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NW Tourism goes an extra mile

The Department of Tourism in conjunction with Sun City donated linen to the Areka Old Age Home and Hospice in Motswedi village outside Zeerust. The donation is part of celebrating the legacy of Mama Albertina Sisulu. The home was recently adopted by the Department during the Mandela day celebrations earlier this year.

Areka Old Age Home is houses 43 elderly people from around the province and it operates with a shoe string budget. Although majority of those accommodated are from the local villages in the Ramotshere Moiloa municipality, the home survives through support from individuals, churches and institutions.

Addressing elders and those in attendance during the hand over the local Kgosi Bathoeng Mangope of the Bahurutshe Boo Manyane called on government and business to support such institutions for survival. He said that it is in the Setswana culture to respect the elderly and take care of them.

“The elders are the important age group of our culture. Therefore taking good care of them would be one way of ensuring that the younger generation learn more from them. They are our encyclopedia and know much history that we do”, said Kgosi Mangope.

Acting head of Department Motsepe Moiloanyane, says the area of Ramotshere Moiloa has a rich history in terms of the liberation of South Africa.

“Many of those who assisted in the liberation struggle of our country passed through this area into other countries. We also still have some who come from some of our

villages and remained unknown to most of us. Some of them are still alive. We must find a way of celebrating them and give them the honor they deserve. We are rich in history and should celebrate our elders while they are still alive”.

Adopting this institution simply means we want to show that we appreciate our elders while they are still alive. This is just the beginning, we hope that we will continue to work together as the Department and other non-governmental organization to support this institution,” said Moiloanyane.

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