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Za Foundation Newsletter

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Za Launch



The Za team and Zakhele

Although Za Foundation has been a registered charity for well over a year now, we have never celebrated the formation of our charity. So, after many months of planning, a very special event was held on July 5th to officially 'launch' Za Foundation.

Around 150 invited guests crowded into a marquee kindly donated by The Downs School to hear from directors Jayne Morris-Thurgood and Dawn Snape who talked about the origins of the charity, what has been achieved so far and what we hope to do next. Special guests were Zakhele who entertained the crowd and succeeded in getting everyone up on their feet!

The key objective of the evening was to raise awareness of Za's activities and in doing so, we successfully raised some much needed funds as well.

No costs were incurred by Za Foundation thanks to all the individuals and organisations who donated time and resources to organise this event.

Library Project

One of our key projects for the coming year is the Nkomazi Community Library Project. Incredibly, there are no public libraries within a 30 mile radius of Thembaletu which is the base for our partner charity in Nkomazi, South Africa. Za Foundation is planning to rectify this by converting a 40 foot container, filling it with books and resources and training local people to run it as a library for the whole community to enjoy. Not only would this become a valuable community resource but it would also serve as a safe place for after-school activities, mother and baby story-telling sessions and Thembaletu nursery.

So far we have received donations of several thousand books, notably from local schools; the Bristol branch of Soroptimists International and as a result of a successful Twitter campaign. Now we are looking for further funds to complete the project.

If you are able help us in any way with this exciting project, please do get in touch with us by email: info@zafoundation.org



Artist's impression of Nkomazi Community Library



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Zakhele 2011

What an amazing summer! On June 2nd a group of enthusiastic, energetic young South Africans from Nkomazi arrived for five weeks of music, singing, education and fun. Zakhele visited 17 schools, interacted with around 3750 children, gave 19 HIV workshops and 48 school and public performances. Of course, it doesn't end there and Zakhele is now piloting a life skills programme in secondary schools in Nkomazi. In the meantime, we thought we'd share with you some of the highlights from those fantastic five weeks...



Fundraising Fun

Sarah's half marathon challenge

On September 10th, Sarah Silverthorne ran the Bristol Half Marathon in a fantastic time of just over two hours, successfully raising £725 in sponsorship money for Za Foundation. Thank you so much Sarah! Time to start training for the next one!

Lucy's roller blading marathon

Another of Za's amazing supporters is completing her own challenge in aid of Za - to complete not one but two marathons, on roller blades! Her second marathon takes place in Berlin on September 24th. It's not too late to sponsor her, simply search for Lucy Phillips on www.uk.virginmoneygiving.com/giving/. Good luck Lucy!

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