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## Report about the School Opening Ceremony, Sir Lowry's Pass March 8, 2019

What a celebration!



None of the approximately 200 attendees will ever forget the wonderful opening ceremony of the Hope & Light school campus on 8 March. The school's multipurpose hall was literally finished at the last minute and provided an ideal setting for a three-hour celebration that moved hearts and made the Hope&Light mission accessible to everybody present.

From 10:30 on, Edgar Lennitch, the school's head of HR, led a colorful program that started with an emotional retrospective of the story of Hope & Light by its founder and chairman, Barbara Tofaute. She talked at length about the beginnings, difficulties and challenges that have been overcome in recent years and ended her speech with a thank you to her deceased husband and co-initiator Hermann.



Then, a mixed children's choir of Hope & Light children and members of the associated Eagles Rising Institute intoned both the South African and then the German national anthem, before Rainer Winge, chairman of the board of the German Hope & Light organization came to the microphone and brought out a vote of thanks for the excellent cooperation and, above all, the generosity of the donors. The Dietmar Hopp Foundation, Sternstunden

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e.V., BILD / Ein Herz für Kinder, GENESIS Mining and the Zwick Roell company were especially mentioned here. Without them, the construction of the school and important infrastructure elements of the school would not have been possible.

It was followed by another great singing and dancing performance of the Hope & Light children to the immense delight of the attending dignitaries, sponsors, teachers, parents, children and school staff.



The closing point of the contributions was given by the German Consul General in Cape Town, Mr. Matthias Hansen, who emphasized the importance of education for children of the Cape region and very warmly expressed his gratitude in the name of the Federal Republic of Germany for this extraordinary project. Finally, the members of the German Hope & Light board received a flower greeting from the hands of the schoolchildren before the Hope & Light children set the final scene with yet another exhilarating dance and singing performance.



The wonderfully hospitable informal part included a buffet of both German and South African specialities and also offered ample opportunity to review the experience or to walk through the newly finished professional school premises.

The event was a more than worthy start to a promising future.

Two days later, some more 180,000 ZAR (about EUR 11,000) were collected thanks to the wonderfully organized charity golf tournament and the attached raffle at Erinvale Golf Club. All





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credits here go to Simone Stein-Frey and Margrit Bill who did a wonderful job. You are invited to take a look at the special booklet with pictures and votes of thanks on our homepage [www.hopeandlight.de](http://www.hopeandlight.de).

The golf tournament presented a brilliant ending to great celebrations!

An inauguration cannot be more beautiful and successful. Thank you and congratulations to everyone concerned.

Barbara Tofaute      Josias Hove  
Rainer Winge      Dr. Christian Kugelmeier

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