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Summiting for charity

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ENTREPRENEUR and founder of the 365 Ubuntu Climbs initiative, Andrew Patterson, 38, will climb Table Mountain every day this year in an attempt to raise R1 million for three charities in Stellenbosch, Claremont and Pinelands. He started his quest on January 1.

"Eight days before my last day of work, the idea came to me while driving past the mountain on my way to Stellenbosch. My retrenchment was effective July 1 and instead of returning to corporate life, I decided to focus on honouring my idea," he said.

Through the 67 Minutes for Nelson Mandela and various voluntary programmes in the past, he built a relationship with the three charities. They are Habitat for Humanity in Pinelands, One Heart For Kids in Stellenbosch and

the Sunflower Fund in Claremont.

"Habitat for Humanity is an organisation I got my previous company involved with after Mandela passed away, where we hoped to build two homes a month for the less fortunate.

"I met Lisa Thompson-Smeddle, the founder of One Heart For Kids, the day after I had my idea and she had so many ideas and was so supportive.

"I've worked with the Sunflower Fund in the past, raising money during Argus season for the past five years," he said.

In 2015, Habitat for Humanity was praised by Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu for bringing peace, justice and love to the world through ubuntu.

To donate R1 or more to this charitable cause, visit Backabuddy: <https://www.backabuddy.co.za/365-ubuntuclimbs>.