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Fairscape Precinct hosts the 4th Annual Carols By Candlelight and Donation Drive

Gaborone—Once again, Fairgrounds came alive under the stars with the fourth annual Fairscape Carols by Candlelight, which took place on the evening of the 8th of December 2022 at the Fairscape Precinct. This year’s Fairscape Carols by Candlelight returns after a 2-year hiatus and marks the 4th instalment of a beautiful culture that has been created for and by the Fairscape community.

“Today is not only about celebrating the spirit of Christmas but also about giving thanks for having made it to this point in life when others couldn’t have and recognising how fortunate we are. This event is also about the spirit of togetherness and giving back to those who are in need through charitable deeds. By so doing, we would be showing love, kindness, and being a friend, and these are the qualities that make the world go around. It is also in this spirit, ladies and gentlemen, that we should celebrate the ‘Fairscape Carols By Candlelight’ tonight, said Cross Kgosiidiile, BDC Managing Director in his welcome remarks.

He further went on to commend and appreciate the support received from the Local Enterprise Authority (LEA), Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and Mo’s Open Table. “Here at the Fairscape Precinct, we have made a beautiful home together with the different businesses housed here! We are also evidently strong in numbers and support.” Added Mr Kgosiidiile.

The crowd in attendance was beautifully serenaded by the Royal Tenors, a local duo whose melody complemented the Christmas mood that filled the Fairscape piazza. The family of the stunning precinct and the community opened the Christmas season with words of hope and soulful hymns. Donations in-kind brought by attendees of the event were earmarked to be donated to Ramotswa Centre for the Deaf, a charitable group identified as beneficiaries.

Giving back to the communities in which we operate is an important aspect that resonates within BDC’s mandate. As the government’s main investment arm, it is crucial that the Corporation operates in a way that demonstrates social responsibility and inspires confidence from the community. By undertaking initiatives of this sort, it demonstrates BDC’s interest in wider social issues, rather than just those that impact profit margins.

After a 2-year hiatus due to the covid-19 pandemic, BDC remains committed to building up this annual platform, bringing more partners on board in order to drive more impactful and sustainable charitable initiatives.

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The Corporation invests in commercially viable projects across all sectors of the economy except large-scale diamond mining. These include Energy, Manufacturing, Industry, Property, Services, Tourism, Innovation and Technology as well as Agriculture locally.

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