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Breadline Africa wins prestigious South Africa Achiever's Award

15 April – Cape Town based NGO, Breadline Africa snapped up the Community Organisation Award at the South African Achiever's Awards, which were held in London over the weekend. Organised in conjunction with the South African Chamber of Commerce, the prestigious black tie event was attended by many of South Africa's top businessmen and women, community leaders, musicians, celebrities and artists including the High Commissioner of South Africa, Dr Zola Skweyiya, John Battersby of Brand South Africa, comedian Loyiso Gola and actors Eliot Ngubane and Pamela Nomphumelelo Nomvete.

"The award is a huge honour and a wonderful endorsement for our work in providing the next generation of South Africans with the educational tools they need to take command of their own destiny," Chairperson for Breadline Africa, Louise Seligman said.

The sold out awards ceremony, which was held at the Cumberland Hotel in central London on Saturday evening paid tribute to the South African diaspora of movers and shakers. Other award categories included; Outstanding Achievement in Business, Corporate Achievement Award, South African Restaurant of the Year Award, Community Champion Award and the Personality of the Year Award, to name a few.

Breadline Africa, who were acknowledged for their work in townships and deprived rural areas throughout South Africa, specialise in renovating disused shipping containers and recycling them for essential community purposes. The NGO has provided over 180 containers to poverty stricken communities since their establishment in 1993. For the past three years they have worked with the Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory to place container libraries in each of the nine provinces. The partnership forms part of the annual Mandela Day celebrations. As a result of the initiative, 25 container libraries have been placed and more than 18 000 children have been reached.

"Our projects try to establish a level of self-sustainability within communities," Director of Breadline Africa, Tim Smith said. "The success of the Nelson Mandela container library initiative relies entirely on the support of the general public and corporates. We encourage everyone to get involved and help in some way. This award can only help to create further awareness around the work that we are doing, we are very grateful for the acknowledgement."

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