

FAIRSCAPE PRECINCT SHINES BRIGHT THROUGH 'CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT' AND CHARITY DRIVE

Gaborone—On the 7th of December 2023, Fairscape Precinct once again radiated as it hosted yet another rendition of 'Carols by Candlelight,' an initiative aimed at rekindling the essence of Christmas and the spirit of giving, fostering corporate social responsibility. The event brought the Fairscape community together to ensure an even more impactful and sustainable initiative.

“Tonight's "Fairscape Carols By Candlelight" is not just a celebration of music; it is a reflection of the spirit of togetherness and the importance of giving back to those in need through acts of charity. In embodying love, kindness, and friendship, we contribute to the very qualities that keep our world turning. Therefore, it is in this spirit, dear guests, that we come together to joyfully celebrate tonight's event.” said Mr Kudzani Pickup – BDC Chief Investment Officer, in his remarks.

He further went on to commend and appreciate the support received from the Fairscape tenants in coming together to support this valuable cause. “This year has been filled with challenges and triumphs, and your unwavering support has been the cornerstone of our collective success. Your commitment to community and compassion has made a real difference.” Added Mr Pickup.

Setting the mood for the evening, uncle Tshwanie's Bible and Music club performed highly popular carols and soulful hymns which they invited the crowd to sing along to, filling the stunning precinct with joy and melody. Donations in-kind brought by attendees of the event were earmarked to be donated to Ramotswa Center 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.

The Corporation aims to bring more partners on board and continue building a legacy from this event as a strong vehicle for giving back. Driving sustainability and longevity, especially for programmes which support vulnerable communities, shall continue to be a priority for action. – **Ends** –

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NOTES TO THE EDITOR

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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.

Throughout, BDC intends to promote best practices in business, governance and environmental standards in the funds or companies they choose to invest in. BDC conducts its business on a commercial basis and exercises special care and regard to economic and commercial merits.