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UCT's *SAX Appeal* students' magazine celebrates the marginalised

UCT RAG's fundraising magazine issue to hit the streets on 10 March 2017

Approximately 1200 University of Cape Town student volunteers are expected to take to the streets of Cape Town at dawn on Friday, 10 March 2017, for this year's "Remember and Give" (RAG). The students will provide commuters with a chance to give to worthy causes that could help change lives in the Western Cape by selling the *SAX Appeal* magazine for R30.

This year's edition, which is themed 'Pembera' (meaning to celebrate in Shona), will be celebrating marginalised groups, specifically foreign students, LGBTQIA, poor people, women, and people of colour. The organisers say the dress code is invisible because these people were never celebrated before.

In explaining invisibility, Kwenza Mncwango, the magazine's project manager, says: "You can look at a picture and give it your own interpretation. What you will see from it is correct. We want this edition to be a personal journey for the reader. Whether someone wants to write on it, keep it so that they can reflect from time to time, it depends on them".

The student volunteers will hit the road from as early as 04h30 until 11h00 in the morning, covering an area that stretches from the Atlantic Seaboard to Tokai and Steenberg – mostly at street intersections.

UCT invites motorists to enter into the spirit of *SAX Appeal* street sales, but also to stay alert as they drive through intersections where students will be practicing their sales skills. It helps to have your R30 ready to buy your copy of the magazine.

The proceeds from magazine sales will support Students' Health and Welfare Centres Organisation's (SHAWCO) charity work around the Western Cape.

Background on SHAWCO

SHAWCO is an innovative community service organisation. SHAWCO's vision is working together towards informed, healthy and thriving communities, and currently operates in the Cape Town metropolitan area and the rural Eastern Cape. SHAWCO projects fall under three broad areas:

Education: SHAWCO has 13 student run projects in Khayelitsha, Kensington, Manenberg, Mitchell's Plain, Langa and Nyanga. Roughly 1,200 UCT student volunteers are transported to and from these sites on a weekly basis – Monday to Saturday. Junior projects focus on literacy and numeracy whereas intermediate and senior projects focus on English, Maths, Physical Science, Life Skills, and sharing legal information through LAWCO which is offered by UCT Law students. In addition, SHAWCO's Saturday School Programme is a professionally run educational intervention that engages with 220 Grade 12 Cape Town-based learners. These learners receive focused remedial teaching in Pure Mathematics, Physical Science, English, Life Science and Accounting. The programme takes successful applicants out of their communities and transports them to UCT for extra lessons. These same students also receive life skills interventions, career guidance workshops and are enriched by motivational speakers and other guest presenters. SHAWCO started the Saturday School Programme to give participating learners access to UCT resources and facilities not currently available at their present schools.

Health: Since 1943 SHAWCO has delivered quality, primary health care in under-resourced communities in Cape Town. SHAWCO relies on more than 100 volunteer doctors and 800 medical and allied health science students in all years of study, to ensure that these student-run free clinics continue to be delivered. SHAWCO Health co-ordinates 9 mobile clinics which operate at night, on a weekly basis in various Cape Town communities, and health promotion every second Saturday morning. SHAWCO Health also provides a quarterly Health Promotion service to the Scalabrini Centre in Cape Town. In 2009, SHAWCO introduced a Wednesday morning paediatric screening clinic, run in conjunction with the School of Child and Adolescent Health at UCT, City Health and Environmental Health. These clinics often serve as the only port-of-call for community members who work during the day, or who cannot make the trip to the neighbouring day hospital. The clinics either operate from permanent health facilities or from SHAWCO Health's three, fully-equipped mobile clinics.

Social Entrepreneurship: Through various social entrepreneurship programmes, SHAWCO also provides access to computer training and skills through computer labs at all its centres; an International Service Learning Programme which introduces students from overseas' institutions to community development, social innovation and health within the South African context; and through donation and collection of second-hand clothing and household item SHAWCO sell these goods at affordable prices to communities through SHAWCO Rags2Riches Stores.

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