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Official Handover to Bright Minds Educare Classrooms and Kitchen Containers

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Many early childhood development caregivers work under difficult circumstances, facing challenges such as poverty and overcrowding. This has been the case for Christelle Wonderlik, who has been the principal of Bright Minds Educare since 2014. On Monday 29 February 2016, she was a happy recipient of two classroom containers and a kitchen and toilet facility.

Overcrowding is largely due to poor infrastructure and insufficient resource allocation to informal settlements, and Khayelitsha, in the Western Cape Province, is no exception. In light of this, Bright Minds was selected by Breadline Africa as an organisation in great need.

Christelle first heard of Breadline Africa while teaching at another preschool that had received a container several years ago. She has since started her own centre in Khayelitsha and has endured several challenges, such as having to use her modest home in the informal settlement to house, feed and teach the children that she felt needed her support. The number of children she has enrolled has grown to 25, from the initial two that she started with.

Ms Tembisa Longo, the principal of Ubukhobakhe Educare Centre, was present to support Christelle, as she has for numerous years. Tembisa is the very person who pushed and encouraged Christelle to start her own centre, having witnessed Christelle's enthusiasm, hard work and level of commitment to the little children.

Gratitude was expressed to UK-based friend of Breadline Africa, Ms Lin Hinds, who sponsored the conversion of the Bright Minds Educare containers in memory of her late parents, Irene and Ted Hinds. Pastor Peter Nwosu, representing the community, closed the handover ceremony with enthusiastic prayer and blessed the new facilities.

"Breadline Africa is delighted to be able to support community champions like Christelle, who play a vital role in equipping children for their futures," said Puleng Phooko of Breadline Africa. "We hope that the new facilities will inspire Christelle and her team of caregivers to plan classes and attend to the learners' developmental needs – from the safety and comfort of their new classrooms!"





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