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**NAVY SAILORS TO DO THEIR BIT FOR THE MADIBA DAY AT KINGDOM LIFE
CHILDREN'S CENTER, ATTERIDGEVILLE: 18 JULY 2009**

Chief of the South African Navy, Vice Admiral Johannes Mudimu and the Navy Command Council, accompanied by sailors from Naval Headquarters in Pretoria will celebrate Madiba Day with children from Kingdom Life Children's Centre at Atteridgeville, which is a home for orphans on Saturday 18 July 2009. The Navy will provide a variety of services such as painting of the building, denotation of food, clothes and toys to the Center's children as part of the social responsibility contribution to the Madiba day.

Chief of the South African Navy, Admiral Mudimu has this say about the Madiba Day. **"Today all the people of our Rainbow Nation stand united as one in celebrating the 91st birthday of the most beloved father of our Nation and visionary leader- our Madiba. The name and deeds of this great man Nelson Mandela, the liberation stalwart and pillar of reconciliation holds a special place in the heart of People's Navy. He has led South Africa into a peaceful transition to democracy and united all our people. He will live on forever as a legacy in the annals of history, not only in our country but also throughout the world. His magical touch and love for all children reflects the big heart of a man who although great, shows fatherliness and a unique humbleness that is like magnetic attraction to young and old alike that meet him. We in the South Africa Navy salute you Tata and we wish you, a Happy and Blessed 91st Birthday".**

The day's programme will be as follows:

- 10h00 – Arrival
- 10h10 – Chief of the Navy's Speech
- 10h15– Handing over of the gift
- 10h20 - Vote of Thanks from the Children
- 10h30 – Refreshments
- 11h00 – Closure and end of programme.

You are invited to send a journalist and a photographer/cameraperson to the South African Navy's handing over of gift ceremony to the Kingdom Life Children's Center in Atteridgeville.

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