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Media Release/Invite

Joyous Celebrations Gospel Choir to visit Municipality again!

Once again, the Joyous Celebrations gospel choir will be visiting the Municipality, after their recent visit on 29 and 30 June, where they performed at the Sydney Choma banquet hall as part of promoting Joyous 22 album.

This time, their visit will be based on a noble cause of donating 100 school shoes and bags to needy children of Manyano Primary School in Mhluzi. They will be accompanied by the Executive Mayor, Bagudi Tolo, Members of the Mayoral Committee, Councillors, representatives from the Department of Education and the School Governing Body.

The event will take place on the 25 July 2018 from 11:00-12:00 at Manyano Primary School, in Ward 19. Manyano Primary School is a no fee school, with more than 900 learners registered. Most of these learners come from a nearby informal settlement of Newtown, with a high unemployment, poverty, crime rate.

During the years, 2016/17, the school made headlines on local and national media when one of its learners, Siphamandla Choma was allegedly badly punished by the school headmaster after he was accused of stealing R150 from another teacher's bag. He was allegedly paralysed after the corporal punishment and was admitted to Middelburg District hospital. He unfortunately died on 19 March 2017.

The Department of Education dismissed the headmaster, following a court verdict which found him guilty of assault. The HOD who was a witness during the case also died within the short period of time.

Teachers and learners were apparently left under serious depression by the situation.

It believed that the partnership between Steve Tshwete Local Municipality and Joyous Celebrations will contribute towards a positive reputation of the school and healing of both the learners and teachers.

The school has produced many reputable leaders and academics who can attest that the school is one of the most disciplined schools locally.

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Yours sincerely

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