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Region A employees plant seedlings at the Diepsloot Skills Centre. *Photo: Supplied*

## A little TLC for a community in need

Region A team visited the Vukaunzenzele Oldies Club in Diepsloot on July 22.

According to the assistant director for Citizen Relations Management Pierre Nel, various departments – including the City Ombudsman, the Department of Social Development, The South African Social Security Agency (Sassa), emergency services, and Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo – visited the senior community members at the Diepsloot Skills Centre.

The senior residents were welcomed by Ward 95 councillor Julius Maake and listened to several informative speeches from the different departments.

City Ombudsman's Advocate S'duduzo Gumede informed the attendants about how his office can assist them while Sassa

informed and helped the senior members about how to apply for grants.

They also received a few tips on personal health and exercising from the Health Department and were treated to an aerobics session from Makwena Mashamaite from the Sport and Recreation Department.

The Tzu Chi Foundation and the Joburg Market donated packets of rice which Maake distributed. A cup of soup and some bread were served to the elderly by Shoprite. City employees planted vegetable seedlings grown by the elderly, and donated seed packets to keep the vegetable gardens thriving.

Nel added, "Twenty fruit trees were donated by Johannesburg City Parks and Zoo and will be planted at the skills centre."