



**Strawberry Play Centre, Manenberg, Western Cape  
Classroom & Toilet Handover  
19 July 2017**

There was celebration in the air as Breadline Africa prepared to hand over a prefabricated structure (divided into 2 classrooms) and a 6m container toilet facility on Wednesday, 19 July 2017. Not only was the launch event taking place during Mandela Month, it took place on the 24<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Strawberry Play Centre – which was established in the same year as Breadline Africa!

Strawberry Play Centre is located in Manenberg on the Cape Flats, about 20 km away from the Cape Town city centre. It has an estimated population of 52,000 residents. Over the years, the area has become overcrowded, with a high incidence of crime, gang activity and social disturbance emerging. Graffiti images portraying gangster life are prominent in Manenberg.

The new classroom has given the Pre-Grade R's and Grade R's (the preparatory years for primary school) an organised learning space. The children are enjoying the more comfortable setting; the warm, well-run classroom has plants, posters, and a reading corner, displaying the children's arts and crafts and enhancing the teaching environment. They have a better opportunity to grow and learn in their own classroom space with the necessary preparation to equip them for school.

Yusuf Hope, Programme Director for the launch event, thanked Breadline Africa for its contribution to the Manenberg community and said it reminds him of a biblical quote: 'Do not forget to do good and share with others'.

The success of Strawberry Play Centre is mirrored in its partnerships with organisations such as the Early Learning Resources Unit (ELRU), the Western Cape Department of Social Development, the local Freunde Volunteer Organisation and the Manenberg Municipal Library. Also attending the launch were members of the Manenberg Sherwood Park Community Forum, Sherwood Park Neighbourhood Watch, Manenberg Community Police Forum as well as Breadline Africa donor and City of Cape Town Mayor's Area Representative, Mr Siyabulela Mamkeli.

We wish Strawberry Play Centre a bright and educational future!

