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### A DESTITUTE FAMILY RECEIVES A FULLY FURNISHED HOUSE

Christmas came early for an impoverished family from Dumphries in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, Mpumalanga. A generous contractor donated a fully furnished house to the Ngobeni household in collaboration with the Department of Human Settlements in observing the 16 Days of Activism of No Violence Against Women and Children Campaign.

The unemployed single mother, Ms Maria Ngobeni (66) of six children supports her family by taking domestic errands at various households in the area. "This is purely a turning point for me and my family. We had been struggling so much that it was difficult to even think of a blessing like this. We are grateful for everyone that has made this possible. May you be blessed to continue helping more other people who lack just like us," said the ecstatic single parent.

The family was identified by Yellow Trading Company management sequel to the death of the husband recently. Yellow Trading's, Ms Vera Sibuyane says that she was touched and disappointed by the condition she had found the Ngobeni family in. "It was a distressing one. The family was swamped in one ribbed mud house without a bed or anything they could use. I could not bear the thought of seeing them suffering like that," echoed Sibuyane.

She donated the house and sourced additional sponsorship to assist in putting furnisher for the family. Emotions enveloped Ms Ngobeni and her children as they bounced off the walls with excitement to accept their newly built house keys from MEC Violet Siwela who officially handed over the house. MEC Siwela commended Sibuyane for her humanity and appreciated her effort to step in to assist where possible.

She said, "We would really like to appreciate people like you in our communities. Your generosity will go a long way in the hearts of the people that you have assisted. Thank you for bringing a smile to this family – more importantly during the celebration of 16 Days of Activism in the province." MEC Siwela has a series of humanitarian activities lined up for Marite and Nkomazi as part of the 16 Days of Activism Campaign.

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