



Springwood Educare, Mitchells Plain, Cape Town Pre-school Classroom Handover 30 May 2017

On Tuesday, 30 May, the former principals of Springwood Educare, members of the church and parents of the children from the community of Lenteguur in Mitchells Plain, Cape Town celebrated the donation of two new classrooms, which were partly funded by the Old Mutual Staff Volunteer Fund Trust.

Ms Denise Gabriels, Trustee for the Old Mutual Staff Volunteer Fund Trust, thanked the children for their performance and reiterated the words of one of the songs, saying that “it is truly love that makes the world go round”. Ms Gabriels spoke to the children, saying “it is not just saying I love you but showing love in the actions you do every day – such as putting litter in a bin or helping a friend”.

The project was funded by Old Mutual staff contributions, which were matched rand-for-rand by the Old Mutual Foundation. Ms Gabriels said everyone involved was thrilled to see the classrooms being launched.

Breadline Africa’s director, Marion Wagner congratulated the principal of Springwood, Ms Gaynor Damons on the acquisition of the much-needed classrooms and thanked the Old Mutual Staff Volunteer Fund Trust for their support of the project. “We are delighted to add Springwood Educare to the long list of organisations that we have been able to help with the support of companies like Old Mutual and the Centre for Early Childhood Development.

“The Old Mutual Staff Volunteer Fund Trust’s commitment to education in the Western Cape is admirable, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the team for their generosity and kindness in supporting the establishment of these classrooms today.” She wished Ms Damons and all the staff and children of Springwood all the best as they support South Africa’s young leaders of tomorrow.

Springwood’s principal, Ms Damons added her thanks and assured all that the classrooms would be well-utilised and looked after. Rev. Levalent Kleinhans spoke about how their prayers had been answered, after 28 years of operating from cramped conditions inside the church and jokingly added how thrilled he was to have his church space back.

More than 70 children expressed their thanks through song and dance, ending the launch event on a high note.

