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■ Calib de Kock, 17, of the Phoenix Cycling Club, died after sustaining a serious head injury when he collided with the door of a Mercedes-Benz that was parked in Beach Road.

Financial relief for late cyclist's family

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There has been some financial relief for the family of the 17-year-old Bonteheuwel cyclist who died in Sea Point last month, as his hospital bill has been mostly written off.

Calib de Kock was cycling on Beach Road when he collided with a car door on Tuesday June 11.

The Bonteheuwel High School pupil was admitted to Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital where he succumbed to his injuries ("Teen Bonteheuwel cyclist dies while training", Athlone News, June 19).

His family received an invoice for R360 000 from Christiaan Barnard Hospital and other medical practices.

Shadeeran Govender, general manager of Net-care Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital, said: "We can confirm that as a compassionate gesture of goodwill, the hospital costs have been entirely written off," he said.

"We are also grateful for the generosity of the independent healthcare practices and services that are in business for their own account that have also agreed to reduce their fees or provide their services pro bono to help significantly relieve the financial impact on the family," Mr Govender said.

Calib's mother, Anthea de Kock, 44, is a cleaner at Lighthouse Ministries while his sister Lilian, 26,



■ The "Ghost Bike" was placed at the Beach and Oliver roads intersection in Sea Point where Calib de Kock crashed while cycling.

is a teacher at a school in Bonteheuwel.

At the time of publication, Athlone News was unable to reach the De Kock family for comment on the debt waived off.

A group of cyclists placed a "ghost bike" at the intersection of Main and Oliver roads in Sea Point where Calib crashed.

"A ghost bike is symbolic of the death of a cyclist at the spot where the bike is placed as remembrance to the life that was lost. It is also a reminder to drivers to take care on the road and be on the lookout for cyclists who are extremely vulnerable on the road," said Neil Robinson, CEO of the Pedal Power Association.