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mimi moto clean cooking for all



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#Stovesfor10Towns launches its #StoveNomination-drive, inviting the public to make a difference.

The Student Representative Council (SRC) of Stellenbosch University (SU) has launch a 67 day project in light of Mandela Month that will set out to provide for a cleaner, safer, healthier and cheaper way of cooking in disadvantaged communities in the broader Stellenbosch region. In addition, has the *#StoveNomination*-drive been launched inviting entities and civil society to make a difference by donating a stove to a deserving family. The drive will take the form of the once known *#RAKNomination*, therefore donors nominate someone else to make a difference.

The *#Stovesfor10Towns* aims to sustainably equip disadvantaged families with clean cook stoves. The Mimi Moto stove, awarded the 'Best Stove' by the United Nations Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, is a forced air gasifier stove that burns small wood pallets to create a clean flame. Not only is this stove much safer (you can even

hold it while it's burning!), cleaner (no toxic smoke) and cheaper, it also works on a small rechargeable battery and is transformable into a heater! Also when tipped over the flame dies, this being critical in the winter season. In winter thousands of communities have lost their families and belongings after devastating fires spread through their homes. The stoves replace cooking using paraffin stoves or cooking on open fires which in the Western Cape winter months has been a great contributing cause of fires.

Social Impact manager, Nathan Daniels says about 45 000 disadvantaged families face the possibility of the spread of fires within their community. Many are caused by unsafe cooking on open fire or stoves that use highly flammable toxic fluids. The neat and stable Mimi Moto, which works on easy-to-use wood pellets, prevents disastrous household fires in the vulnerable informal settlements. A solar panel is also provided for recipients who do not have the privilege of electricity. According to Daniels is the principle of sustainability of outmost importance. The stoves are subsidised for its end user. According to Daniels will this vest the principles of ownership and duty of care which is highly necessary to uplift our communities' self-worth and dignity.

Therefore, in addition to *#Stovesfor10Towns*, *#StoveNomination* invites entities and civil society to donate a stove to a deserving family, capture this moment and nominate someone else to make a difference as well.

[For more information please <u>click here</u> or to see who is making a difference already <u>click here</u>]

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Kind regards,

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