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Notice to Donors

A central pillar of Phedišang has always been to pass the responsibility of caring for the orphans and vulnerable children back to where it belongs – the South African Government. During 2009 (financial year 2010), we managed to secure Government funding, with consequent, often prescriptive, comment on our operations. After much discussion about our application of these funds, we were given very clear notice on Feb 5, 2010 that we had to change the way we were operating in order to merit more funding. Although we were not in agreement with these directives, we went ahead and did what the Government asked. On that date they undertook to start paying the Drop-In Centres in April 2010 for the April money. To date, Government has not paid anything. This has put Phedišang under enormous pressure.

The Phedišang Board decided to move as many functions as possible to Limpopo, including all donor-relations and liaison. In addition, each centre has now been set up as an autonomous unit, which we will support as far as our office and funding allows. To this end, we will continue to administer funds collected for Phedišang, and support the centres via our extremely competent Manager in Limpopo (Charity Monyela). As Government has prescribed, each centre will raise its own funds and be responsible for its own management. Our aim is to maintain the current standards of care, nutrition and activities for the children by monitoring the centres. Should this change, we undertake to keep our donors informed.

Given my own move to Cape Town, and the latest changes in the Phedišang project, this letter serves to inform you about these changes, and to ask for your continued support for Phedišang in its new guise. We are deeply grateful for your support so far. We believe that the Centre management is still in dire need of mentoring and guidance, and with a tiny nucleus of a Manager in Limpopo, guided by volunteers, we can offer something of value.

With best wishes – **Leigh (McLean) – Project Director**

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