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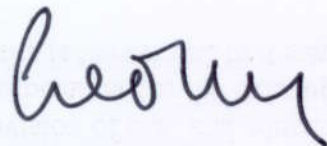
Dear Sacha

The phase one building work at the Thuso Centre, which your most generous grant has helped to fund will be complete by the end of October. I wanted to write, though, formally to thank you for your great kindness in being so supportive of this most important work.

As you know, Sentebale has agreed with the Ministry of Education that Thuso should become one of three national centres for the assessment of children with multiple disabilities and for the training of staff. It will play a critical role in the provision of care and education for children with special needs in Lesotho and the refurbishment of the existing deeply inadequate infrastructure through these phase one works is the critical first step.

It goes without saying that the Household Cavalry connection has been a particularly happy one. The incremental work force whose services we were so lucky to secure during the summer covered themselves in glory. The impact of a group of 24 members of the regular army lending their services as labour on any building site can well be imagined but the energy and enthusiasm displayed by the members of your regiment had to be seen to be believed. The press coverage gave a flavour of what was achieved, and it is perhaps a measure of their success that I know that the Lesotho Government has written separately to the Commanding Officer in tones of the deepest admiration.

At the heart of their engagement with the project was the link which you so kindly made possible with your grant; we are hugely in your debt.

Yours ever  


Geoffrey Matthews  
Chief Executive