



**Thokoza Crèche, Ladysmith, Kwazulu Natal
Kitchen Handover
4 May 2017**

Situated on the outskirts of Ladysmith, Kwazulu Natal, is Thokoza Crèche, a cosy home-from-home for a special group of youngsters from the local community. With the support of Breadline Africa's generous UK donors, their principal has been able to secure a much needed kitchen!

The old kitchen leaked badly during the rainy season and was not fit to prepare food for the more than 80 children who come to the centre five days a week.

The children's excitement was tangible as they eagerly awaited the ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The pre-school is supported by Training and Resources in Early Education (TREE) – a development organisation based in the very heart of Ladysmith. They attended the launch event, and expressed their delight at this great gift to Thokoza Crèche.

TREE has had a long standing relationship with the pre-school, offering a valuable coaching, training and mentoring service, aimed at enhancing individual and organisational capacity. TREE has nothing but praise for the school's principal – Ms. Ntombifuthi Slalisa. Her dedication and commitment to the children has made an enormous difference in this impoverished community. The TREE representatives were especially pleased that Ntombifuthi had finally received a much-needed kitchen facility.

Ntombifuthi is a poised and passionate woman, who has accomplished great things for the community through her crèche. On the morning of Thursday 4th May, she was ready to share this experience with all of her guests, from church representatives, to parents and community members. The event was an exciting and joyous one, and would not have been complete without the traditional song and dance that accompanies such celebrations.

