

## **ZUZIMPILO MEDICAL CENTRE MEDIA RELEASE**

### **Forget the flowers this year, give a real South African Valentine's day gift**

*8 February 2008:* For those of you out there who are stuck on what to give your love for Valentine's Day – why not be a real South African and consider a real South African gift: Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT) and finally confirm your HIV status, together?

Zuzimpilo Medical Centre, based in the Johannesburg city centre is in the mood for real love and offering a buy one get one free deal. Pay for one VCT (R20) and get the VCT for your true love free. This deal includes pre and post test counselling. If one or both of you is HIV positive, you'll get a free CD4 count with results in two working days. The value of this test alone is R175.

If you are negative, you will be given advice on how to stay that way.

But that's not all. Because Zuzimpilo Medical Centre is so fixated on loving couples being tested, they'll also give you a free Valentine's Day gift.

A CD4 count is done on HIV positive people as a guide to determine when best to start on treatment. This is usually when the CD4 count is below 200.

Dr Tinyiko Khosa, the director of Zuzimpilo Medical Centre says that, "We desperately want to reduce the spread of this disease and to also assist those who are affected by it. Hundreds of thousands of South Africans can live long, healthy lives if they were more proactive with testing and getting ARV treatment when they need it."

Zuzimpilo Medical Centre is the first of its kind in the country. It provides comprehensive HIV/Aids care and treatment including ARVs for only R350 a month which would cost R1200 in the private sector.

It is a one stop facility that offers consultations by appointment, and is a speciality HIV/Aids treatment centre.

This Valentine's Day demonstrate true love for your partner and get tested together.

Never mind those chocolates and a meal out. Get really romantic and call Zuzimpilo Medical Centre on 0860 467456, or visit the clinic at Ansteys Bulding, 59 Joubert Street corner Jeppe in central Johannesburg, or go to [www.zuzimpilo.co.za](http://www.zuzimpilo.co.za)

This Valentine's Day give a gift that lasts – a healthy life. This offer runs from 13 February 2008 to the end of the month of love. ENDS

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