

# Retirement home thanks community

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ROOSEVELT PARK – The residents of Rose Village Methodist Home took the time to fill out a card with thank you messages after the Roosevelt Park community came to their aid.

Felicity Lawlor and Clive Maher of SCP Security worked their magic to get City Power to restore the power after transformers supplying the home with electricity was stolen on 2 May. In addition to getting the power back on, a braai was hosted for the residents to give them some great food and joy following the lengthy power outage.

One of the residents at the home, Rob Knox, was impressed and pleased with the love the community showed him and his fellow elderly residents. "We are so grateful to them. We had to thank them and we believed that a card with our signatures would show our appreciation."

According to Knox, vans and cars full of food, drinks and snacks drove into the village on the morning of 4 May. "It was spontaneous and we had no clue what was about to happen. Before we knew it, we saw braai stands lined with chicken, ribs, fish and everything else you could imagine."

Knox also shared the fear that residents had when realising that the power could be out for an extended period of time. "Because we are old, we really struggle when there isn't electricity. We have no hot water, struggle to stay warm and some of us have medical equipment that operates using electricity."

According to the manager of the home, Philip Hulse, the two were instrumental in helping them resolve the issue. "They



The residents and staff of Rose Village enjoy a wonderful day as the community of Roosevelt Park joined forces, skills and resources to host a wonderful braai for them on 4 May. Photo: Supplied



Rose Village Methodist Home residents are thankful for the efforts of Clive Maher, SCP Security, Felicity Lawlor and the Roosevelt Park and Ward 88 community for assisting them during their 50-hour power outage at the beginning of May. Photo: Andile Dlodlo



Residents of Rose Village Methodist Home are spoiled with a braai hosted by the community of Roosevelt Park during their 50-hour power outage. Photo: Supplied

managed to put enough pressure on City Power to get the transformer replaced and connected in two days," Hulse said.

While attending to get the transformer replaced, Maher, Lawlor and other members

of the community also planned what Hulse called the most incredible braai he'd ever seen.

Rose Village Methodist Home would like to extend their gratitude to everyone who

was involved in helping them get through their time of darkness, including thanking those who cooked, cleaned, entertained, assisted with the changing of phones and provided company.