



**TOUR TREAT:** Velokhaya founders Glyn Broomberg and Amos Ziqubu with the Cape cyclists heading for the Tour... Emile Jacobs, Verdi Farao, Yoliswa Maseti, Songezo Jim, Nkosinathi Nohesi and Chumisa Mkunqwana **Picture:** DEBBIE OWEN

## Khayelitsha to Alpe d'Huez for six intrepid City cyclists

Six budding young cyclists will leave next week to attend the Tour de France as VIP guests – and ride a stage of the tour.

The dream 10-day trip has been put together as part of a fund-raiser by Velokhaya – an initiative which raises funds for cycling infrastructure in South Africa's poorest communities.

On July 20, they participate in a time trial from Bourg-d'Oisans, up the Tour's famous 21 hairpin bends, and when the Tour arrives in Alpe d'Huez on July 23, they will watch the finish from a private viewing area, meet the race leaders and dine

with Team CSC Saxo Bank. The next day they participate in the sign-in ceremony and line up at the start with the yellow, green and white jersey race leaders.

The girl and five boys chosen to help promote Velokhaya ([www.velokhaya.com](http://www.velokhaya.com)) were selected after demonstrating exceptional dedication, perseverance and professionalism – both on and off their bicycles.

Funds raised by the exercise last year have been used to start construction of the Velokhaya BMX Oval in Khayelitsha and a world-class, high performance cycling centre is next in line.