

Honouring Our Donors: They Make Empowerment and Growth Possible

The Annual Top Donor Awards were held on July 23, 2024, at Coastlands Hotel. This event is Community Chest's way of expressing gratitude for the generous contributions of our donors.

The core of Community Chest's work is to improve the quality of life for those who need support the most. This crucial work requires funding, and without the ongoing contributions from our donors, we wouldn't be able to assist vulnerable communities.

"Every donor has contributed significantly to our mission of empowering and uplifting communities in need, and for this, we are deeply grateful," says Gordon McDonald, Director of Community Chest Durban.



Pranesh Sewraj (Isilo Steel), with Preya Gounden of Community Chest



Preya Gounden, Diane Egling (SPAR Group), and Community Chest Chairperson, Dr Velo Govender



Ana de Almeida (Dales Bros), with Board Member, Trishal Sharma



Bob Geldard (Gelmar), Peter Harvey, Al Brady, Debbie Doig



Paul Canter (Fulton Trust & Molly Reynolds Trust), Dr Velo Govender



Gordon McDonald with Sandy Watt, Chris Lee, Moya Minietti-Quinn (Container World), Preya Gounden



Liesel Patterson (Victor Daitz Foundation) with Chairlady, Dr Velo Govender



Preya Gounden with Olivia Almanza (SLG) and Annisha Ragoonandhan (Toyota SA Motors), Tu Mthembu

Annual Top Donor Awards Event 2024



Gordon McDonald and Malenhle Dlamini (uMngeni-uThukela Water), Tu Mthembu



Sphosethu Mabudle (Essity) and Trishal Sharma



Tu Mthembu (Community Chest), Suresh Ramdhari, Asha Ramghulan, Buhle Makhanya, Sibusisiwe Dlamini and Rajiv Jugoo (eThekweni Municipality)



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Comrades Marathon Association members and Superhero Comrades runners - Cheryl Winn, David Williams, Mac Khoza, Grant Matkovich, Pat Freeman, Dr Velo Govender and Fadeela Deedat (Community Chest), Leon Mudaly, Mahesh Ratanjee, Vinay Lakhraj, and Alen Hattingh with Gordon McDonald, Director of Community Chest

Comrades Superheroes Raises R799 879 for ECD

The Community Chest 'Superheroes Campaign' saw 58 Comrades runners raising R799 879 for Community Chest Durban and Pietermaritzburg, official charities of the Comrades Marathon Association. All funds were donated to Early Childhood Development 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.

Comrades Village Established in 1999

It is always an honour to be part of accommodating runners the night before Comrades and the night of Comrades to ensure they can participate in the Ultimate Human Race. Thanks to the Comrades Marathon Association (CMA) partner, Government Employee Medical Scheme (GEMS), under-resourced runners were, once again, accommodated at the YMCA hall in Pietermaritzburg. Managed by 21 dedicated Community Chest team members, services included 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.



Weavers' Nest Termly Campaigns

Weavers' Nest Pre-Primary School has partnered with Community Chest for 2024 and is running termly collection campaigns for under-resourced ECDs. They started with the 'Tons of Tins Tuesday', followed by the 'Colour their Future Bright' stationery collection. This term sees the collection of cleaning products – hand soap, wet wipes, dishwashing liquid, face cloths... We would like to extend our gratitude to the staff, pupils and parents at Weavers' Nest for their ongoing generosity.



Inaugural Annual Golf Day with Umduduzi - Hospice Care for Children

Thank you to our amazing golfers for making the inaugural Community Chest and Umduduzi - Hospice Care for Children golf day at Royal Durban such a wonderful fun-raising event! We are so excited for next year's joint Golf Day in March 2025. Thank you too, to the prize and goodie bag donors, hole sponsors, and volunteers - without you this would not have been possible.



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