



CC Scheepers Educare, Worcester, Cape Town Pre-school Handover 4 May 2017

Life has changed completely for the children at CC Scheepers Educare Centre. On 4 May 2017, they received two classrooms, toilets and a kitchen, funded by Breadline Africa's dedicated UK-based donors and their excitement was a joy to see.

The educare centre is situated in Hex Park, Worcester, in the Breede Valley District, in the Western Cape Province of South Africa. CC Scheepers cares for 56 children from the local community and provides a solid educational foundation, offering the children the opportunity to learn various skills as they discover, explore, listen and communicate. The school's committed teachers make it their priority to ensure that the children are well cared for, giving their parents peace of mind.

At the launch, the town's Executive Mayor, Ms Antoniette Steyn, pledged her support for the project and conveyed her thanks to the donors, the founder members of the centre, the principal and staff. Referencing the large stones on the site, she explained that they are the cornerstones upon which the centre is founded and should never be removed. She added that the trees at the centre may be suffering a little during the current drought, but they will flourish again when the rains come – in much the same way as CC Scheepers Educare Centre is growing and flourishing.

Mercia de Vries, the centre's principal, has shown great passion and her dream is to build a strong future for her community, but she acknowledges that good things take time to come to fruition and she assured everyone that their hard work is an investment in a long term future for the children. Ms de Vries, along with Breadline Africa's director, Marion Wagner, then cut the ribbon, officially opening the facility. Marion congratulated the centre on its great achievement and shared the following quote with them, stating that amongst those present, committed citizens are very evident:

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead

In closing, the Chairman of CC Scheepers thanked everyone for attending and added that the centre will be known as 'the *flower vase* of the area'.

