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THE NBCRFLI DONATES OVER 400 SCHOOL SHOES AND SOCKS AHEAD OF THE WINTER SEASON

In an act of goodwill and compassion with those less fortunate in our society, a total of 424 learners will this winter be cushioned from the cold after receiving new school shoes and socks from the National Bargaining Council for the Road Freight and Logistics Industry (NBCRFLI).

200 pairs were given to learners from !Xunkhwesa Combined School in Platfontein in the Northern Cape province on 17 May 2024 while 224 learners from Mafini Primary School in Ngqeleni, Eastern Cape province received theirs on 22 May 2024.

The schools were identified as beneficiaries after meeting the NBCRFLI's Corporate Social Investment (CSI) selection criteria as no-fee paying schools that are registered with the Department of Basic Education.

During the handover ceremony, the National Secretary of the NBCRFLI, Mr. Musa Ndlovu, remarked, "Every child deserves to be in school, deserves a fair chance at success regardless of the socio-economic circumstances they were born into."

"We regard this donation as being very significant and timely as it will have a positive impact on learners' school attendance during this winter period. The principal and teachers have shared stories of learners skipping school in winter and others dropping out due to lack of school wear. No child should have to worry about school uniform. We are happy we have taken that burden away from them so they may focus on learning," said Mr. Ndlovu.

Both principals expressed gratitude to the NBCRFLI for assisting their learners. “You have given these learners hope by breaking down some of the barriers that hinders them from receiving education,” said !Xunkhwesa’s Principal, Ms. Mumtaaz Newman.

“We thank the NBCRFLI for doing such a beautiful thing. May you continue to touch more lives and serve as a beacon of hope for many communities like ours across the country,” said Mafini’s Principal Mrs. Nokonwaba Ndamase.

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