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SANDTON business executives embarked on Computershare's fourth Change a Life Cycle organised to raise money to combat crime.

This year's six-day event involved a challenging 500km cycle through the Namib Desert to Swakopmund and aimed to raise R3.5 million for anti-crime projects.

The Johannesburg Stock

Exchange's CEO Russell Loubser and his deputy Nicky Newton-King took part along with CEO of Sun International David Couttes-Trotter, Chairman of Dimension Data Jeremy Ord, Chairman of USN Albe Goldenhuys, President of UTi Gavin Rimmer, CEO of Hollard Insurance Nic Kohler, CEO of Old Mutual Investment Group Diane Radley and Financial Director of Bidvest David Cleasby.

Funds from the Change a Life

Cycle were channelled into five anti-crime initiatives.

The DNA Project, advancing the use of DNA evidence bringing criminals to justice; the Martin Dreyer Change a Life Academy, training disadvantaged youngsters in rural KwaZulu Natal to become professional athletes and the iChoose to Change a Life, providing leadership training to teenage offenders so they can launch anti-crime projects in their communities.

Funds also went to the iThemba Change a Life Rape and Trauma Support Centre and the Allan Thomson Kushido Karate-do, that teaches disadvantaged children the merits of self discipline through the structure and power of karate.

Computershare CEO Stan Lorge said cycling was the fastest growing executive sport in South Africa and there was enormous opportunity to use this to do good. "Our Change a Life Cycle uses the sport as a vehicle

to help combat crime in South Africa. Funds raised by the event transform the lives of hundreds of disadvantaged young South Africans."

Computershare launched the Change a Life Cycle in 2008 to fund anti-crime initiatives after the murder of senior manager Mike Thomson, in September 2007. The Mike Thomson Change a Life Trust received over R12 million in funds after this year's event.



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