



Dear Valued Supporter

The Community Chest Superheroes Campaign saw 58 Comrades runners raising R 799 879 for Community Chest Durban and Pietermaritzburg, official charities of the Comrades Marathon Association. All funds were donated to Early Childhood Development (ECD) centres supporting over 7 845 children daily.

Early childhood development is crucial for mental, physical and social development, with research showing significant brain growth during this period. ECD fosters lifelong learning, cognitive development, social skills, and independence, and helps identify developmental issues early.



Thank you to our Superheroes

Mahesh Ratanjee
Nato Amaral
Mike Cowling
Mac Khoza
Catherine Hopkins
Tanya Cohen
Deepak Ramachandran
Barry Holland
Vinay Lakhraj
Thandi Senoamali
Leon Mudaly
Ruwen Pillay
Hazel Mngomezulu
Lindsay Bulmer

Hangwani Mutondwana
Lindsey Bulmer
Busie Xulu
Craig Gradidge
Mncedisi Matinise
Heath Potgieter
Nthabiseng Nyathela
Jurie Bester
Amisha Lahldas
David Williams
Daniel Rodney Bulmer
Nontuthuko Mashimane
Mark Baber
Tersia Odendaal

Scott Macmillan
Jon O'Leary
Patrick Mtshali
Charles Johnson
Richard Mtshali
Polelo Maduwa
Patric Moemi
Mxolisi Mhlongo
Simphiwe Gceba
Mandla Nhlangothi
Kgoloko Maripane
Mmoloki Kitchin
Tulani Madavhu
Manqoba Msomi

Sefotle Modiba
Tshildzi Lithole
Oabile Mahura
Thembela Ngcengi
Nqabayesizwe Zulu
Thembinkosi Simelane
Lokesh Shetty
Khaya Sibeko
Thebisa Msomi
Scelo Thusi
Scott Beaumont
Lamlile Nxumalo
Simon Ngwenya
Abongile Bentswana



Community Chest's Refreshment stations

On race day, Community Chest Durban and Pietermaritzburg hosted the last refreshment station before the finish. A team of 60 energetic volunteers ensured that runners were hydrated and motivated in their quest to reach the finish line.



To support runners and running clubs, the Community Chest has a team of volunteers, who throughout the year, join runners by waking up ridiculously early to host refreshment stations. We thank each of these passionate volunteers who support us and the running fraternity. Refreshment stations hosted include:

- PDAC 25km
- KZN Capital City Marathon
- The Balwin Properties Marathon
- Stella Royal with Discovery Vitality
- Comrades Marathon
- Savages 21/10km Challenge
- Amashova Durban Classic Race
- Goss & Balfe Sapphire Coast Marathon
- SA Home Loans Oldies 10km
- Illovo Sugar 15km Christmas Challenge

Thank you to our sponsors

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- Joey's Spray Painters
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- Romilla Chetty
- The Road Accident
- Toyota
- University of Natal

Our milestone Superheroes



We are honoured to have Quadruple Comrades runners amongst our Superheroes.

Barry Holland - 49 finishes
Mike Cowling - 43 finishes
David Williams - 42 finishes

GEMS Comrades Disadvantaged Runners Programme



Thanks to the Comrades Marathon Association (CMA) partner, Government Employee Medical Scheme (GEMS), disadvantaged runners were, once again, accommodated at the YMCA hall in Pietermaritzburg.

The services provided were managed by 21 dedicated team members of the Pietermaritzburg Community Chest. Sleeping facilities on the eve of the race and the night of the race, as well as carbo-meals, energy drinks and transportation to the race was provided, at no cost.



Comrades Marathon Association

Community Chest Durban and Pietermaritzburg would like to take this opportunity to thank the Comrades Marathon Association for choosing us as one of their official charities and for all the support they give us and our runners throughout the campaign. Your enthusiasm and passion for the Ultimate Human Race is contagious.

This year's campaign raised a total of R 954 793, being runners Race4Charity fundraising, Expo and Win a car ticket sales. For the first time, Community Chest has the privilege of holding the title of the charity with the highest fundraiser, Mahesh Ratanjee of Durban Athletic Club raised R 197 016.

Our gratitude is extended to each of our Race4Charity Superheroes, their families and sponsors for their generosity and commitment to our cause. With your dedication, we anticipate the 2025 event with great enthusiasm!



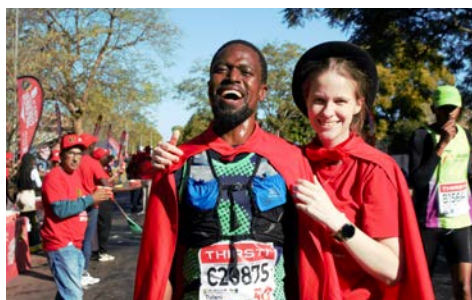
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Comrades Marathon Expo Durban

Community Chest exhibited at the Durban and Pietermaritzburg Comrades Marathon Expo. Warm up tops, supporter t-shirts, caps, socks, bucket hats, keyrings, tickets for the car giveaway in conjunction with Toyota and Amabeadibead merchandise were sold. It was a great opportunity to raise funds and engage with excited runners ahead of their race.



Superheroes at our Refreshment station



These Superhero runners were donned with red capes to cover the last 1.4kms to the finish line of the Ultimate Human Race. Not only did they receive their medals, but they raised funds for the 7845 children at our Early Childhood Development centres, living in impoverished areas throughout KZN. Thank you to the Comrades Marathon Association and our Superhero runners for provide children under the age of five with the best possible future.

Comrades Marathon Send Off

Our gratitude is extended to the Comrades Marathon Association, Running Umbrella Fraternity, and Nontuthuko Mashimane for organizing a 12km "Comrades Marathon Send Off" at Comrades House on May 25, 2024. Community Chest was able to participate in this enjoyable event.



Comrades Marathon Expo PMB

The Community Chest team in Pietermaritzburg set up an Exhibition at the registration point at Comrades House. Comrades products were sold and the team interacted with our Superheroes and other Comrades runners.



Superheroes thank you event

Our Superheroes were thanked and awarded at a special event hosted in honour of their dedication to the Community Chest. Runners received awards and were given an opportunity to share their Comrades 2024 experience.

