CELEBRATING SOCIAL WORKERS' DAY AND HONOURING BEST SOCIAL WORKERS

The Mpumalanga Department of Social Development led by the MEC for Health and Social Development, Ms. Candith Mashego-Dlamini will celebrate the 2013 World Social Work Day by honoring best performing Social Workers in the Province. This day will be celebrated under the theme *"promoting social and economic equalities"*. It is celebrated in March every year and in 2013, the day was celebrated world-wide on 19 March.

The year 2013 marks the beginning of the recognition of Social Workers in terms of awarding prizes to best performing Social Workers. The Department is pleased to be partnering with Ms H Ngomane who advocates for the Social work Profession. This year only Social Workers who placed more children in Foster Care from the three Districts will be honored whilst certificates are given to those who have been in the profession for long.

MEC Candith Mashego-Dlamini once said that "the Social Workers' day provides a platform for us to applaud Social Workers and the contributions that they have made in ensuring social stability, respect for human rights and promotion of family values".

Members of the media are invited to join the Department in celebrating this day and honour Mpumalanga's Social Workers.

The event is scheduled as follows:

Date:26 April 2013, FridayTime:09:00Venue:Pine Lake Inn (White River)

End.

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