

## Riding for the Kiddies 2010

In an effort to raise funds for an incredible little adoption home in southern Johannesburg, a bunch of UCT students (people usually renowned for their laziness!) have decided to cycle the Pick 'n Pay Argus Cycle tour on March 14th 2010. To really get into the feeling of the initiative, the volunteers will be riding in GIANT baby grows, embroidered with the titles of any beneficiaries & sponsors who are willing to support their cause. All funds raised will go to The Love of Christ Ministries (TLC) children's home. If you're interested - read on!



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## 1 Who are TLC?

Thea Jarvis began The Love of Christ Ministries (TLC) in 1993 which since then has cared for & protected over 720 abandoned children & babies. What makes TLC a particularly special place is Thea & her family's firm belief that simply keeping kids off the streets & under a roof is not enough. Each & every child deserves the right to a loving & responsible family. This is why TLC has campaigned tirelessly to find new families for the little ones that come through its doors. The first option approached is always to reunite a child with his or her biological mother or close family. So often mothers are forced to abandon their kids when they are financialy & socially unable to care for them. TLC then tries to help these mothers get back on their feet whilst caring for the little ones in the interim.

Unfortunately this option is often not possible as generally no one even knows who the mother ever was. It is then that the adoption process is begun, with the majority of children passing through TLC being placed with well screened families in South Africa, Denmark & the USA.

Life's never this simple though & every now & then there are circumstances which make placing a child too difficult. For example when children have serious health issues, disabilities or are simply too old to be pulled from a family environment & forced to start all over again. In these cases, Thea & her daughters, Joanna & Pippa, do the incredible by legally adopting these children into their own families & raising them entirely as their own. You can imagine their homes have an interesting family dynamic!



For more information on TLC, or to contact Thea please visit [The TLC Page](#).

## 2 Who's Riding for the Kiddies?

Over the years, my family has been involved with TLC on all sorts of fronts. It started with my Mom, Fiona, doing the legal work behind several adoptions, something she continues to do. As we all began to visit more often, growing to know the children individually, it wasn't long before we were having them over for weekends, taking them on family holidays & hosting the odd (exhausting!) trip to the Johannesburg Zoo.

It was from this background that we, a group of UCT students, decided to try do our bit. With the Pick 'n Pay Argus cycle tour being the biggest cycle race in the country, what better platform to get the TLC name out there along with those of any corporate or private sponsors who would like to put their names & generosity behind this amazing children's haven.

There are currently seven guaranteed riders for the cause, namely Murray Beaumont, Dirk Snoeck-Henkemans, Mark Antrobus, Lawrence Wattrass, Megan Blair, Cameron Adams & Alex Antrobus. There are several others keen to join though, so we will keep the rider list updated regularly. The idea is to create as much of a spectacle & have as much fun as possible! The crew will ride as a group, sporting giant baby grows embellished with logos & names of as many of our sponsors as we can arrange. With the Argus having complete televised coverage, who knows. we may even be famous!

### 3 How do sponsors get involved?

However they want essentially. We will try structure sponsorship so as best to suit each sponsor. Some possible arrangements are as follows:

- Sponsors can make a set sum donation & in turn can arrange with us to have their logo or company name displayed somewhere on our baby grows. Bigger donations will get prime placing of their logos! Though we will obviously give each name as much space as we can!
- If sponsors would like to “challenge” the riders a bit, they can sponsor the riders, either as a group or individually, ‘per km’ they ride of the 109km route. Again logo placement can be arranged.
- Sponsors can also sponsor us ‘per rider’ - essentially providing us with leverage to get some lazy students out & into the sunshine!

As said, we are happy to be as flexible with structures of sponsorship as practically possible. So if you are interested, contact us as soon as possible & we can arrange something to suit everyone & most importantly help TLC as much as possible!



## 4 Contacts

For arrangements regarding sponsorship (i.e. logo placement, individual rider sponsorship etc.) or interest in joining the troop of riders, contact (me) Alex Antrobus at

- e-mail: [adantrobus@hotmail.com](mailto:adantrobus@hotmail.com)
- Cell: 0827878451
- FaceBook Group: [Riding for the Kiddies](#)

## 5 Banking Details

If you would like to make a donation please find below TLC's banking details. When making a donation PLEASE ensure that:

- the recipient's reference RFTK (Riding for the Kiddies). This allows us to record all funds raised by our initiative & also allows us to trace your money - so you can know exactly what it's spent on!
- an e-mail is sent to me ([adantrobus@hotmail.com](mailto:adantrobus@hotmail.com)) with a short description of your donation; the amount & your donors name. Again, this information will be kept confidential & is simply necessary for records purposes.

### 5.1 TLC account details:

- TLC Ministries
- Nedbank
- Account Number: 1385039027
- Branch: The Glen
- Branch Code: 138-537
- International Sort Code (ABA code): NEDS ZAJJ
- NPO No:054-364

For sponsors from beyond South Africa who are interested in supporting us, there are several other ways of getting your sponsorship through. These include PAYPAL & direct transaction to TLC accounts in various countries. Visit the [The TLC financial help page](#) Please follow the same steps as outlined above regarding references & confirmatory emails.

Thank you very much for your time & support for our cause!