

## The Sunflower Fund & Emerald Casino & Resort

**“Walk with a Purpose” - a huge success!!!!**



The Sunflower Fund Gauteng held its first 5km fun walk hosted by Emerald Resort & Casino on the banks of the Vaal River on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2013. The event was extremely well attended by people together with their energetic dogs of all shapes and sizes. Our sincere thanks to all who participated!!

The crowds were entertained by Edith Venter and Jason Greer (who was also the MC for the day), as well as Dukes Academy for Dogs who showed off their trained dogs in an agility demonstration. They then took the celebs through their paces in a race through an obstacle course. Prizes were donated by Little Log Book, again with our thanks.



**Jason Greer (L)**



**Edith Venter (R)**

The Sunflower Fund received two extremely generous donations on the day, one from Emerald Resort & Casino for R25 000 and the second, from Sandy Cipriano from Cupcakes of Hope who handed over an awesome cheque for R20 000. Our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of The Sunflower Fund and our “Walk

with a Purpose"! Please accept our sincere appreciation for all you have done for The Fund and that you have made a very big difference in the lives of those suffering from leukaemia and other life threatening blood disorders.



**Sandy Cipriano from Cupcakes of Hope**



**Ronel Swanepoel and The Emerald Resort & Casino Team**

The funds raised through this event will go towards paying for the tissue typing test of potential bone marrow stem cell donors to join the South African Bone Marrow Registry. Leukaemia sufferers, very often children, have only a 1:100 000 chance of finding a life-saving donor match. It's amazing to think that only 25% of recipients are related to their donors – a huge 75% need to search for unrelated donors, hence the need for a large Bone Marrow Registry.

Our gratitude and thanks to Emerald Resort & Casino, Jason Greer, Edith Venter, Dukes Academy for Dogs, Little Log Book and Cup cakes of Hope – without you the day would not have been such a huge success. Due to this incredible support, we are able to continue with our quest to save lives! The Sunflower Fund salutes you!



**Thanks to all from the IFM Radio Station!**

**Should you wish to become a donor, make a financial contribution or hold an awareness talk at your organisation, please contact us on our Toll Free Number: 0800 12 10 82 or visit our website [www.sunflowerfund.org.za](http://www.sunflowerfund.org.za) for more information. Gauteng office: (011) 781-4200.**

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