

# Organisation aims to empower people

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Doxa Deo's non-profit organisation and public benefit programme PopUp (People Upliftment Programme) recently hosted a glittery corporate gala evening.

PopUp is a home of grace based in Salvokop that provides a number of skills training programmes, holistic life skills programmes, job placement, free medical and dental services,

a clothing store, soup kitchen, day-care centre and counselling to under privileged communities in the greater Pretoria area.

PopUp also has a centre, Mmakau in Ga-Rankuwa and is planning to open a new centre in Soshanguve in June.

The focus of the glamorous gala evening was to illustrate how the business community could become involved in empowering disempowered residents of Pretoria.

The evening's programme included speakers Francois van Niekerk from the Merteck group, Alan Platt, Doxa Deo's visionary leader, a performance from Helena Hettema and a charity auction of an Anton Gericke painting.

The theme of the evening *Moving from success to significance* was in touch with the heart behind the PopUp initiative and the business community was urged to take hands with PopUp and leave behind a significant footprint.



Jennie Cerullo and Marcia Bell are international partners of PopUp.

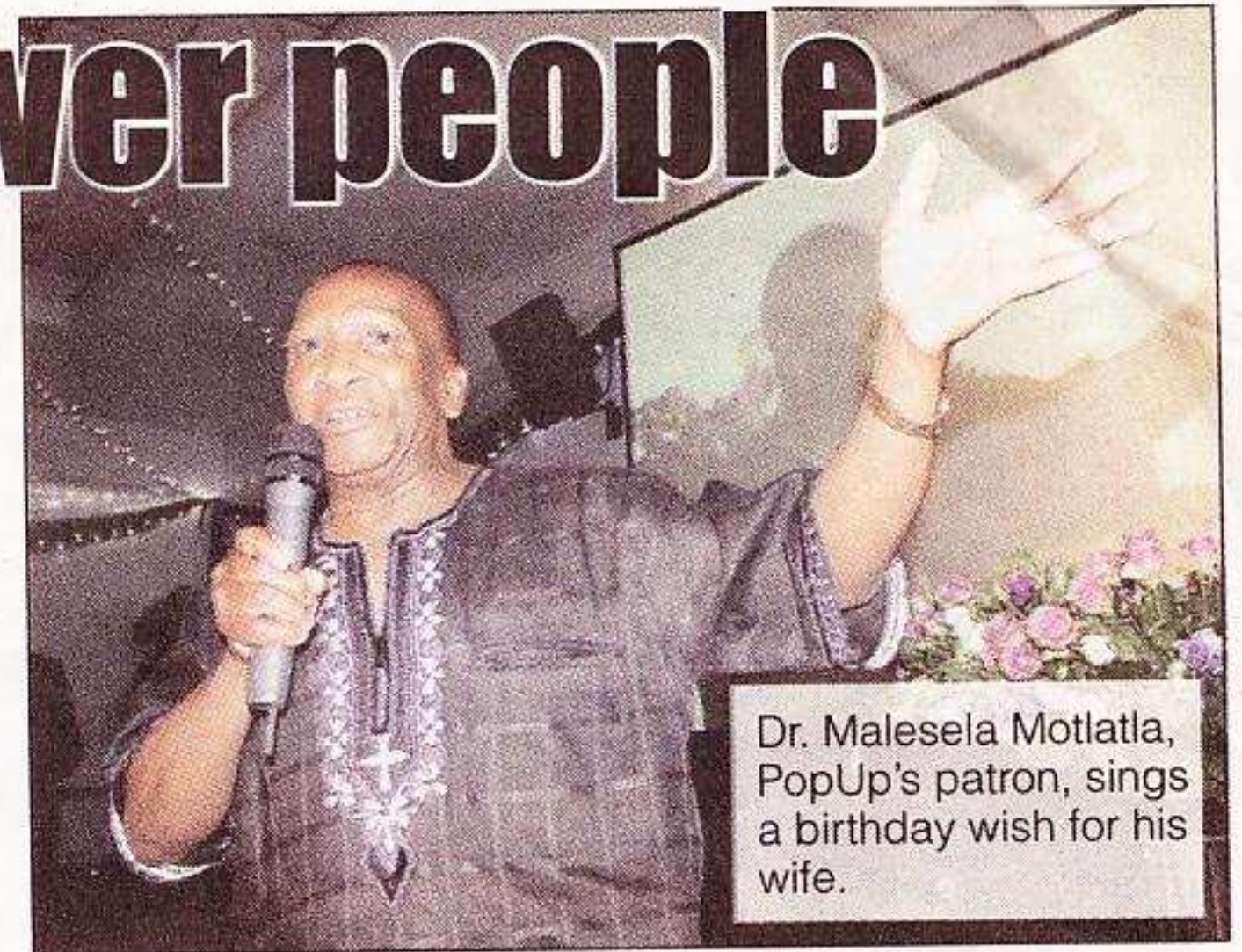
Artist Anton Gericke donated one of his paintings that was auctioned during the charity auction, of which the proceeds went to PopUp. Half of the proceeds from other Gericke paintings sold at the event were also donated to PopUp.



George Mahlobo, a PopUp director and the secretary general of the Apostolic Faith Mission (AFM), with his wife, Jacobeth Mahlobo.



Carol-Anne and Muller van Loggenberg, financial manager of Doxa Deo's east campus.



Dr. Malesela Motlatla, PopUp's patron, sings a birthday wish for his wife.



Marius and Marlene Freislich. Marlene is the CEO of PopUp.



Mampia Ndlovu and Molefi Nkhabu, head of Internal Audit at the Reserve Bank.