



**BUFFALO CITY
MUNICIPALITY**

MEDIA RELEASE

**CITY TO LAUNCH OF FULLY ACCESSIBLE JOHN DUBE CLINIC IN
SCENERY PARK**

This Friday on August 14, the three spheres of government will descend in Scenery Park in an effort to ensure that the often marginalized members of our society get the attention that they deserve.

The City will officially launch the John Dube Clinic in Scenery Park at 11am.

The Clinic will cater for people with disabilities and those affected by HIV/Aids.

High profile dignitaries expected include Buffalo City Executive Mayor Zukisa Faku, SA First Lady Thobeka Madiba Zulu, Public Works Deputy Minister Gopane Zulu and Health MEC Pumullo Massuale.

BCM is in partnership with the Centre for Municipal Research and Advice (CMRA), the Department of Public Works, the South African National Aids Council and the Royal Dutch Embassy.

The Clinic has been renovated to ensure proper access to all patients including wheelchairs and the deaf. Other clinics renovated are in Berlin and Cambridge.

Ramps have been built where necessary, disability toilets were renovated, adjustable beds were purchased to make it easy for the wheelchair bound to transfer themselves. Sign Language Interpreters have been engaged to assist the nurses to communicate with deaf patients

For the longest time people with disabilities have been treated as pariahs by society because of the stigma attached to and lack of understanding of disability.

This has meant to a larger extent the infringement of their basic human right where you find that they do not have proper access to services and information.

BCM hopes this effort will go a long way towards ensuring that BCM becomes a people centred place of opportunity that meet the basic needs of our people in a safe, healthy and sustainable environment.

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