



Wilge Special Care • Group Homes • Central Administration • Income Generating Projects

Where winners never quit!

ORION GALA DINNER

Introduction:

The Orion Organisation in Atlantis, Western Cape is a therapeutic and training centre for children and adults with mental, physical and intellectual disabilities.

Orion's main objective is not only to become the most preferred centre for people with disabilities but also to be a true model of inspiration and motivation to other similar organisations in the Western Cape.

We are a registered Non-Profit Organisation with PBO Status.

Projects:

Orion comprises the Wilge Special Day Care Centre for disabled children between the ages of 18 months and 18 years, group housing for 60 adults, including a semi-frail care unit, an Activity Day Care Centre for profoundly disabled adults, two labour work centres which serve as income generating projects, and a bakery where training is offered.

Trainees are empowered with contract work from the automotive and textile industries in South Africa. This includes the assembly of accessories, the recycling of hangers for clothes, the weighing/packaging of food ingredients and the cutting/mounting of fibreglass components for electrical conductors.

Through these efforts, Orion has in recent years successfully trained and deployed 30 disabled people in the open labour market, with 2 more placements to follow within the next month.

Funding

Although Orion is working towards becoming self-sustainable, we still rely on the following to as an income:

- 25% through state subsidies
- 25% through income generating projects
- 50% through fundraising initiatives

Objective of the Gala Dinner

Many organisations, institutions, companies/ businesses, trusts, etc still do not consider giving **funds towards operational costs**. However it is not possible to care for 200 children and adults on a voluntary basis and without professional staff on board. It is for this reason that the organisation initiated a gala dinner and other initiatives to contribute/ cover this huge expenditure.

This year the event will be hosted at the **Southern Sun, Cape Town** on **13 November 2010**.

Previous Events

It is a fun filled themed event, supported by many well-known celebrities.

Some of the special guests, MC's, performers who attended previous events are:

- Khanyi Dhlomo, MD of Ndalo Media and current Patron of Orion
- Helen Zille, the current Premier of the Western Cape
- Marc Lottering, comedian
- Hein Wagner, Motivational speaker

This gala event became the highlight of many high profile donors in Cape Town, and we are very proud of our regular attendees. Since its initiation, the Gala Friendship Circle has grown to more than 300 guests. We also use this opportunity to thank all our donors for their loyal support during the year.

This is just a peak of last year's Gala Dinner, held at Pigalle Restaurant in Green Point, Cape Town. For more visit www.orionfriendship.org



How can you contribute to the event?

We would like to use this opportunity to request that you become part of the Orion Gala Friendship Circle by:

 Purchasing a table/s at R10 000 for 10 guests or R1 000 per seat

Some of our Special Guests this year:

- *Patricia De Lille, MEC for Social Development (TBC)*
- *Timothy Maurice Webster, International style philosopher*
- *Wolfgang Riebe, Motivational speaker, comedian & entertainer*
- *Aviva Pelham, SA's Diamond Diva & Company*

With your assistance we can not only enlarge our friendship circle, but ensure that we deliver on our mandate in becoming the most preferred therapeutic and training centre for people with disabilities in the Western Cape.

I look forward to your reply.

Kind Regards,

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