## Join us on the

# **HOOE HIKE HOOE BIKE**



## Fight depression! Break the silence!

#### When and where:

Sunday, 29 October, Van Gaalen's, Skeerpoort

An exhilarating 25 km mountain bike family fun ride.

**Registration:** 06:30 – 08:15

Starting times: Bike: 25 km: 07:45

Hike: 10 km: 08:00, 5 km: 08:30 & 3 km: 08:40

#### **Entry fee:**

Enter now by going to www.iqela-events.co.za

Afterwards, enjoy a Van Gaalen's picnic with its famous



## The Hope Hike and the Hope Bike

Depression is not about "feeling down" and will not disappear by "just pulling yourself together". It is an illness, and as with other medical conditions, it requires treatment.

As with other illnesses, awareness campaigns should also help to break the silence around mental illnesses. YOU can make a difference by joining us on the HOPE HIKE and the HOPE BIKE and wear something blue to show you care. Funds raised go towards the Ithemba Foundation (ithemba means hope) to support research about depression.

For information on depression and anxiety, go to www.ithembafoundation.org.za, www.safmh.org.za, www.mentalhealthsa.org.za, www.cpmh.org.za, www.capementalhealth.co.za

and www.sadag.org.



### World Mental Health Awareness Month

October is the World Health Organization's World Mental Health Awareness Month and 10 October is World Mental Health Day. Raise awareness around mental health, specifically depression – the illness without a face – by wearing a depression awareness ribbon.

The colour of the ribbon is sky-blue – the colour of optimism, peace, positivity, tranquillity, calmness, of HOPE. Beaded "Sky-blue for Hope" ribbons can be ordered at R30 each from Ithemba's website (www.ithembafoundation.org.za), with your full R30 going towards

research about depression.





