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2nd Annual GenJoy Auction
Saturday, May 1st 2010
Pickering Barn,
Issaquah WA

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Welcome to Generation Joy New Year ~ New Beginnings



As we start a new year here at home, South African children are returning to a new school year after their summer break. We are focused on staying warm and dry in our homes and cars, celebrating our holiday seasons with gifts and rich

foods. Those South African students are walking along hot dusty roads to new classrooms and new teachers. Most schools have no electricity, no plumbing, and little in the way of technology or educational resources. However, many of the children are carrying new pencils, pens and spiral notebooks, wearing new shoes and riding bicycles, thanks to the support of the Generation Joy community.

In our last newsletter we told you about the Baobab Fund, which provides scholarships to promising students in South Africa: students who show special dedication to their studies. With access to a good education they will have bright futures. Read more about these students on page 2.



We extend our deepest thanks to those of you who responded to our e-mail fundraising letter last month. It truly was the "giving season" and we are grateful for your generous donations of \$ 5,800 in December.



Have you saved the date ?

Generation Joy's second annual fundraiser will be held May 1st at the Pickering Barn in Issaquah. Lots of good food, great silent auction items and a fun celebration with friends of Gen Joy are on the schedule of events for the evening. We are currently in need of computer-literate adults to enter winning bids and other data into our auction software program on

the night of the auction. So if you or someone you know would like to contribute the gift of time on the evening of May 1st, or you have auction items to donate please contact

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Its been a hard days night !



“Knowledge is like the Baobab tree,

One persons arms cannot encompass it”

African proverb

Baobab Fund

The Baobab Fund supports promising students in South Africa who show special dedication and great potential for a bright future. Scholarships are awarded to students with excellent attendance records and good marks, and demonstrate strong work ethic. In other words, those who are already committed to improving their futures. Because of your generosity at our auction in May, the Baobab Fund now sits at \$2500 that will financially assist several of these students.

If you would like to make a special contribution to the Baobab Fund, please visit our website or contact Joe Osborne at joe.j.osborne@gmail.com.

Baobab Scholars Selected

We are proud to introduce you to our Baobab Scholars! The following students were selected to receive scholarships:

Freedom Nkosi and his brother Thabani are orphans and live with their granny. They work very hard and are diligent students. Freedom is entering grade 8, and Thabani is in grade 5.



Freedom Nkosi

Nosipho is also starting grade 5 this year, and has been on scholarship for three years. When she first came to the Underberg School, she spoke no English and struggled with her studies. She has worked very hard and is now is an excellent student.



Nosipho at school in Underberg

The scholarships will pay for tuition, books, uniforms, sports fees, vision and hearing tests, insurance, etc. Baobab scholars will be monitored to ensure that they continue to meet the criteria for their acceptance into the program. These criteria include but are not limited to attendance, grades, attitude, and behavior. We look forward to bringing you progress reports in future newsletters!



Supplies in the hands of learners

News from the Travel Team

We had some fantastic information sessions to tell people about traveling with Generation Joy and all that applied for 2010 were accepted.

The Travel Team for 2010 is as follows: Nick Buechel, Carson Guard, Jenna Velozo, Ellen Betzler, James Randle, Barb Steeves, Curtis Betzler. We wish them safe travels and good times over the Summer. Think you might be interested in being part of the Gen Joy travel team someday? Watch for tips on preparing for a trip to Africa in the next issue!



A new school just waiting for our pens ,pencils and paper!



Flat tires all just a day in the life of a Gen Joy traveler



Convoy ~ Gen Joy style

A Taste Of Africa

One of the first questions people ask when they hear that you're traveling to Africa is, "What do you eat?" It's fun to try new foods like biltong, a kind of dried spiced meat similar to beef jerky originally introduced to South Africa by Dutch settlers. The meat used for biltong is sometimes beef, but also may be game meat such as eland or kudu. Many are surprised to hear that for the most part, we eat pizza, pasta and sandwiches at local restaurants and café's.

We have been fortunate to experience the warmth and generous hospitality of many South African families. They frequently

invite Gen Joy travelers into their homes, most often for a "braai", the South African name for a barbecue. We also make lots of trips to the local supermarket, the Spar, to stock up on picnic foods for our long days delivering supplies to rural communities. Everywhere are the flavors, smells and spirit of this great country and people.

We'd like to share with you one of the great recipes for Mealie bread, a staple of South African meals. Thanks to Pierre Horn, director of our partner non-profit, Vukuzakhe, for liberating this recipe from his mum!



Mealie Bread

1 cup flour
1 cup maize (corn)meal
1 cup full fat milk
1 can creamed sweetcorn
2 tsp. baking powder
3 eggs
¼ cup sugar
Beat eggs and sugar. Mix in all other ingredients and combine. Pour into a baking dish and bake for 30 mins at 350F. Enjoy !

How can eating out at some great local restaurants benefit Gen Joy with no extra cost to you?

Get your knives and forks ready !

In our next newsletter, we'll tell you how we're teaming up with an organization called [Celebrated Chefs](#).

Kids helping Kids ~ A good habit is hard to break.

Each issue we would like to introduce students who are having an impact on this non profit by their work and under stand Kids helping Kids. Cassidy Boucher an ex student at Beaver Lake answers some questions about her work with Generation Joy.

How and why were you involved in the humanitarian project at BLMS?

I became involved in the Humanitarian Project in its first year by joining BLOCK Club. After hearing stories about what Generation Joy was doing in South Africa and how much we really could do to help, I knew I wanted to be as involved in the project as possible. So I became BLOCK Club's Secretary and had a great time planning and executing the drive.

What did you enjoy about the project ?

I loved seeing how we could get other kids, families, and staff members excited about the change we could make

across the world. So often it seems like we, being kids, have no power to create change, and that was one of the main goals of BLOCK Club - kids helping kids. It was really amazing to see that idea go into action.

Why did you consider it important to continue to PCFC our 9th grade campus?

Here at PCFC, we have two new schools that have never done the drive. If kids at BLMS can get so involved, then why not IMS and PLMS? We saw this as a great opportunity to spread the message to a much larger group of kids.

How has your involvement with this work made an impact on you and on our community ?

The Humanitarian Project has made a huge impact on myself in that I no longer feel so powerless when it comes to taking a stand and making a change. BLOCK Club has shown us all that everyone

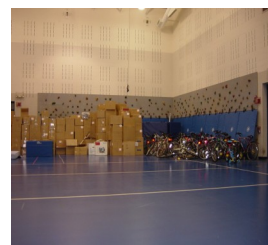
can help out if they really care. It has also taught me valuable leadership skills from planning and presenting so many presentations and the drive itself, as well as learning to run meetings as an Officer. The drive has had a wonderful influence on our community- every year, this is a chance for the entire area to work together for the greater good and see their effort actually be put into action

Any other comments ?

If there is one thing I miss about BLMS, it is BLOCK Club. It was so great to have a group of people, all caring about the same thing, work on this project all year and then get to see all of the pieces finally fit together once the drive is over. The sense of accomplishment that comes with the drive being a huge success is such a reward and it is something I'll never forget. I wish you guys the best of luck for this year!



Mission accomplished ready to roll out to the container !



Friends of Generation Joy (FOG)



Gen Joy hits the pavement running !

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We would like to feature in this section those in our community who are helping Generation Joy in a special or unique way. In this issue, we'd like to introduce you to an extraordinary person who does not know the meaning of going for a light jog !

Greg Manciangli is a local Sammamish, Washington athlete who has taken fundraising for Generation Joy to a level most of us can't even imagine. Greg is raising money while competing in the following races, his goal is to run 300 miles in 3 months!

Susitna 100 (100 miles) Alaska February 13-15
Chuckanut 50k (32 miles) Bellingham, WA March 20
Boston Marathon (26.2 miles) Boston, MA April 19
Australia 2010 (150 miles) Western Aus. April 24-May 1

Greg's final run in Australia is one of the 4 Deserts events, which makes up a series of footraces known as Racing the Planet. Competitors must carry all their own equipment and food, and are only provided with water and a place in a tent each day. Ironically, Greg will be finishing his race through the Australian outback to complete 300 miles in 3 months on the date of Gen Joy's 2nd annual fundraiser!

We wish him the best, not only because he is raising money for us, but because we are honored by his belief in our work. If you live in Issaquah or Sammamish, look for Greg dragging his tire on one of his training runs and give him a big thumbs up!



To follow Greg's progress, please visit his blog on the 4 Deserts website at: http://www.4deserts.com/blogs/index_australia.php?pid=NjUw&blog=20

It's a wrap

Generation Joy Foundation is a recognized 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. As you consider participating in giving campaigns through your work or community, we encourage you to designate all or part of your gift to Generation Joy and promote the cause of "kids helping kids". Don't forget to maximize your giving by using your company's matching funds program. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

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A Target bag full of school supplies for excellent student attendance

A soft toy.....it could be their first ever !



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