

News Release

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Subject

CELEBRATING A DECADE OF SOCIAL INVESTMENT

Johannesburg, 20 October 2017 – Over the past decade, the Mike Thomson Change a Life Trust has raised R35 million for fighting crime and youth development projects in South Africa. The 2017 Change a Life Cycle Tour, which raises funds for the Trust, is celebrating ten years of cycling for good on its annual tour from 20 to 26 October.

65 leading South African business executives have joined cycling champion Robbie Hunter and extreme sportsman Martin Dreyer on the tenth Change a Life Cycle Tour organised by Computershare (ASX: CPU). The tour is taking place in Majorca, the training mecca of professional cyclists, and involves 500km of cycling over four days in a challenging mountainous environment.

Since 2008, more than 200 South African business leaders have cycled over 5 000 kilometres and climbed over 4 700 metres in seven countries – all for the purpose of raising funds for Change a Life. In the process, the Trust has changed the lives of hundreds of young people who had little hope for the future – for many of them, crime was the only way to overcome poverty.

With careful selection of highly effective projects, Change a Life has been instrumental in legislating the use of DNA in South Africa's criminal justice system, while our young Change a Life beneficiaries continue to gain the sports training, nutrition, early childhood development, academic support and skills or tertiary education necessary to lift them out of poverty. Many have become sportsmen of note, with some representing South Africa internationally in rowing, gymnastics and handball. Whether they have made it big or not, recipients all know that a different future is now within their reach.

The Mike Thomson Change a Life Trust was established by Computershare in 2008 in memory of Mike Thomson, a Computershare executive who was murdered at his family home in 2007. The Trust supports the fight against crime in South Africa and seeks to stop crime where it takes root amongst South Africa's youth.

Some of the business leaders taking part in this year's event are Russel Loubser, former CEO of the JSE, Albe Geldenhuys, Chairman and CEO of USN, George Todd, CEO of Merchants, a Dimension Data company, Innocent Dutiro, CEO of Adcorp, Dr Karsten Wellner, CEO of Ascendis Health and Malungelo Zilimbola, the founder and Chief Investment Officer of Mazi Capital.

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Who benefits

Over the past decade, funds from the Change a Life cycle tour have been channelled into **The DNA Project**, which is advancing the use of DNA evidence in bringing criminals to justice; the **Martin Dreyer Change a Life Academy**, which trains disadvantaged young people in rural KwaZulu Natal to become professional athletes; **iChoose to Change a Life**, which trains teenage offenders to become anti-crime ambassadors in their communities; the **Change a Life Kushido Karate-Do**, which inspires disadvantaged children to become productive members of society through the discipline of karate; **Nemato Change a Life** which gives disadvantaged young people in the townships of Port Alfred the skills, knowledge and support to become successful in life; and **Change a Life Rape Crisis Centre** which offers rape survivors support, hope and the opportunity to learn skills in a safe environment.

Computershare CEO, Bennie van der Westhuizen, said: "As we set out once again on our cycle tour, it is important for us to remember exactly why we do this: to fight crime and provide alternatives and hope through our projects and their dedicated and inspiring leaders."

He continued: "With cycling being the fastest growing executive sport in South Africa, there is enormous opportunity to harness the power of cycling for good. The Change a Life tour has raised over R35 million in just ten years, contributing to significant crime prevention and youth development opportunities."

Sponsorship

The 2017 Change a Life Cycle primary sponsors are Merchants and Computershare.

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