

## Press Release

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### **Frontier Inn staff make a real difference to children's lives**

The Phedisang Bana children's home in the Free State offers a loving home to 44 children living with mental and physical disabilities. The home plays an important role in giving these children a dignified life in a safe and caring environment. Tabby Mofokeng, who works at the guest relations desk at Frontier Inn, has become a very committed staff member assisting with this children's home. "Working with people with disabilities is my passion. I am disabled and was brought up by my mother who also had a disability," says Tabby. Before working at Frontier Inn Tabby Mofokeng worked for an NGO association for persons living with disabilities, and since then it has become a life-long goal of his to see people living with disabilities finding gainful employment in the Free State.

Lorraine Sepoba, founder of the home, is extremely passionate about giving the children she works with a home. "We look after 44 children and out of the 44, 14 stay at the home permanently. It is very important that people living with a disability receive the love and support they need to live healthy and enjoyable lives," says Sepoba. Staff members like Tabby make Frontier Inn a committed resource for the Phedisang Bana children's home. "Tabby has a positive influence on his colleagues, and even though he is employed full time he still does community work to help people with disabilities in our community apply for financial aid grants and wheelchairs," says Isoldé Laesecke, Marketing Manager of Frontier Inn.

The Phedisang Bana children's home was established in 1996 in an old municipal building that was in desperate need of refurbishment. Its plight for help came to the attention of The Frontier Inn Dihlabeng Community Trust that decided to adopt the home as one of its projects – the home is currently being refurbished. Tabby Mofokeng continues his involvement with the project, "I want to encourage and motivate people living with disabilities that they too can lead normal lives, receive a good education and find employment. We are giving these children support and showing them that we care. I believe that people living with disabilities need love and care more than money ... and I have already seen a difference in the lives of these children since our involvement. Now they are also hopeful and want to live long and happy lives," says Tabby.

The beginning of May saw management and staff painting the interior and exterior of the home, curtains were hung and a wheelchair ramp was installed – this has transformed the building into a home that the children and staff can be proud of. An additional room will also be built to allow the

home to accept even more children from the community. "The Trust will be delivering 20 beds to the home and more in the next few weeks. The children currently sleep on the floor and this will bring them dignity and comfort," says Anthony Oliver, Frontier Inn General Manager. To ensure project sustainability, Frontier Inn will assist the Phedisang Bana children's home to start a vegetable garden in spring 2010 so that they will have fresh vegetables on hand for their meals.

"We are extremely excited and truly blessed to have Frontier Inn assist us. Our building was really old and things were starting to fall apart. Now we have a place that we can all be proud of and in future we will be able to help even more children in our community," says Sepoba.

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