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Handover of the Fifth Avenue Day Care Centre Container Heideveld, Cape Town 22 July 2016

The morning of Friday 22 July 2016 saw Breadline Africa handing over a 6 meter container to Fifth Avenue Day Care Centre in Heideveld which lies just 16km outside of Cape Town.

It was started in 1998, and today cares for 48 children. All but 2 of the children come from the Heideveld area where crime, violence, theft are the order of the day.



The low-key event turned out to be an opportunity for the dynamic team from the Childhood United in Network Organisation (UNO) to celebrate together. UNO is meant to be a solid voice to fight for every ECD (Early Childhood Development). Some of the challenges that they are facing are “issues of some crèches finding it difficult to be registered, issue of zoning which means crèche owners should register their family houses as centres, crèches are not recognised by government regardless of the important role that they play in education and that government is reluctant in meeting crèches half way”. They are asking for the “government to be flexible and relax some of the regulations that crèches are having to contend with” They rightly feel that they make a great contribution in education, but frustrated at not being recognised by government.

Fazlyn Ajam, (pictured below front left) is the Principal of the Fifth Avenue Day Care Centre and also the Secretary of UNO. Members are shown in the picture below.



Their aim is to strengthen the organisation and expand it to cover the entire province.



Also in attendance were principals from neighbouring ECDs, parents, and representatives from the Department of Social Development Community Development Stream.

The donated container will be used as a sick bay / office. It is one of the four containers originally used by the Khuti's Homecare and Development Centre in 2011. It was a 24 hour centre for children with mental and physical disabilities based in Khayelitsha and was closed down in November 2015.



The refurbished office has been furnished with donations from a company who recently underwent a merger.



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