

St Laurence's Children's Haven and Joberg2C 2015

My name is Trevor Crowe and I am a fund raiser committee member of the St Laurence's Children's Haven. This year my race number was 001A and as you can imagine whilst riding at the back generated a lot of conversation. I decided to adopt the approach of "Last year we won the race and so this year we have decided to ride at the back with the Rabble". Yip, nobody bought that story but it got me to thinking about winners.

St Laurence's Children's Haven is a place of safety for abused and abandoned children based in Roodepoort, Johannesburg and falls under the auspices of the Roodepoort Child Welfare Department. Most of these kiddies come from a less than desirable back-round of some sort of abuse or abandonment and for some of them being in a place where there is love, structure and kindness is a first.

But, getting back to winners. For the 4th year this year we took 6 kiddies and 2 house parents with us on this incredible journey of "Riding the Beloved Country", known as Joberg2C. These kiddies applied Squirt Chain Lube (kindly sponsored by Gavin Richardson of FIT Laboratories, for the 4th year), at the 2nd water point of every stage. I'm sure you will all agree that they did an amazing job, always being enthusiastic and willing to get squeaky chains nicely lubed to be able to continue on the journey. They also lubed bikes coming out of the bike park early in the mornings, this was kindly sponsored by John Burnett Insurance whom donated R 10 000,00 to the Haven.

We use this event in 2 ways, one is to raise the much needed funds to keep a place like this running as we don't receive any assistance at all from the government or Lotto. But secondly we use it to help the kiddies regain their trust in fellow humans after what they have endured in their young lives and thanks to the enthusiasm of the riders and interaction with the kiddies this has had an amazing positive effect in the past 4 years.

So in closing, the winners are the kiddies of the St Laurence's Children's Haven whom despite diversity in their lives are prepared to work hard to secure their own future in the Haven. They are also winners because of people like Gary Green, Farmer Glen and of course Wappo, the 3 Stooges and owners of Joberg2C, who have embraced the kiddies and the work they do at Joberg2c and have allowed us to use this amazing event as a fund raiser. Thanks guys (and of course, their wives). I would also be totally out of line if I didn't thank all the previous donors who have and continue to give generously. Thank you, one and all.

We are offering Handle Bar Headset Discs at a price of R120.00 (pic attached) and R30.00 of this goes to the St Laurence's Children's Haven. Email delivery address to the same address as proof of payment below. We can also back date the discs if you have ridden more than one race and would like to have a set.



Or, if you would just like to make a donation to the St Laurence's Children's Haven please feel free,

ABSA – Horison. Account : 405 401 3188.

St Laurence's Children's Haven is a registered NPO (002/018NPO) and can also offer a Section 18 Tax clearance certificate for any corporates who would like to make a donation. BEE points can also be claimed by making a donation.

Please send your proof of payment to trevor@pvtafrica.co.za so I can send you the relevant thank you's and Tax Certificates.

Thanks for the support and see you on the 2016 Joberg2C.

Keep the rubber side down.