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Motor Neurone Disease / Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

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Dear Michelle and members of the Gauteng Women in Insurance Group

On behalf of our chairman Dr Franclo Henning, vice-chair Sheila Slabber and patron Aviva Pelham, we at the Motor Neurone Disease Association of SA would like to thank you most sincerely for the incredibly generous donation of R8 537.90 we received from you as a result of your 2020 year-end event, Retro in Lumo, held on 5 November 2020. We are so grateful for your thoughtfulness in choosing the MND Association as a recipient to benefit from the fundraising through the event, in memory of the late Kevin Jordan, an MND sufferer, registered member of our Association and, in his turn, together with wife Carla, one of our greatest benefactors over the past several years through funds raised for the Association via their You and Me vs MND initiatives.

We ask that you extend our gratitude to all your members and their families for their contributions. It means the world to us. As a non-profit organisation (NPO Nr 155-413) we rely solely on donations and bequests, as well as whatever fundraising is done on our behalf by individuals and groups, to keep providing support to patients with MND, their families and their caregivers.

The **Motor Neurone Disease / Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Association of South Africa (MNDA of SA)** was officially established in Cape Town in 1993, having had its beginnings two years previously as an informal support group for those diagnosed with motor neurone disease (MND) run by volunteers for the Association for the Physically Disabled.

Today the MNDA is an audited, independent body governed by a constitution and run by a management committee under an executive vice-chairperson, with a consultant neurologist as chairperson. Based in an office in Pinelands, Cape Town, the organisation employs part-time, home-based patient advisors across the country to provide counselling (through home visits or telephonically); to advise on care; and to organise the loan, purchase and installation of aids and equipment to ease the lives of patients and their families and caregivers living with this degenerative, incurable neuromuscular disease.

Our advisors (currently two in Gauteng, one in KZN, one in the Southern Cape and two in the Western Cape) convene support group meetings for patients and their families and caregivers. They also attend regular specialist MND clinics at three of the country's largest state hospitals (Groote Schuur, Tygerberg and Chris Hani Baragwanath) to assist MND patients. The MNDA supports patients from all walks of life, irrespective of race, gender, income group or belief.

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As part of its mission to inform and educate the public about MND/ALS, the Association supplies new patients and doctors with reading material on the disease, its effects and solutions to its every-day challenges. The association also compiles and mails a quarterly newsletter to all MND patients, major hospitals, hospices and regular donors and supporters. As a founding member of the UK-based International Alliance of ALS/MND Associations (to which an annual membership is paid but from which no additional funding is received), the MNDA of SA is able to disseminate the latest information on international and local research, raise public awareness of MND and encourage fundraising activities. Our detailed recordkeeping of patients and their progress is a valued source of information to medical researchers.

Membership of the Association (at a nominal annual fee of R200) is open to patients and non-patients. It is voluntary and full support to all MND sufferers we come across is provided irrespective of whether the subscription/donation is paid.

Once again, our deepest appreciation for your support. We wish you all well with hopes for a healthy, safe 2021.

Sincerely
Wendy Toerien
(Secretary)

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BANKING DETAILS FOR DONATIONS:

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