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## MEDIA ADVISORY

**TO: ALL MEDIA**

**ATTENTION: NEWS EDITORS**

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### **Gauteng Social Development to commemorate World Homeless Day**

ON FRIDAY – the Gauteng Department of Social Development (GDSD) will commemorate World Homelessness Day at Sunnyside Park Hotel in Parktown, Johannesburg.

The aim of the event is for provincial government to interact with the stakeholders from the NPOs, Municipalities and Government and lead the launch of the Homeless Shelter Forum.

This is also to promote the collaboration of different stakeholders in delivering effective and efficient services to the homeless, create awareness about the plight of the homeless and highlight the contribution members of the public can make towards addressing homelessness.

The inaugural World Homeless Day was marked on the 10th of October in 2010. This year the World Homeless Day event will be aligned to the United Nations World Habitat Day which is also celebrated on the first week of October annually. The theme for this year's World Habitat Day is '**Mind the Gap. Leave No One and Place Behind**' and draws attention to the problem of growing inequality and challenges in cities and human settlements.

"In 2021, the Executive Council approved the Gauteng City Region Strategy to deal with adult Street homelessness for immediate implementation by Gauteng Provincial Government Departments and Municipalities. Department of Social Development as part of its mandate to care for the vulnerable groups in society was tasked to place people who are homeless in temporary Homeless Shelters. Our

department in collaboration with Municipalities, NPOs and churches provides various services, such as meals, treatment for substance abuse, security, medical screening, counselling, and reunification with families”, said MEC Mbali Hlophe.

**Media is invited, details of the games are as follows:**

**Date: Friday, 14 October 2022**

**Time: 09h00**

**Venue: Sunnyside Park Hotel, Parktown, Johannesburg**

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