



Employees of the Cape Town International Convention Centre volunteered at the Haven Night Shelter in Woodstock last week.

Woodstock shelter gets help

The Haven Night Shelter in Napier Street, Woodstock is partnered with a local business to show how much it cares on World Homeless Day.

The Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) rallied its staff last week to contribute and thereby highlight the plight of the city's homeless on World Homelessness Day last Monday.

This day aims to draw attention to and raise awareness of the challenges faced by people who find themselves living on the streets.

The shelter is one of four local community organisations the convention centre supports as part of its corporate social responsibility programme, to help the organisation and the men and women who rely on its care.

This year the centre donated an industrial washing machine and a tumble dryer to the

facility. Staff of the convention centre also provided toiletries for male and female care packs and volunteered at the centre by helping with various maintenance activities.

During the past year, the convention centre also sponsored the organisation's board meetings and the CTICC kitchen donates food on a regular basis.

"The Haven Night Shelter plays an extremely vital role in our city," says Julie-May Ellingson, chief executive officer of the CTICC.

"This is precisely why we wanted to support this important NGO as well as the people it helps. The CTICC is part of the city's fabric and we know that we cannot ignore society's challenges and hope that by getting our staff to participate, and through the donations, we can make a small difference in the lives of the city's homeless community."