



## Silverlea Primary School, Athlone, Cape Town Kitchen Handover 29 August 2017

On 29 August 2017, Silverlea Primary School in Athlone, Cape Town was the epicentre of excitement of a culinary nature when Breadline Africa handed over two six-metre shipping containers that had been converted into a hygienic, well-equipped kitchen.

The kitchen was made possible by Breadline Africa's generous donors in the United Kingdom, The Netherlands and Ireland – and heralds a new chapter in the school's development. Silverlea Primary School had the opportunity to receive staple food items to launch a nutrition programme for children in need, but did not qualify because the school did not have a dedicated kitchen space.

Mrs Sandy Daniels, the school's dedicated principal had worked with Breadline Africa before and she wasted no time in contacting the team to appeal for a new kitchen. A visit to the school revealed a well-run facility, with a long history of academic excellence – many times against the odds – and committed support for its children, especially those drawn from resource-poor local communities.

The official launch ceremony was a warm, colourful affair, with children singing the national anthem and school song – and a special performance of a song called *Follow your dreams and you will shine* – a fitting selection that embodied the spirit of Silverlea Primary School.

Mr Karl Martin, representing the school's senior management team, stressed the importance of reading, and that one becomes a leader when one reads. But he was quick to add that a child can only read and concentrate on school work when they have the energy to do so – and the new kitchen will be the source of energy for the more than 300 children who will benefit from this facility. He asked the learners to look after the kitchen to ensure that it continues to provide a space to prepare nutritious meals for many years to come.

Breadline Africa's Director, Marion Wagner added her congratulations and told the children that they should be proud of the school, which is obviously a school of excellence. She added that the Breadline Africa team had come back from their initial visit full of praise, and now that she had seen the school for herself, the reason for their enthusiasm was clear. She thanked the children for their performances and patience and wished the school well in its efforts to provide a solid educational – and nutritional foundation for the children in their care.

