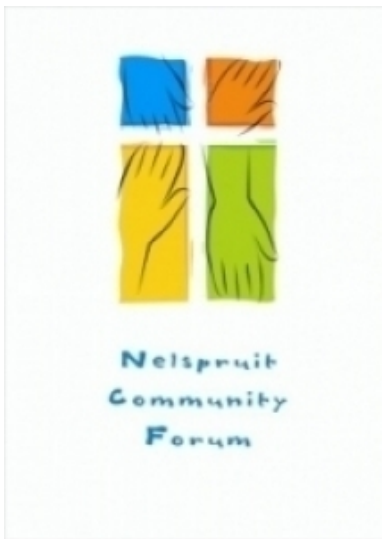


# Nelspruit Community Forum

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NCF was established in 2004 in response to the many people living on and from the streets of Nelspruit. Included are men and women, boys and girls, black and white, educated and not educated. Many faith communities and businesses were busy caring for these “jewels” in different ways. Knowing that a collective and central service point will benefit the society in broad; NCF started operations. Our Vision Our Vision is to be a highly effective, specialised people-caring organisation, facilitating the participation of all relevant stakeholders in the community, based on Christian principles and teaching. Our Mission Our mission is to demonstrate the heart of God by providing meaningful interventions amongst the marginalised and destitute, assisting them to become functional members of society. We are a member of the Mpumalanga Leadership Foundation (MLF). The MLF aims to strengthen the movement of churches, communities and programmes with capacity, resource development, communication and marketing, and spiritual nurture. It is committed to recognizing potential, developing leadership, identifying needs and developing resources and being an umbrella body for grass-root organisations to develop towards their full potential. We care for our community by focusing on two functions: first and most important is the marginalized and destitute (Individual specialized

services) and then our ever supporting community and like-minded organizations  
 (Community specialized services). For more information about the Mpumalanga  
 Leadership Foundation visit [www.mlf.org.za](http://www.mlf.org.za) Individual Specialized Services Providing  
 for: Basic human needs – shelter, food and clothing. Psycho – social needs – personal  
 development, , counseling Practical life skills and needs – medical, hygiene, life-  
 skills Individual spiritual needs – Spiritual reconciliation, prayer support, devotional  
 meetings. Personal development – mentoring, conflict, emotional and financial  
 management. Opportunities for obtaining basic work skills and training – Artisan,  
 soft-skills, computer literacy skills Facilitation of job opportunities – Distribute  
 CV's Every human as a basic need for shelter, food and clothing... Community  
 Specialized Services Raising awareness in the church, business, education and wider  
 community regarding the needs of the marginalized and the destitute. Establishing  
 informed relationships with the above stakeholders with the aim of facilitating their  
 involvement. Creating a platform from which all people can become  
 involved. Developing capacity in grass-roots organizations involved in service to  
 people. Providing adequate and accurate reporting and feedback to all  
 stakeholders. Distribute material resources received for the benefit of the wider  
 community. (Being a material resource centre for the community) Facilitating the  
 response of those who have benefited through Nelspruit Community Forum to give  
 back through service to the community. We work towards providing the following  
 activities and services for those less fortunate in our community: Daily Tea/Coffee,  
 bread and lunch – six days per week Weekly food parcels to needy families On  
 Sundays we have a full Christian Church Service – guests of honour are the  
 Homeless. Personal Hygiene Facility – Showers & Laundromat Bible study Needs  
 assessments Counselling Primary Health Services & referrals to specialized care  
 giving facilities Referral to specialized institutions and treatment facilities dealing  
 with rehabilitation Placing in Shelter / Safe Houses with the aid of Child Welfare and  
 others Empowerment eg. Life skills training & anger Management Basic Literacy –  
 ABET Assistance with ID's (NCF pay all costs for first application) Accommodation –  
 seeking accommodation for members of our community Mentoring – Ongoing  
 emotional, spiritual and personal support Weekly street outreach Women and girls at-

riskHIV/AIDS awareness & treatmentRegistration of these informal job-seekersEmpowering men and womenSocial empowermentSeeking fair work opportunitiesProviding reliable, equipped and referred labourInterview preparationThere are many ways that you can help us to help our community, here are a few ideas of things of things that we are always in need of:Food and other supplies: dry food, canned food, cleaning materials and kitchen equipmentBath towels, facecloths and soapWashing powderLiteracy education materialBlankets and clothingYour time for mentoring and interview preparationYour network: Help us find jobsWriting paper and pensMonetary donationsWe would like to thank all of our donors and partners for their continued support! We receive support from church and faith communities, business communities, schools and other social welfare projects.We would also like to thank our volunteers for their assistance, without whom our many projects and commitments to helping our community would not be possible.

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