

Cape Town International Convention Centre (CTICC) press release

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CTICC brings the spirit of Madiba to the Cape Town CBD

This Mandela Day (July 18), the CTICC brought the spirit of former South African president, Nelson Mandela, close to home.

Staff at the CTICC celebrated the life and legacy of Madiba when they volunteered 67 minutes of their day by cooking and serving hot soup to refugees and asylum seekers who brave the cold, winter weather in long queues at the Department of Home Affairs at Customs House in FW de Klerk Boulevard.

"Madiba gave so much to our country and world, so it is fitting that we keep his legacy alive by doing whatever we can, not only on Mandela Day but throughout the year," said Julie-May Ellingson, Chief Executive Officer at the CTICC.

Staff also volunteered 67 minutes with seniors who visited the centre as part of the Cosatu Senior Citizens Event which takes place annually at the CTICC. Staff volunteered their time by preparing over 1 000 sandwiches for the event.

The Cosatu Seniors Day event has been taking place at the CTICC for nine years and nearly 1 000 seniors attended the scheduled programme on Madiba's birthday.

Tony Ehrenreich, Cosatu Western Cape Provincial Secretary, said that it is wonderful that the CTICC is a partner and is assisting with hosting the event because it is an opportunity for their senior members to visit the city they helped build.

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Photo captions:

IMG_5689: CTICC Event Services Manager, Sweetness Mata, and CTICC Food & Beverage department staff, Asanda Booï and Ncomeka Mhlatshana, hand out soup and sandwiches to asylum seekers at Customs House on Mandela Day.

IMG_5083: Abdirizack Ossoble, CTICC Senior Sous Chef Sibongiseni Gcelu, Duad Noor, CTICC Executive Chef Roberto de Carvalho, and Mohamed Farah during the CTICC Mandela Day activation. Ossoble, Noor and Farah are asylum seekers from Somalia.

IMG_5770: CTICC staff used their 67 Minutes on Mandela Day to hand out soup and sandwiches to asylum seekers at Customs House.

