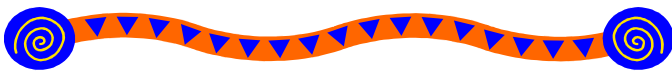


INTRODUCTION

We were thrilled to receive such positive feedback on the creation of our quarterly newsletters, so here is the second one with lots of great information about upcoming events and exciting developments! And remember, the newsletters will be emailed to you each quarter and they will be posted on the Kidlinks website (www.kidlinksworld.org) so they can be viewed at any time.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 1st – Africa Alive at the Capital Brewery
- August 7th – Kidlinks’ booth at WI PBS Kids Open House
- August 15th – Kidlinks’ booth at Africa Fest
- August 29-30th – Kidlinks’ Bicycling, Bed and Breakfast
- October 3rd – Sustainable Living Day



Highlight:

4th Annual Africa Alive

August 1st, 2 - 8pm • Capital Brewery in Middleton
Suggested donation: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children

This is going to be our biggest Africa Alive yet, with Atimevu, WADOMA West African Dance, live and silent auctions, a Children’s Costume Contest, Youth Rhythm Circle, the children’s entertainment zone, spoken word poetry, African crafts, balloon artists, face painting, brewery tours and more! Africa Alive will also be visited by a real fire truck and fire-fighters! Don’t miss out on all the fun! So tell your friends and family and come out for a great day to support a great cause, as all proceeds will go to support the children!

The children’s entertainment zone will have on-going activities throughout the entire event, but the costume contest and rhythm circle will take place at specific times (see below). All ages welcome! Children are encouraged to come in costume, but in case you forget, there will be costumes at the event.

Here is the tentative entertainment schedule for Africa Alive 2009

3 - 3:45	Youth Rhythm Circle
3:45 – 4:30	Live Auction
4:30 - 5	Children’s Costume Contest
5 – 5:30	WADOMA West African Dance
5:45 – 7:45	Atimevu



Africa Alive!



2008 photos - Top: Tony Brown and the 608 Riddims, Left: WADOMA, Right: Jenna Greenheck in the children’s costume contest



WE NEED YOUR HELP

We have a ton of events coming up in the next few months and we'll need volunteers at all of them, so please contact us if you're interested in helping. There are lots of different jobs to be done, for instance, at Africa Alive we need help with the auctions, people to sell crafts, people to help with all the youth activities, greeters, event set-up, etc.

Also, we can still use some help finding donors and sponsors for Africa Alive; please contact Cristianne if you can help with this.

The Kidlinks' Bicycling, Bed and Breakfast is fast approaching on August 29th and 30th. This unique fundraiser has very limited space, so if you're interested or know someone who would be interested, sign-up soon! You will be so happy you did...get some exercise, support a great cause and stay at the historic Jones Mansion; it's an awesome weekend! Visit our website for all the details or call Michelle at 608-828-9825.

WE HAVE ANOTHER NEW PROJECT PARTNER!

We are extremely excited to report that we have been able to extend our reach once again and take on another new project partner, bringing our total to five project partners in South Africa: Leratong Preschool, Ikageng Itireleng AIDS Ministry, Kei Mouth schools, Sigiya Sonke and our new addition, Ratang Bana.

Ratang Bana means 'love the children' in Sotho. This is an organization that was started by Ingrid Moloi, who is trained as a social worker and an orphan care coordinator, but most importantly, she is a woman with an enormous heart. Ingrid has a number of children that she supports through Ratang Bana, most of whom have been orphaned. Ingrid helps to ensure that they are cared for, sheltered, fed and educated. Through Ratang Bana, Ingrid has also started the Red Roses Football

Club which is a soccer program designed to keep children off the streets after school and give them positive encouragement and motivation in their lives. There are currently almost 100 children in the program and they practice regularly, using equipment that Ingrid has gotten donated. Kidlinks is very proud to join Ingrid in her work to support these wonderful children!

OTHER INFORMATION

At the end of August, Dave Watts and Liza Lightfoot will be leading a work trip to South Africa, and for the second year in a row this group will be comprised of students from California Polytechnic State University. They will be working on the gardens at Leratong, Kei Mouth and Ikageng. Look for a full report on their trip in the next newsletter!

We just wanted to clarify that we will no longer be hosting an annual garage sale, but we did have a supporter come up with a neat idea: Craig's list is a great place to sell items on behalf of Kidlinks!

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Attend an event planning social
- Volunteer at an event – we have a lot of events coming up and we need your help
- Make a donation
- Find sponsors and donors for upcoming events

There are many ways to get involved and make a difference, so please contact us if you're interested in learning more and/or if you have new ideas.

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