container was "arrested" at the Port Elizabeth Harbour for a week, they were in a foul mood when they were eventually released. A few days of R&R and they were ready to take on their mission.



Our intention was to give the bears out to Rotarians and to task them to seek out folk who would welcome a gift of love. We were not disappointed - the stories that we received back were better than we ever thought possible.

We then looked to a centre for the aged who are receiving care packages - this month a bear was included with the hygiene and teatime goodies.

Bears were sent to a doctor's surgery who was tasked to give them to any of her patients who needed some extra love - and she said it was a wonderful addition - (I can see her carrying on with this)





We gave a batch to a woman who works with the most vulnerable in the townships and she has certainly found homes - each bear given had been received “just in time”.

A little creche in Zwile was a recipient of many of the smaller bears - perfect for little hands to carry.

I am attaching a few photos so that you can see some of our recipients - by no means any more or less in need than the 100's of other recipients! Every person has their own story.

We are giving our bears with purpose and with the certain surety that after you have gone to all the trouble of choosing your teddy ambassadors, we have made sure that happiness and care is spreading out all over our part of the world.

We try to request some photos where possible, but some places can't really provide that but instead manage to give heart-melting testimony of comfort and joy!



Thank you from the bottom of all our hearts. ❤️

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