

CHANGING LIVES

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In its endeavour to ensure “houses, comfort and security for all”, the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Human Settlements realises the individual needs of citizens. The Department understands that behind every housing application and behind every initiative to tackle the moving target of the housing backlog, lies a human story - a story that can touch the very soul. Here is one such story...

In a noble gesture demonstrating a caring and humane government, the KZN Department of Human Settlements, led by its hands-on MEC, Ravi Pillay, handed over a newly built house to the family of Nokwethemba Dlamini (16).

Nokwethemba, from oThini, Nkonjeni in the uLundi Local Municipality, was diagnosed with kidney cancer when she was nine years old.

The handover followed a request from the Isisekelo Foundation seeking the Department's intervention to assist the Dlamini family. The Foundation focuses on children who live in mud structures or overcrowded houses and are exposed to fatal infections.

The new home means that Nokwethemba can now be with her family, as she was forced to be in hospital away from them because of the unsuitable living conditions at her old house.

All's well that ends well and Nokwethemba is now responding well to her treatment after a successful kidney transplant. The new home, and the time with family, are major contributory factors to her recovery.



Nokwethemba Dlamini can now recover in her new home. She and her family share a moment with MEC Ravi Pillay and officials in her new home.