

Dear Valued Supporter

COMRADES FEVER

During Comrades week, we are once again filled with immense gratitude for our role in this iconic event. Community Chest has had the privilege of being an official Comrades charity since 1998, and this long-standing partnership continues to strengthen our work in Early Childhood Development across the Greater Durban area. The energy of the Comrades experience is something we share not only with our Superhero runners but with our volunteers, staff, and communities who come together to uplift children during their most formative years. In this newsletter, we're thrilled to share some of the wonderful initiatives that have taken place recently - from our successful Golf Day with Umduduzi, to the continued support from Weavers' Nest Pre-Primary School, and the passion of young volunteers selling raffle tickets. We also look back on our vibrant 90s Mania fundraiser, which brought people together in support of Early Childhood Development.

Due to the generosity of our loyal donors, in the past 5 years Community Chest has been able to increase funding to Community Impact Partners by 67.3%. Over the last 10 years, grants to funded organisations have increased by 103% (despite the downturn during the Covid-19 pandemic).

Total grants for the 2025 / 2026 year have been approved at R20 million, to be distributed to 111 organisations. This amounts to an average increase of 10% to previously funded organisations with an additional R720 000 funding of new applicants, in the current financial year. Strengthening our impact is only made possible due to the continued and increased support of our kind donors. For them we are extremely grateful.

Yours in caring,



Gordon McDonald
Executive Director

2nd Combined Golf Day with Umduduzi a Huge Success

On Friday, 7 March Community Chest Durban and Umduduzi - Hospice Care for Children held our second annual Charity Golf Day at Royal Durban and it was a resounding success. Not only were funds raised to help both NPOs continue the vital work we do in under-resourced communities, but awareness, understanding and compassion was inspired as well as fun and laughter. Thank you to our participants, our sponsors and volunteers.



Community Chat June 2025 Edition



Community Chest Durban



Weavers' Nest Step's Up for ECD - Again!

For the second year in a row, Weavers' Nest Pre-Primary School have chosen Community Chest Durban as their charity to support. They kicked off the year with their 'Tons of Tins' campaign which saw the donation of 190 cans of non-perishable food to Maphindela Creche and Pre-school in Hammarsdale. The headmistress, Mrs Iris Sabela, visited the school to thank the pupils and parents on behalf of her little learners who are between the ages of two and five. Term 2 will see the collection of stationery in Weavers' Nest 'Colour their Future Bright' initiative.



Teenagers Sell Car Tickets with Passion & Enthusiasm

The Kearsney College and St Mary's DGS Kloof pupils sold a record number of car raffle tickets for R50 each to shoppers at Watercrest Mall. As an official Comrades charity, Community Chest has the opportunity to sell tickets and raise money for Early Childhood Development. The lucky ticket holder will walk away with an amazing Toyota Corolla Cross, which will be announced at the finish of the Comrades Marathon on Sunday, 8 June. Tickets will be for sale right up until the 6 June and all proceeds go to Early Childhood Development. [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase your ticket...



90s Mania for Almost 90kms

Music and dancing fanatics braved the traffic of a national soccer game to reminisce about their favourite music icons and songs from the 1990s at the Barnyard Theatre at Suncoast Casino. Whether you were a fan of powerful female voices like Celine Dion, Shania Twain, and Gloria Estefan, or you rocked out to male icons such as Robbie Williams, Lenny Kravitz, and Ricky Martin, 90s Mania had it all. All profits from the event went to our Comrades Superheroes Race4Charity profiles, to support Early Childhood Development. Three birthdays were celebrated at this fundraiser and a lucky guest walked away with a hamper of delicious treats. Definitely an event to repeat!

