

**Vulnerable children benefit from Cell One's Christmas charity event**

The Carols-by-Starlight event that Cell One held on 13 December 2007 provided a pleasant surprise for three vulnerable children from Rehoboth as the 2008 school-year starts.

Eight year-old Lazarus Rooinasie, thirteen year old Jason Hammerslaght and Anna Kharugas who is fifteen, were all delighted to receive a visit from Cell One as the first school day of 2008 approached. The three children look forward to a new start at school in 2008 and thanks to Cell One – they now have some of the most essential items required by their respective schools.

At the Carols-by-Starlight evening, at which the audience was provided with a spectacular performance by the COLS Devine Worship Choir lead by Clive Willemse and the band, Cell One had reached an agreement with vendors who sold refreshments to donate a portion of the proceeds for charity. Adults who attended the event were also encouraged to pay a N\$5 entry fee and this money was set aside to benefit needy children.

The three children from Rehoboth each received among others, stationery, notebooks, a school uniform, shoes and a schoolbag.

Cell One's Corporate Communications Manager, Rejoice Itembu says the Carols-by-Starlight event did not only entertain the people who attended, but brought unexpected joy to the three beneficiaries and their parents who knew nothing about the event itself. "This is a great example of how ordinary Namibians can bring happiness to fellow citizens who are in need. Cell One is grateful to all the people who attended the Carols-by-Starlight event which was held at the Ausspannplatz Circle and we regard them as partners in our Corporate Social Responsibility programme", she concluded.

Cell One was assisted with the identification of beneficiaries by social workers from the Rehoboth-based Centre for the Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission of HIV (PMTCT) and the Highly Active Anti-retroviral Therapy (HAART), culminating in the handover of essential school material on Monday, 14 January 2008 in Rehoboth.

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