



# CONNECTIONS

## Greetings Friends and Supporters,

Thank you for taking this time to read our news. We are excited to bring you closer to the work that we are doing in Southern Africa by combining the Kidlinks Newsletter with the Gumboots SA Newsletter. Three times a year we receive the news directly from the projects that we support and we would like to share some of the uplifting and heartfelt stories with you. In addition, in each newsletter, we will introduce you to a hard working staff member of these projects as well.

### Meet Mr. Kondlo

This month we would like you to meet Mr. Mbulelo Kondlo from the Ikhwili Primary school in Kei Mouth. He is a teacher at the primary school and our main contact for the food garden project that we support. Here are some comments from his most recent letter reporin on the food garden project at the Kei Mouth Schools.



“[...] The school nutrition programme has resumed in March 2011 the dept of educ has fixed the problem. I bought the seedlings for the garden three weeks ago from Gonubie they thriving very well, but there is still alot of space that has to be planted, we together with learners have prepared the soil i have to plant some more so that aal the area gets planted,so that there is succession of plants[...]The chap working in the garden is fine He cleans it up, your weed eater is still working very well.”

### Khwili Schools Library Project

As some of you may know, Michelle Storm and Steve Meyer, who have volunteered with Kidlinks since our inception, are heading up the new library project at the Khwili schools in Kei Mouth later this year. This project is in partnership with Rotary Books of the World founded by Bob and Carol Dombroski of McFarland, Wisconsin. Their goal is to work jointly with the teachers at Khwili Schools and provide necessary materials and expertise.



### Announcing the 6th Africa Alive 2011

We are presently working hard to bring you the 6th Africa Alive Fundraiser which will be held on August 6 at the Agora Pavilion on East Cheryl Parkway in Fitchburg. We are really excited about this new venue so please mark your calendars. We hope to make this event the best ever! We are expanding our reach by making this a multi-cultural ethnic event. We are presently seeking entertainers, artists, and event attractions for kids so please let us know if you would like to be a part of Africa Alive this year. Please contact Liza at 608-209-3398, Mena at 608-217-0696 or visit our website at [www.kidlinksworld.org](http://www.kidlinksworld.org)

## Condolences

We have some very sad news to report. Peggy Chauke, who is the Director of Leratong Pre-School, lost her daughter Sheena in late April. Sheena died of complications from a heart condition that had been diagnosed a couple of years ago. She leaves two young sons. Sheena was 33-years-old and had spent many years helping Peggy at Leratong. This news was a tremendous blow to all who knew her. Our sincere condolences go out to Peggy at this most difficult time.



Interested in volunteering for Africa Alive or one of our other events? Please complete our [volunteer form](#) or call Liza at 608.209.3398.

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