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To whom it may concern,

I would like to congratulate SOSA Medical, as well as Rabbi Ari Hoppenstein, Rabbi Shaun Wingrin, Lionel Horwitz and Russell Davidoff for this incredible initiative that aims to provide funding to members of our community who cannot afford medical aid and therefore cannot afford care in private hospitals.

This is a great mitzvah because there are a growing number of people in the South African Jewish community who have no choice but to rely on state hospitals – where conditions make proper medical care enormously challenging. This has been exacerbated by the recent third wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. SOSA Medical aims to give people who cannot afford it both peace of mind and proper, dignified medical attention when needed.

Our sages teach us that one of the highest levels of tzedakah is giving to people in order to help them receive proper medical care, and I want to congratulate and thank those who have initiated this much-needed project. May Hashem bless their holy work.

May Hashem bless those who are able to support this unique and holy cause.

With blessings

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