## ADDRESS BY THE MEC FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, MRS. H.J MASHAMBA, AT THE EVENT OF THE SEVENOAKS SCHOOL COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT, MULAMULA, VHEMBE DISTRICT.

16<sup>th</sup> August 2014

Hosi Mulamula;

The Mulamula Education Centre Project Manager, Rowan Thomson and his wife, Tivani; Staff and learners of Sevenoaks; Comrades and Friends; Ladies and Gentlemen;

All protocol observed.

Today is not a day for long speeches. It is a day for rejoicing in the spirit of caring and humanity.

It is always a pleasure for us to welcome back our friends from Sevenoaks and I believe it is just as rewarding for them to see their hard work come to fruition.

The interaction here between the learners from Sevenoaks and the local community, is proof that we can all work together as a broader international community, to better the lives of South Africans and especially the people of Limpopo. This gesture goes a long way in promoting social cohesion and international relations. This is something which has become a passion for us as South Africans, who have come from a history of separation, hardship and oppression.

Rowan, Tivani and Team:

You know by now that this is your home, but please once again feel welcomed. We acknowledge your selfless service here and applaud what you are doing not only for the community of Mulamula, but also for this team of beautiful young people, who are already, at a young age, experiencing the gift of giving selflessly to others. We are still all learning from one another and especially from our diverse cultures.

We hope that the rest of your stay here in Limpopo will be fruitful and pleasant and that this experience was unique and fulfilling for the learners of Sevenoaks. Please enjoy the rest of your tour through some of the most beautiful nature South Africa has to offer.

We are waiting to welcome you back in 2015!

I thank you!

Mayihlome! Khanimambo! Ndolivhuwa!