

Fundraising project seeks to change lives, MEC Kholwane

The MEC for Finance, Economic Development and Tourism, Mr Sikhumbuzo Kholwane unveiled the prizes for an ambitious fundraising campaign at the Riverside Government Complex on Thursday, 25 August 2014.

Dubbed the *Partnership for Change Raffle*, the project is intended to raise the funds for departmental social responsibility programmes which are aimed at improving the living conditions of the identified communities during 2014/15.

The Partnership of Mpumalanga Department of Finance/Harley Davidson Change Maker Raffle for Community Development partnership was first announced by Hon MEC Sikhumbuzo Kholwane during the policy and budget speech on the 31th of July 2014.

MEC Kholwane said, "We are aware that government alone cannot succeed in building sustainable homes, at the pace that we want, for a great majority of our people who are desperate to feel and experience proper community life immediately, hence this earnest calls for a partnership to Move Mpumalanga Forward."

"We believe that new forms of partnerships must be developed for the good of the greater majority of those who are trapped by the triple challenges of unemployment, poverty and inequality," said Kholwane.

The fundraising drive will be an annual activity, and MEC has indicated that he wants the department to expand its horizons by also making a direct contribution in support of the societal responsibility of providing for the less privileged members of the communities.

The fundraising takes the form of a raffle where the participants stand a chance to win a Harley Davidson 2014 Sportster XL883l, riding gear and ten riding lessons all worth R115 000 and other fabulous cash prizes.

MEC called on all the officials and the people of Mpumalanga to support the noble objective of raising funds for community development initiatives.

"There is no prize bigger than "the greatest number of people happy". Every entry will buy a brick. Every Rand will buy a bag of cement. Every step one take to go and purchase a ticket will start a compassion fire that will warm the hearts of the four families, forever", said MEC Kholwane.

The Department fundraising project is in sync with the national theme which call for partnerships " ...we move South Africa forward", and partnership with the Big Five Harley Davidson Group and other supporting sponsors will go a long way in improving the lives of the less privileged members of our communities in the Province.