



Dankie, Enkosi and Thank you!

On behalf of Amandla Ku Lutsha, the Ambitious Youth of Khayelitsha, CTC10 and all those involved in the 24 hour tournament, we would like to thank you for making it possible!

Report on 24 Hour Tournament:

Introduction:

Amandla Ku Lutsha in partnership with AJAX Cape Town, CTC Ten and the Ambitious Youth of Khayelitsha, ran a 24 Hour Tournament on May 1st. Footballers from all over Cape Town joined together at Chris Campbell field in Khayelitsha for the festive event focused on crime awareness and positive messaging for the local community.

Objectives:

- **To run a 24 hour soccer tournament incorporating U10, U16 and seniors:**



The event kicked off a little late running with the traditional 'African Time' but by 09h00 all twelve of the U10 teams were at the field and ready for action. The atmosphere was great and the teams all had a lot of fun. The U10's finished on time with Madrid winning the final against Barcelona! The tournament then went straight into U16's with twelve teams battling for a place in the final. The teams were made up with

youth from all over Cape Town, and the fair play was of a very high level. In the end, the final was between the local team United Stars and Xhosa Royal. But much to the pleasure of the local spectators United Stars took home the trophy. At 18h00, the thirty-two teams made their way to the field for the open men's part of the tournament. After a heated group stage, the knockout quarterfinals round started at 04h00. Slowly the number of teams narrowed down until there were two teams left, one being that of the organisers: the Ambitious Youth of Khayelitsha. Unfortunately Fire FC was too strong and they took the cup and it was with much celebration that the tournament came to a close.

- **To bring together the community in a crime prevention initiative, which offers workshops on health and drug awareness.**

Due to the rain, some of the organisations whom had made commitments to attend were unable to attend, however, the organisations that did come offered a lot to the community. loveLife had a strong presence at the tournament during the whole day. They distributed booklets of information to the youth on HIV protection and healthy life style. The 2010 FIFA ambassadors made an appearance with Sugers Quinga, Thabo Ngobeni (former Bafana Bafana Captain) and Ace Khombula. The three South

African soccer heroes brought together all the youth and talked to them about the importance of making positive choices in life. They talked a lot about choices of friends and the importance of community members working together to revitalize the community. It was very positive for the youth as not only did they speak very informally with the youth, but they also stayed on the field with them for another hour. After this some MC's came in and did some positive message hip hop with the youth which targeted crime and xenophobia. The youth participated very enthusiastically in this workshop.



- **To offer information, security and food to all participants**

Love Life offered information to all participants on HIV / AIDS awareness and youth engagement. SAPS also showed a strong presence throughout the tournament, ensuring the safety of all participants. This came in very helpful at 01h00 when all the taverns closed as the event continued to run smoothly. The food was a challenging aspect of the tournament as the numbers of participants on the fields exceeded expectations, reaching over 500 people. But we managed to stretch the food, and with the kind donation of bread from Pick and Pay, everyone was fed.



Overall the event was very successful, with more than 1000 people attending during the 24 hours, and the community feedback has been wonderful. A large amount of the local community came out and showed their support for the initiative and many of them have congratulated the event as one that really

will assist in the development of the local youth. In looking forward, we will hold this event annually. Next year we will look to have even more funding and support in terms of the supply of food for all participants. We will also look to engage more local NGO's and offer more information to the local youth and engage them on an even deeper level.