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## **THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL DEFENCE FORCE EDUCATION TRUST: SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISING EVENT**

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A very successful fundraising dinner was hosted by the Chief of the SANDF, General Solly Shoke, at the Air Force Base Swartkop on 30 July 2015. The event was hosted on behalf of the Trustees of the Education Trust and was presented to offer members from the private sector – mainly local influential business men and women - the opportunity to pledge their financial and moral support to the Trust.

The activities of the evening started when the piper led Gen Shoke and his guests - which included the Secretary for Defence, Dr Sam Gulube and the Patron of the Trust, Dr Irvin Khoza - to the dining room of the Combined Mess of the AFB Swartkop (West).



*The Piper leads General Shoke to the main event*

The guests were welcomed by General Shoke where after the key note address was delivered by Dr Irvin Khoza. In his address Dr Khoza referred to a typical element of Madiba's legacy that is present in everyone present - the desire and willingness to deliver deeds of charity and goodwill to the less fortunate. During both these addresses homage was paid to the deceased and severely injured SANDF members (subsequent to 27 April 1994), whose dependents are the beneficiaries to the Trust.



*General Shoke welcoming the guests and Dr Khoza delivering the key note address*

Following the keynote address the guests watched a Defence TV production on the Education Trust during which widows and beneficiaries of the Trust told the audience of how grateful they were for the financial assistance they are receiving. Families testified that after the heartbreaking time during which they have lost a breadwinner in the execution of his or her military duties, they were now in a position to follow their dreams with the education they are receiving.

The highlight of the evening was when the Master of Ceremonies, Mr Teddy Daka – also a Trustee of the Trust – made the announcement that it was time for the guests to pledge their financial support to the Trust. Dr Khoza set the scene for what was to follow when he closed his address with a pledge of One Million One Hundred Thousand Rand towards the Trust.



MC Mr Teddy Daka

Mr Daka was in his element when in the most relaxed and inspiring way he encouraged the guests to pledge and even to better on previous pledges. In a short space of time pledges to an amount of Seven Million Seven Hundred Thousand Rand were made.

The evening was rounded off by a vote of thanks by the Chairperson of the Trust, Maj Gen Roy Andersen who especially thanked C SANDF for hosting the event. When leaving the dining room for their vehicles, the guests were briefly entertained with a “crowd pleaser” display by the SA Air Force.



*Major Gen Roy Andersen*



Gen Shoke, Patron and Col Molefe



Guests enjoying the company



Prof Edna van Harte



Combined Mess Swartkop



The Secretary for Defence



Dining room before the arrival of guests