

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **ATTENTION: NEWSROOM**

#### **A happy smiling Sherna (Woodside resident) independently mobile at last**

The smile on Sherna's face is thanks to Elanie Potgieter, General Manager of d' Ouwe Werf Hotel in Stellenbosch who completed the nine-day Fairbairn Capital/Old Mutual joBerg2c cycle epic which took place between 29 April and 7 May 2011. Elanie, together with her cycling partner Irene Heyns, set off on April 29 from Melrose Arch in Johannesburg on their 900km journey across the heart of South Africa.

d'Ouwe Werf Hotel is part of the Vineyard Group which also includes the Townhouse Hotel and the Vineyard Hotel. Elanie used the cycle challenge to raise awareness for the Vineyards' "Our Kids of the Cape Fund". The Fund currently contributes towards Woodside's operational costs on a monthly basis. The finance is raised by way of guests adding a donation to their hotel bill and then this donation is doubled by the generosity of the Vineyard management.

Elanie used the cycle epic as a platform to raise money for the purchase of a custom made, motorized wheelchair for Sherna Sauls, a ward of court resident at Woodside Special Care Centre. Sherna is a 21 year old profoundly intellectually and physically disabled person with very limited range of movement. With the tips of the fingers of her right hand Sherna is able to operate this motorized wheelchair very well. For the first time in the 21 years of her life Sherna is now able to control her own mobility. It is small wonder that she has a huge smile on her face as she moves around the corridors of Woodside under her own steam. Elanie's sacrificial giving has been responsible for bringing about this amazing change in Sherna's life.

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