Twenty-four Zululand NPOs benefited from this year’s RBCT annual standard donation.

Coal Terminal donation empowers charities

Tamlyn Jolly

TWENTY-FOUR Zululand NPOs benefitted on Wednesday morning from the Richards Bay Coal Terminal’s (RBCT) 2018 annual standard donation. A total of R840 000 was spread among the NPOs, including Zululand Hospice, Round Table 200, Siyabonga Shelter, Zikalise, Zululand Mental Health, DICE, Empangeni Child and Family Care, Richards Bay Family Care, both Empangeni and Richards Bay SPCAs, SA Red Cross, Richards Bay Sea Scouts, SANCA Zululand and LifeLine Zululand.

‘At a time when there is so much need all around us, donations like this go a long way towards us helping the communities we serve,’ said Henry Wood representing Round Table 200.

On behalf of Zululand Hospice, which serves people when they are at their most vulnerable, Nola George thanked RBCT for the donation and said it would go a long way to helping people in their final days as well as their families in their grief.

‘This is a very difficult time for all NPOs so this corporate support will assist us at SANCA Zululand in carrying out the various programmes, projects and work we do in our local community,’ said Shireen Sahadev, SANCA Zululand Director.

‘In order to reach as far into the communities as we try to do, donations such as this are needed and much appreciated,’ said Louise Brockmann of DICE. ‘Do I Care Enough?’

‘It really is a boost for which we are most grateful.’

On behalf of UniZulu Science Centre, Ruben Nzimakwe said they are going to sit down and spread the money around the centre’s various projects to ensure it gets spent wisely and where it is most needed.

Keynote speaker Jabu Mdaki, RBCT’s General Manager Operations, highlighted that ‘charity starts at home’ and said that growth to the nation starts with communities.

‘We all have a duty to support our communities through involvement in projects and financial assistance, and it is with great pleasure that we do what we can in our local community.’

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