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NAMDIA Celebrates Republikein 2025 Bridal Couple of the Year's Generous Donation to Rauch Elohim Foundation

08 August 2025 - The glamour and sparkle of the 2025 Bridal Couple of the Year Competition, organised by Republikein, extended far beyond the competition runway, as the winning couple Mr. Edwin Blaauw and Mrs. Zenea Blaauw turned part of their prize into a heartfelt gesture of giving.

On Friday, 08 August 2025, in Swakopmund, the Blaauws handed over items worth N\$10,000-00 to the Rauch Elohim Foundation, a registered charity organisation dedicated to the care and upliftment of vulnerable and abandoned children. This donation formed part of their winning prizes, which required them to contribute to a registered charity of their choice.

Explaining their choice, Mr. and Mrs. Blaauw shared that their Christian background and belief strongly align with the Foundation's mission that every life has value, every child deserves love and each person has a purpose. They expressed their joy in being able to contribute to an organisation whose values mirror their own.

The ceremony was attended by the Public Relations & Communications Officer of NAMDIA, Ms. Beverley Coussement, who delivered a brief overview of the sponsorship. NAMDIA is proud to mark its third year participating in this prestigious competition, an event synonymous with diamonds, glamour and celebrating love. Speaking at the event, Ms. Coussement noted that "NAMDIA's continued involvement in the Bridal Couple of the Year Competition is about more than showcasing beauty and elegance. It is about creating opportunities to give back and make a tangible difference in the lives of Namibians. We are proud to see the spirit of generosity at the heart of this year's winners' celebration."

Founder of the Rauch Elohim Foundation, Ms. Ronel Peters, expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the couple and the organisers for the meaningful contribution, highlighting how such acts of kindness directly impact the lives of the children they care for.

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Following the handover, guests were given a tour of the orphanage, providing insight into the vital work being done by the Foundation in the coastal community.

The Republikein 2025 Bridal Couple of the Year Competition once again proved that true beauty shines brightest when it uplifts others. A value NAMDIA is committed to championing. **-END-**



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