

## Nonceba Educare Centre, Khayelitsha, Cape Town Classroom Handover 26 April 2017

As the country prepared for Freedom Day on 27 April (an annual celebration of South Africa's first non-racial democratic elections of 1994), Nonceba Educare Centre celebrated the opening of their new classroom, thanks to funding from Alex Haxton, Executive Director Emerge Kinder Fonds. Much has changed since 1994, but many challenges still exist for pre-schools located in informal settlements, such as Khayelitsha, reinforcing the need for the infrastructure projects supplied by Breadline Africa.



On 26 April 2017, Breadline Africa officially launched the classroom in Enkanani, Khayelitsha. The principal, Ms. Lillian Homokazi has been caring for 55 children since 2006. She has set up a small vegetable garden using recycled material to grow vegetables and every day is a challenge, as water supply is at an all-time low during the drought currently being experienced in Cape Town. She not only teaches the children about reducing waste, but also often shares the maxim that for every problem, there is a solution.



Several representatives from Sikhula Sonke attended the launch. This is a Khayelitsha-based NGO that trains pre-school teachers and provide mentoring and coaching. They also facilitate pre-school upgrades, and have been working very closely with Lillian, doing weekly mentoring visits.

In addition, the chairperson of the local Early Childhood Development (ECD) Forum was present, along with principals from neighbouring ECDs, reflecting the strong relationships and support Lillian has.



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The Department of Human Settlement also attended, highlighting their commitment to prioritising infrastructure development in disadvantaged communities and demonstrating the excellent relationships Nonceba has with both government and non-governmental organisations.

Freedom Day marks the liberation of South Africa and its people from a long history of colonialism and apartheid. For every classroom that is placed, an opportunity is created to give hope to children from disadvantaged communities to change the course of their own future.



Breadline Africa congratulates Lillian for protecting and developing children for generations to come and thanks Alex Haxton, Executive Director of Emerge Kinder Fonds for making her dream of new classroom, a reality.

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