

Edenvale Presbyterians show support

The Presbyterian Church in Edenvale recently hosted a music concert in an effort to raise funds for the East Rand Youth Orchestra and the Khanyisa Trust.

Events such as these are held annually to support community initiatives.

The Khanyisa Trust is an organisation that feeds the homeless and provides spiritual support.

For the last 20 years this trust has been helping people in need by means of soup kitchens, which feed 50 to 100 people daily.

The trust also supports the Ekurhuleni Metropolitan Municipality clinic and is a part of an initiative called Hope which stands for Hope for Out of work People in Edenvale. Hope is an employment agency that places people in various positions with over 4 000 positions filled to date.

The evening's music programme included the Edenvale High School choir, the melodious tenor voices of Mike McMurray and Leigh Evans as

well as other musically talented individuals.

In the second half of the programme, the prestigious East Rand Youth Orchestra (EYRO) performed under the baton of Mr Pienaar Fourie.

This event was the first EYRO performance of 2011 as Mr Fourie underwent a heart bypass operation following three heart attacks earlier this year. During Mr Fourie's absence, the orchestra was conducted by Pascali Mokadi who is the orchestra's first violinist.

EYRO has been in existence since 1978 with Pienaar Fourie serving as its conductor for the entire duration of its existence.

The orchestra plays famous works of Vivaldi's spring of four seasons, Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and various musical pieces from movies which include the theme tune to James Bond.

The orchestra initially received funding from the government, but since 1994 had to apply to the National Lottery for funding as well as raise funds internally.