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***SASSA Adopt an ECD for Vulnerable Children***

As part of celebrating Nelson Mandela Day, the Chief Executive Officer of SASSA, Ms Virginia Petersen, announced that, through this initiative the organisation is adopting the Holy Cross Home Early Childhood Development Centre (ECD) in Soshanguve, North of Pretoria.

*"I am happy to announce that today the agency is adopting your centre, with a commitment to assist the children to have a brighter future",* said Ms Petersen.

The centre houses over 200 underprivileged children, and provides support to a further 100 children with a feeding scheme and after care.

SASSA staff members brought smiles and joy to the centre by cleaning, serving food, donating blanket and cleaning material to the centre. The visit to the Holy Cross Centre was part of celebrating the inspirational legacy of Tata Nelson Mandela of ubuntu and giving back to the community.

SASSA services are free and enquiries can be directed toll-free to 0800 60 10 11 or SASSA Customer Care 012 400 2322

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