



Botswana Development Corporation Limited

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Botswana Development Corporation Limited will tomorrow, 23rd March 2005 donate P25 000 to the Sponsor-a-Child Trust Fund, toward the treatment of Boipelo Maletle, who requires a multi-organ transplant to save her life.

The donation will be received on behalf of the trust by the Vice President, Lieutenant General Seretse Champ Ian Khama, who is a trustee and Chairman of the organization.

The Botswana Development Corporation Limited (BDC) has since 1999 underscored its commitment to social responsibility by donating to worthy organisations around the country.

In the past year, BDC donated over P130 000 to various organizations, including Moremogolo Trust, an organisation that seeks to provide opportunities for at-risk youth, Junior Achievement Botswana, UB Culture, Sports and Recreation, Somarelang Tikologo, Botswana Council for the Disabled, Botswana Athletics Association and Matsheng Community Junior Secondary School, among others.

The Social Responsibility Programme was set up with the view to uplift and plow back resources to the communities that BDC derives business from.

The criteria used to evaluate organisations that benefit from the programme as outlined in the policy are those in good standing under the Societies Act, those that protect the environment, promote community based and community owned small scale enterprises, promote cultural activities, care for, and rehabilitation and training of the handicapped, socially disadvantaged and the ill. The beneficiaries also include organizations that provide recreational and sporting services that benefit entire communities are non-discriminatory.

The donation toward Boipelo Maletse's operation comes after a call made by the Vice President at the Trust's fund raising annual dinner, at which he appealed to individuals and organizations to help meet the costs of Maletse's very expensive operation.

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