

## Ball Raises Funds for HOPE Cape Town

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Local NGO, HOPE Cape Town, received a major financial boost from its annual Ball of HOPE event held at the Westin recently. The Ball raised over R200 000 which will help the organisation continue to support the communities of the Western Cape with its various programmes including research, toy libraries, resistance testing and 22 HOPE Community Health Workers who are active in the field. The event which was attended by more than 300 guests from South Africa and abroad included celebrities, members of the diplomatic core and government officials, was a huge success and not only raised funds but also created an awareness of the challenges that South Africa still faces in terms of dealing with HIV/Aids and TB and the related social ills.

The event which had HOPE Goodwill Ambassador, Katlego Maboe as the master of ceremonies had Justice Edwin Cameron as the guest speaker while entertainment included songs by Katlego, Kim Collins and the Holy Cross Children's Choir.

According to the organisations founder and Chair of HOPE Cape Town Trust, Rev Father Stefan Hippler, "We are thankful to all our supporters who make it possible to bring HOPE to so many. We still have a long way to go and there is an ever increasing need to expand our services. With the continued support of our international friends and the South African public, we are committed to making a difference in the communities we serve."

HOPE Cape Town Donor Relations Manager, Mr Fahim Docrat added, "We are very thankful to Ms Viola Klein, our main fundraiser in Germany, for handing over the cheque of R3 million on behalf of the donor, Ein Herz Vur Kinder. We are very pleased that the Ball of HOPE remains a major event on the Cape Town social calendar and continues to be supported by members of the SA German Chamber of Commerce."

Photos of the event are available by clicking:

[http://hopecapetown.com/Ball\\_of\\_Hope/](http://hopecapetown.com/Ball_of_Hope/)

HOPE Cape Town is located at the Medical School of the University of Stellenbosch – Tygerberg Campus and is a non-profit organization providing outreach, education and counselling at community level, focusing on HIV/AIDS and TB in the Western Cape.

HOPE Cape Town is linked to the University of Stellenbosch and cooperates with the department of Paediatrics and "KID-CRU", the Tygerberg Hospital research unit for paediatric infectious diseases.

HOPE Cape Town began their work in 2001 with its mission to impact the communities they work in and have been very successful to date. Having expanded their services to address the increasing need they are now more reliant on the generosity of business and individuals to help fund their programmes.

To support HOPE Cape Town or find out more about the work they do, please contact Fahim Docrat on 021 9389339 or email [fahim@hopecapetown.com](mailto:fahim@hopecapetown.com) or visit [www.hopecapetown.com](http://www.hopecapetown.com)