

## 2011 AVIS DERBY

Great excitement reigned at the Avis 2011 Derby as Development Day dawned on Saturday, 8 October. Avis Rent a Car has sponsored the event for ten consecutive years and it has grown to be a hugely popular occasion, exposing children as well as a broader public from all walks of life to equestrian sport. Organised by the Gauteng Horse Society, the Avis SA Derby has become one of the most important events on the equestrian calendar.

Amongst the children who enjoyed the festivities and the wonderful atmosphere of the 2011 Avis Derby were children from St Mary's Children's Home, an NPO which provides a safe, secure and therapeutic environment for children from families in crisis with a view to reuniting them with their families when possible, and children from the Soweto Equestrian Centre ("the Centre"). The Centre's vaulting team also participated in the day by giving a thrilling vaulting display on the morning. There were some tumbles as Vuka (our gentle cross Percheron giant) decided that he was going to give a try at being a rodeo horse!!!

While the younger children spent hours leaping on the jumping castles, the older children watched and enjoyed the derby itself. Pony rides gave them a first-hand experience of the thrill and challenge which the sport provides.

This wonderful event ended on Sunday with a cheque in the amount of R35 000 being presented to the Soweto Equestrian Foundation. Wow!!!

The Soweto Equestrian Foundation, the Centre and all its children shout out a big THANK YOU to Avis for the generous support Avis has given over the years in so many different ways.

For more photos of the day, please visit [www.sowetoequestrianfoundation.co.za](http://www.sowetoequestrianfoundation.co.za) and enjoy!

Kind regards

Marie-Aurelie



St Mary's Children's Home children enjoying their day at the Avis Derby Development Day



Thulani Nzima, Executive-Sales and Marketing at Avis with Miss SA 2010 Bokang Montjane, Jade Hooke, 2011 Avis Derby Winner, handing over cheque to Enos Mafokate, Founder of the Soweto Equestrian Centre