



Yizani Sakhe Ubunye Educare, Khayelitsha, Cape Town Prefabricated Classroom Handover 18 August 2017

There were almost 150 excited pre-schoolers in Khayelitsha, Cape Town, on 18 August 2017, as Yizani Sakhe Ubunye Educare opened its new 60m² prefabricated classroom to house its 'pre-grade R' class. This generous gift was made possible by the commitment of many of Breadline Africa's individual donors, both locally and abroad.

Yizani Sakhe Ubunye means 'let's build together', and the centre has flourished since 2001. Thanks to the dedication and determination of the pre-school's principal, Ms Lilitha Qubela, this facility has been enlarged to accommodate one of its biggest classes, housing the little ones who are preparing to begin their primary school journey.

Khayelitsha lies 25kms east of Cape Town and is reputed to be the largest and fastest growing township in South Africa. A legacy of apartheid's 'separate development' programme, it is a mixed housing space, with many people living in shacks and other informal structures. Space is a huge problem – more than one million people live in an area less than 50km², so Breadline Africa was delighted to be able to place a 60m² prefabricated classroom at the pre-school.

During the official launch, the programme director, Thobeka Ratya explained that Lilitha started the centre in 2001 with only 20 children. Today, she is a community hero with 150 children enrolled at Yizani Sakhe Ubunye Educare, and over the years, she has gone from strength to strength.

Breadline Africa's Programme Manager, Puleng Phooko added her congratulations to Yizani Sakhe Ubunye Educare, and added that since August is a month dedicated to women, it is appropriate to be celebrating the efforts of women like Lilitha, who are the champions of the communities in which they live, driving change for the better, especially for the children.

It was heartening to note that many of the Khayelitsha early childhood development forum members were present at the launch, along with a number of government officials, highlighting their commitment to Yizani Sakhe Ubunye Educare, and showing that a large group of influential individuals believe in the amazing work taking place at this pre-school.

