

ay in show of hope

artist Teba will sell limited edition Aids T-shirts at the Levi's Store at the Waterfront.

All proceeds go to the Treatment Action Campaign's anti-retroviral project.

Last night, the city council hosted its sixth annual HIV/Aids workplace programme awards ceremony in recognition of staff who volunteer their services as peer educators and counsellors.

According to a new survey, the HIV epidemic in South

Africa may be levelling off.

Details of the 2005 SA household survey on HIV commissioned by the Nelson Mandela Foundation were released yesterday.

The survey revealed the HIV infection rate in persons aged two years and older is about 10.8%, with a higher rate in females (13.3%) than in males (8.2%). HIV among those in the 15-49 age group increased slightly from 15.6% in 2002 to 16.2% in 2005, suggesting the

pandemic is levelling off.

But Child Welfare SA warned that the number of orphaned and vulnerable children requiring Child Welfare care is increasing alarmingly.

It says there was a 50% increase in children needing care last year.

Anglican Archbishop Njongonkulu Ndungane said more effective leadership to fight Aids was desperately needed.

He said South Africa was on the brink of large-scale con-

version from HIV to Aids illness and death and needed better government leadership.

"We desperately need our government leadership to develop a national strategic framework for prevention care and treatment..."

The National Pathology Group has warned that rape increases women's vulnerability to HIV/Aids.

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