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**MEC FOR HEALTH, DR SIBONGISENI DHLOMO OFFICIATES AT THE HAND-OVER OF R100,000.00 DONATION FOR EYECARE SERVICES AT MAHATMA GANDHI MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Health, Dr. Sibongiseni Dhlomo invites journalists to be witnesses when the Chatsworth Rotary Club hands over a R100,000.00 cheque donation to the International Centre for Eyecare Education (ICEE) for the eye care services at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital (MGMH) in Phoenix on the 10<sup>th</sup> of December 2009, thanks to the effort of the KwaZulu-Natal Eye Care Coalition to attract funding for eye care services.

This donation will be a shot in the arm of the hospital to strengthen the health institution's efforts to deliver the all-important eye care services to patients. The MGMH serves a population of 1,700 000 people in the northern part of Durban. Its Eye Clinic receives patients from Non-Governmental Organisations and Health institutions viz:- Osindisweni Hospital; Newtown A, Inanda C, KwaMashu, Tongaat and Phoenix Community Health Centres; all Provincial and Local Government clinics and five Old Age Homes in the area.

The hospital was identified as a second Sight Saver in eThekweni District in the year 2003. It has established an eye clinic that boasts the state-of-the art equipment for the refractive services and its ophthalmic equipment has been operational since September 2008.

Principal amongst the objectives of the eye care clinic is restoration of sight; prevention of avoidable blindness and extended reflective services to all clinics and hospitals without eye care services.

Journalists are invited to join MEC Dhlomo, Chatsworth Rotary Club and ICEE when tomorrow, the Rotary Club make the donation at Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital.

**Date:** 10 December 2009  
**Time:** 14h30  
**Venue:** Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Hospital

For more information kindly contact **Mr. Des Motha** on **083 295 3901**.

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