

## Media Advisory

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### Malaria Memorial - Turning Remembrance into Action

**WHAT:** Memorial service led by Yvonne Chaka Chaka, honoring Phumzile Ntuli, her former band member. Phumzile needlessly lost her life to malaria, like millions of others - mainly women and children living in Africa.

**WHY:** To acknowledge the devastating impact of malaria on individual's lives and the urgent need for increased and concerted action.

In 2004, Phumzile traveled with her band to Gabon where she contracted malaria. Upon her return to South Africa she became ill. Four days later she fell into a coma from which she never recovered. She passed away on June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2004. Her body rests at the Red Hill Cemetery in Durban.

This commemoration, on the eve of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis and Malaria *Partnership Forum*, will remind us of the unacceptable loss of life caused by this preventable, treatable and controllable disease.

*Journalists are invited to attend the memorial service which will be followed by a light lunch.*

**WHEN:** Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> of July 2006 at 10:30am

**WHERE:** Ethekwini Community Church, Corner of Ordinance and Aliwal Streets (white marquee near the International Convention Centre), Durban, South Africa.

### **SPEAKERS:**

- Ms Yvonne Chaka Chaka, South African celebrity and UNICEF Regional spokesperson
- Family members of Phumzile
- Former band members
- A video tribute will also be presented

\* Ms Yvonne Chaka Chaka will be available for media interviews on 26, 27 and 28 June 2006.

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