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CALLING ON CORPORATES

ON 19th February, 2011, the home of Ms. Mtovana Zuma in Curry's Post, was severely damaged by a rain storm. During the storm the roof was blown off and within a few weeks what remained of the building had collapsed. Since nine of her ten children have passed away, this loving grandmother is currently raising her 14 young grandchildren without any financial assistance. The family now lives in three, one-room huts next to where their house once stood. These buildings have also been severely damaged by the weather, the roofs are leaking and the walls have decayed. Ms Zuma is struggling to look after her family who are exposed to severe cold conditions, where their health, safety and well-being are at severe risk. The situation has become quite critical and something must be done to get Ms Zuma and her family into a more secure and safe living environment.

Ward Councillor Desmond Nkuna has been working effortlessly to assist Ms Zuma, but at this point has only managed to secure relief vouchers and have the children registered for relevant grants. He con-

tacted BESG (Built Environment Support Group), an NGO based in Pietermaritzburg that assists vulnerable communities and households with developmental projects. BESG is making a plea for any donations, either cash, or kind to help this destitute family. BESG is a Section 18 A registered Public Benefit Organisation which enables it to provide a tax certificate to any individual or corporate donors. Please contact Sheldon Singh (Project Manager) at BESG on 033- 394 4980 or sheldon@besg.co.za