



**Media Release**

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## **FIVE UNDER-PRIVILEGED EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES TO RECEIVE DONATIONS FROM PSA**

Five ECD Centers from under-privileged background in the Free State Province will benefit from official handing over of donations to the value of R20 000 from the Public Servants Association of South Africa (PSA) to the Department of Social Development: Free State, Bethlehem Town Hall, Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2008 at 10H00.

The Department has nominated the following crèches for this humane gesture: Lebohang Crèche (Harrismith), Smiley Kiddies Playgroup (Oppermansgronde), Itumeleng Crèche in (Frankfort), Mmabana Crèche (Hoopstad) and Ikaheng Crèche (Wepener). The donation will not be in a monetary form but will be used towards the expressed needs of these Creches as follows: 60 tables, 200 chairs, toys, paper, crayons, books, printing paint etc.

Each crèche from the nominated 5 will receive R4000,00's worth of equipment. The five ECD sites are managed by community based organizations and experiencing financial difficulties due to poverty and unemployment in those areas.

The MEC for Social Development, Me. Ouma Tsopo will receive the donations on behalf the Department during the official hand over.

The PSA is the largest non-political union with over 206 000 members, and believes that it has a social responsibility towards those communities that are in dire need of assistance.

Members of the Media are invited to attend the event.

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