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Santa Shoebox Project

Rustenburg – The Santa Shoebox Project is a non-profit organization that collects Christmas gifts for the socially disadvantaged children throughout South Africa, by way of a social and community network of families, friends, schools and churches. Established in 2006, it is an initiative of the Kidz2Kidz Trust, a registered Public Benefit Organization that offers assistance to children in need. The Santa Shoebox Project is instrumental in involving people from all walks of life, especially children together with their parents, in giving to children from a distinctly vulnerable social background who may never have received a Christmas gift before. In essence it is therefore also about children learning the joy of giving, by personally choosing and filling the gift boxes, and then decorating and labelling each with the recipient's name. Uniquely, the donor knows the first name, age, gender, and care institution of the child the gift was bought for. The Santa Shoebox Project not only manages the network and distributes the gifts, but also provides content guidelines for each individual gift box, to ensure that every child receives an age appropriate gift. Typically this will comprise of some practical necessities, such as toothpaste and toothbrush, face cloth and soap, as well as some sweets, educational supplies, a toy and an item of clothing. Many people have a desire to contribute

to their community or do their 'little bit for charity', but often don't know where to start. The Santa Shoebox Project takes pride in channelling all that positive energy and goodwill into something that is credible, achievable, makes a real difference in a specific child's life and leaves the donor feeling really good about him or herself. Spearheaded by Kidz2Kidz founder Dee Boehner and coordinated by Irenè Pieters since 2007, the project has grown in leaps and bounds. It started in Cape Town (in 2006) with 180 Santa Shoeboxes, and grew to 2000 in 2007, 8000 in 2008 and 16 000 in 2009. In 2010 the project again more than doubled in size to close on 32 000+ Santa Shoeboxes, which were distributed to more than 350 children's homes, crèches, Educare centres and places of safety around the country, and extending as far as Botswana and Namibia. To participate in this heart warming project and teach your own children and those around you the joy of giving, simply register online, where an easy step-by-step procedure will guide you through the process. Donors should register online at www.santashoebox.co.za. For more information, you can email the Santa Shoebox Project directly on info@santashoebox.co.za or you can also contact Nadia Pottek (Rustenburg) on 073 583 7659 for any addition info.



Look who's in Town! Sedibelo Festival in Moruleng



TV presenter and Radio DJ Bonang Matheba



Kgosi Nyalala Pilane with Vuyo Mbuli

Pilanesberg – The North West Province Heritage celebrations and a special inter-denominational service by the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela in partnership with the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in the North West Province as well as Motswedding FM, will be staged at Moruleng Stadium in Pilanesberg on 24 and 25 September 2011. The Moruleng stadium will come alive with singing and laughter with an expected 15 000 people! Movers and shakers from all over will be attending including our Premier, Mme Thandi Modise and Kgosi Kgolo Kgafela II. Both young and older local artists will be performing including the multi-platinum album selling Afro-pop artist Ringo, Theo Kgosinkwe of Mafikizolo fame, KB Motsilanyane, and multiple award winning Durban outfit, Big Nuz who will perform hit songs like 'Umlilo' and 'Ubala Lolo'. TV personality and Metro FM DJ Sbu and DJ China will be on the decks to make sure

the night ends on a high note! The week-long celebrations will conclude with a praise and thanksgiving church service on Sunday, where popular gospel artists Keke and Sechaba will perform. TV presenter and musician Stoa Seate together with TV presenter and Radio DJ Bonang Matheba, known to be proud of their seTswana culture, are appointed ambassadors of Sedibelo Fest brand during the celebrations. What's more, on Monday September 19, Morning Live (SABC2) brought live TV to the Bakgatla-Ba-Kgafela, and so the Sedibelo Festival was officially launched. The broadcast was attended by Kgosi Nyalala Pilane, MEC of Sport, Arts and Culture (North West Province) Hlomane Chauke, the Mayor of Moses Kotane Cllr. Fetsang Mokati-Thebe and Sedibelo Fest Ambassadors Stoa Seate and Bonang Matheba. See you soon! You cannot miss out on this fun-filled day!!!

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