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PRESS RELEASE: "MIDVAAL STEPS UP" IN THE FIGHT AGAINST HIV/AIDS

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Midvaal Local Municipality together with its three main sponsors of the annual Midvaal 90.6FM Cycle Challenge handed over the final cheque from the money raised at the 2010 Cycle Event. The money was handed over to Doulos Ministries on Monday, 27 June 2011.

The other sponsors of the cycle challenge are Radio 90.6FM VCR, RESCOM and Old Mutual. Out of the many needy organisations, it was elected that donations be made to Tour de Walkerville, Jeugland Old Age Home, Lewenslig Institute and Doulos Ministries, the latter being the last charity to receive the donation.

Doulos Ministries is a Care centre that has been operating since 2003. They care for 30 children aged 8 months to 14 years who have been diagnosed as HIV positive. The centre helps patients live healthier, longer lives with new medications and combinations of drugs. In addition to providing the best possible care and support, the centre provides a compassionate home where the patients are surrounded by people who love and care for them.

Resident nurses monitor the children and help them with the side effects associated with HIV. "One of the girls we care for is deaf. The home never knew and yet she was still achieving 80% in school. Now that she has the correct medication and a hearing aid, she is going to soar academically", says Emma van der Merwe, founder of Doulos Ministries.

Emma van der Merwe says that as well as supporting the 30 children in their care Doulos Ministries also feeds 300 orphans and vulnerable children in Sicelo on a daily basis.

Midvaal Local Municipality, 90.6 FM, RESCOM and Old Mutual are deeply touched by the neglect suffered by those infected with the disease and support initiatives that offer compassion and treatment.

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