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**Press Release:** Uitsig Food Parcel Handover  
**Title:** Dan Plato & Oasis Crescent Fund Trust Team take to Uitsig to feed the poor  
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Oasis Group Holdings and the Mayor of Cape Town Alderman, Dan Plato, recently presented winter food parcels to people from the Uitsig community, situated in a disadvantaged area in Cape Town. This forms part of the Oasis handout drive for 2009, which takes place annually during the bitterly cold Cape winter months.

Mr. Mohamed Shaheen Ebrahim, Oasis Group Holdings Chairperson comments that these and several other initiatives that seek to help those who are less privileged are made possible as a result of the Crescent Fund Trust, which distributes the non-permissible income that is earned on the range of ethical investment products that is provided by Oasis. Mr. Ebrahim added that; "It is a great blessing for Oasis and the Crescent Fund Trust to be in a position where we are able to continue with our social responsibility campaigns despite the economic challenges that face the current Global Economy. We are obviously very aware of the fact that the poor are really suffering during the current recessionary conditions and during these cold winter months, and it is indeed a great privilege to help out where we can."

Oasis distributed a total of 300 food parcel packages to the poor in the Uitsig, Ravensmead & Belhar areas where the highest rate of diagnosed Tuberculosis patients in South Africa reside. The individuals from this community are also continuously challenged with acquiring sustainable nutrition in an attempt to ensure that their immune systems are strong enough to survive viruses and threatening diseases that pose a challenge to our communities, especially during the cold winter months. Furthermore, Mr. Ebrahim said, "Oasis has been committed to the winter food parcel handout over a number of years and will continue to do so for many more years to come. In total approximately 1000 food parcels have been donated to the poor for winter 2009."

Over the last two financial years, the Oasis Crescent Fund Trust has donated R11 Million Rand to worthy causes specifically in the areas of Healthcare, Community Development, Disaster Relief, and Education.

**NOTES TO EDITORS:**

Oasis supports all the national and provincial initiatives in support of levelling the social and economic playing fields of South Africa. However, the Oasis Group itself has always been empowered – in the conventional and legal sense – since its formation in 1997. It was then

and continues to be majority black-owned, managed and staffed. This more than meets all the conventional BEE guidelines and targets.

The Company believes, in line with its commitment to Corporate Social Investment, that empowerment goes much further than mere numbers. It is about an approach to life, a belief system, a set of values and an ethos.

That ethos informs all of what we do – but particularly so in the CSI arena. Oasis seeks to counter the consequences of previously segregated and unequally funded areas such as education and healthcare by donating substantially to these sectors. For it is in these areas, education and health, that people need to be most empowered if South Africa is to make something of itself.

In the same way, as has been outlined in that section, sport has suffered from a similar lack of resources, exposure and opportunity. Oasis' support of young sports men and women is evidence of this commitment to channel opportunity towards previously disadvantaged youth in the hope that it will keep them away from the relentless and dangerous distractions which modern society throws up at them – and, indeed, its adults as well.

Finally, given that natural disasters affect the poor the most, Oasis has consistently and rapidly supported communities when Nature has struck, so as to provide the basic human needs and rights that are slowly, but not yet universally, filtering through to the South African population as a whole – namely food, clean water, warmth and shelter.

Ultimately, although the core business of Oasis is Asset Management, the Company believes that its most important asset – and that of the country's – is its people. For further enquiries, please call the Oasis Marketing Department on 021 413 7860.

Kind Regards,

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