

# TAC loses one of its long standing members from Atlantis, Cape Town: Uncle John Vollenhoven

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Uncle John, a 59 year old TAC member who had been openly living with HIV, will be missed. He joined TAC in 2000 and was one of the founders of TAC Atlantis branch on the West Coast of Cape Town. He was very active in the community through gardening projects for support groups. He was also one of the first members to receive ARV treatment with the TAC Treatment Project under Dr Peterson at the time when ARV's were not available in South Africa. He served as a Treatment literacy educator in the local clinics and hospital in Atlantis. Many TAC members know him as Uncle John.

We are sad to inform you that he passed away on 29th August 2009 at 13h35 after a long struggle with his health. He leaves his wife, his five children, his branch members and support group members, including members from 'Beat it?' behind. His contribution to the struggle will never be forgotten.

We salute you Uncle John for your leadership and contribution in the struggle against TB and HIV in South Africa. We will remember you. Rest in peace! Lala Ngoxolo Qabane! Sikwathi Tutwini nakwizizwalana zakho Akuhlanga lungehlanga Thuthuzelekani

For any contribution towards the funeral please contact Terens Crow 078 161 7558, Tantaswa Ndlelana 021-422 1700, Deena Bosch 021 422 1700 and Fredalene Booysen 073 206 3611.

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