

## **DAN PLATO ADDRESS**

**'CHILDREN FOR CHILDREN' GALA CONCERT**

**IN AID OF THE TYGERBERG CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AND**

**THE TYGERBERG CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

**WEDNESDAY 19 AUGUST 2009 @ 19:30 – CAPE TOWN CITY HALL**

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Good evening (INSERT PROTOCOL)

It is such a pleasure to address you all at this gala concert for the Tygerberg Children's Hospital and Choir. I must say that I am truly impressed by the standard of performance that we have seen here today.

We as the City of Cape Town are proud of the good work that is being done by the Tygerberg Children's Hospital. I know that it is a hospital that serves the truly disadvantaged of our community with dignity and respect, while ensuring that our children receive the best health care to ensure maximum survival. This will be done through excellent health care services.

I commend all the staff and people responsible for this gala from the Tygerberg Children's Hospital for their dedication and commitment to the betterment of service delivery in our Province. For that, you should all be so proud.

To the Tygerberg Choir, thank you for investing your time and energy into the development of the youth of Cape Town. I now know why you have such a renowned reputation.

Without Tygerberg Children's Choir, the Western Cape simply would not be the nucleus of choral singing in South-Africa. There is not a single geographical area in the world that has so many world class choirs, and this is quite a phenomenon.

### **TYGERBERG CHILDREN'S CHOIR**

Tygerberg Children's Choir is 38 years old this year, and this exceptional children's choir has been a benchmark for even-voiced choral singing not only in the Western Cape, but also nationally and internationally right from the word go. It is a well known fact that the Western Cape is home to the very best choirs in the world, e.g Stellenberg Girl's Choir, Pro Cantu Youth Choir, Stellenbosch University Choir and the vibrant and exciting South African Youth Choir, the latter also performing here tonight. All these choirs mentioned have won every major choral competition in the world over the years, but none of this would be possible were it not for the unsurpassed musical brilliance of Hennie and Theresa Loock and the Tygerberg Children's Choir, providing a very solid musical base on which the older choirs can build.

These choirs, spearheaded by the magnificent Tygerberg Children's Choir, are true ambassadors in harmony, and should be strongly supported by the Government,

business sector and cultural organisations to enable them to hold high the flag of our beautiful country.