



**Pictured are the owner of the ZuluWaters Game Reserve, Mr Ian Gowrie-Smith, Nkosi Mabaso from the Mabaso Tribal Authority, Mayor Mkhize from Imbabazane and Induna Mchunu from Ezindikini. The photograph is courtesy of Mr Anthony Horth.**

## **Dalton Education Trust opens Early Childhood Development Centre in Ezindikini**

On Thursday, November 15 the Daltons Education Trust was proud to host the official opening of the completed Siyazama Early Learning Centre.

The latest community project of the Trust has long been in the works and involved the construction of a brand new centre for early childhood development in the community of Ezindikini, near Estcourt

Amongst the guests who attended were international businessman Ian Gowrie-Smith (benefactor), Richard Stretton from KOOP Design (architect for the project), Sinehemba Gqibitole - Promotions Officer for Arcelor Mittal South Africa (who donated all the steel, roofing and fencing for the project), Chief Mabaso from the Mabaso Tribal Authority, Mayor Mkhize from Imbabazane Municipality, Induna Mchunu from Ezindikini, and Colonel Mlaba from Wembezi.

"The vision of the project is to offer

each child from the surrounding community access to high quality education to enable them to reach their full potential as adults.

We are thrilled with the response from the community and look forward to seeing the children from the surrounding area develop here," say Trustees, Anton Mar-tyn and Lesley Terwin.

The Siyazama Early Learning Centre will provide much needed pre-school education to the children of the Ezindikini community.

Siyazama in Zulu means "we are trying" and the Dalton Education Trust is extremely proud of their volunteers who under difficult circumstances are succeeding against all odds and are making a real difference to the lives of children in the communities.

The Dalton Education Trust was founded by the ZuluWaters Game Reserve in 2009 with the aim to give back to the

communities that neighbour the reserve.

The main aim is to invest in and uplift the lives of the local children through targeted initiatives and projects.

The focus of the charity is on Early Childhood Development which is imperative in a child's development and crucial in their formative years, particularly on assisting with providing a solid pre-school education.

The Trust has also created the Sakhithemba ("we build hope") Resource Centre in the community of Dalton Bridge, which is used as a weekly venue for Psychomotor classes for all the children enrolled in the program (approximately 100) and as a training venue and meeting place for educators.

The Dalton Education Trust is always in need of ongoing support.

If you would like to assist, please contact The Trustees on 036-3520100 or [info@daltoneducationtrust.com](mailto:info@daltoneducationtrust.com)