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German Gala Event Raises R1.5 million for HOPE Cape Town

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Local NGO, HOPE Cape Town, recently received a major financial boost from its annual gala event held in Dresden, Germany.

The HOPE Gala Dresden raised R1.5 million which will help the organisation continue to support the communities of the Western Cape with its various programmes including feeding schemes, toy libraries, resistance testing and 25 HOPE Community Health Workers who are active in the field.

The event which was attended by more than 800 guests from Germany, Austria, Switzerland and South Africa included celebrities, the Executive Mayor of Dresden, the German National Minister of the Interior and Head of UNICEF Germany, was a huge success and not only raised funds but also created an international awareness of the challenges that South Africa still faces in terms of dealing with HIV/Aids and TB and the related social ills.

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 happy that our friends in Germany are continuing to support our work and have managed to raise this huge amount of R1.5 million which is on average what the event raises every year. This would have not been possible without the hard work of our HOPE Gala Dresden Coordinator, Ms Viola Klein and her team who have been promoting our work for many years now. We look forward to an even bigger event next year."

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 or visit www.hopecapetown.com