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## South African children gain donation of dolls from the Kinross Day Club community

More than 80 handmade dolls are destined to go to underprivileged children in South Africa thanks to the knitting expertise of the regular visitors to Amana Living's Kinross Day Club.

The hand crafted dolls will be distributed to schools, churches and orphanages in the country's impoverished Kwa-Zulu Natal district as part of the Uthando Project, an international grass roots movement which supports the intellectual, emotional and social development of AIDS and HIV affected children.

Hills resident Judy Mackintosh is the local coordinator for the international initiative. She will collect the dolls from the seniors following a presentation at the day club on Wednesday 18 March at 10.30am.

Manager of Kinross Alana Dolan said the initiative was fantastic, not just for the children who benefit but also the day club members.

"Our visitors to the centre are all living with Alzheimer's, but despite this they all remain living independently in the community which is a great achievement in itself," she said.

"This project enriches their own lives as well as bringing joy to many children in South Africa and they are all keen to take part in the creative process of making the dolls, it is certainly very rewarding for them and in many cases it really does enrich their own lives."

To enable club members to continue making the dolls, donations of wool or felt are needed. Locals who have material to donate should contact Ms Dolan on 9305 6986.

Amana Living operates 17 retirement villages, 10 hostels, five nursing homes and three day clubs throughout Western Australia. It provides specialised care for residents with dementia and their families, as well as a wide range of community services to people living in their own homes.

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