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## SPRING 2009 NEWS

Friends of Education Africa 'Make a Face – transform a life' campaign raises in excess of £515,000 to date.

Jania Geoghegan, Global Ambassador, announces major donations at the Friends of Education Africa Gala Fundraising Dinner:

- Cedar Foundation donate R13 million (approx £1 million) to help build the first phase of the new high school facility at Masibambane College
- HSBC Group to fund a new all-purpose sports facility at Masibambane College.

Education Africa Allegiance Award 2009 presented to Michael Geoghegan CBE.

Architecture students from Nottingham University are close to completing a sustainable nursery school for the Jouberton township.

Education Africa South African Model UN team triumph at the international debating finals at Cornell University USA.

MTN sign three year sponsorship for the Education Africa run SAMUN debating programme.



The Friends of Education Africa 'Make a Face – transform a life' fundraising campaign 2009 reached a highlight on 31<sup>st</sup> March with the holding of the Gala Fundraising Dinner at The May Fair Hotel in London. The campaign has so far raised more than £515,000 and the dinner proved to be a truly uplifting and memorable occasion, raising over £480,000 from an auction and donations. Moreover, it featured the announcement of two major donations, which will indeed make real change happen for the children of Masibambane College. The many highlights of an exciting evening were concluded with the presentation of the Education Africa Allegiance Award 2009 to Michael Geoghegan.



PJ Powers sings at the gala dinner



Masibambane College singers perform



Masibambane College Marimba band



Lord Dalmeny auctioning our lots

The gala dinner was hosted by Michael and Jania Geoghegan and attended by special guest, Sir Bob Geldof, winner of the Education Africa Lifetime Achievement Award 2007. Our great appreciation to The May Fair Hotel for once again very kindly donating its magnificent facilities. Guests were treated to a night of exclusive entertainment, fine dining and an auction featured unique masks created by internationally renowned people from the world of entertainment, the arts, sport and business.

The evening began with the showing of a new film, which truly captured the essence of the work of Education Africa, and the many challenges it faces. This was followed by the childrens marimba band of Masibambane College, who enthralled guests with their music and song. They were joined by South African singer, PJ Powers, for a specially arranged and inspiring medley, including the song 'World in Union', for which PJ Powers is known worldwide.

### Make a Face - Transform a life.

A selection of the 37 unique masks, created especially for Friends of Education Africa fundraising by international personalities, were auctioned on



the night under the skilful and hugely entertaining stewardship of Lord Dalmeny, Deputy Chairman of Sotheby's UK. 11 truly outstanding and unique lots went under the hammer, including a spectacular painting by South African artist John Speirs, acquired from the 'Face of Africa' exhibition as part of a fundraising initiative with the Hay Hill Gallery, London. Over £446,000 was raised, including donations made on the night. This money will be used to help bring to fruition many projects being undertaken

by Education Africa to uplift the lives and future prospects of disadvantaged children.

**This year Education Africa were proud to present the Education Africa Allegiance award to Michael Geoghegan**

Michael Geoghegan, Group CEO, HSBC Holdings plc, has been a long-term supporter and friend of Education Africa. Through his influence and global connections, Mike has championed Education Africa and its work, and his advice and commitment have made an



A pupil from Masibambane presents Mike Geoghegan with the Allegiance award

enormous impact on what Education Africa has been able to achieve. For this, we are immensely grateful.



**Education Africa is excited to announce that the Cedar Foundation, have donated R13 million (approx £1 million) to help build the first phase of the new high school facility at Masibambane College in Orange Farm, Johannesburg, South Africa.**



The new computer facilities at Masibambane College

The school currently has around 670 pupils, and with the addition of the new high school and the planned build of a new pre-school, this figure will rise to over 1400 in years to come. Through the outstanding generosity of the Cedar Foundation the high school will officially open in 2010. Work has already begun on designing and preparing the site. TC Design, existing architects to much of Masibambane College, are leading the process with input from the school's board and council, including Education Africa and St John's school. Facilities will include ten new classrooms, providing specially designed purpose built, learning environments, landscaped grounds and recreation area, additional new toilet facilities, a new computer science laboratory and library. Once completed Masibambane is aiming to see a 100% grade 12 (high school diploma) pass and 65% university entrance.

#### **HSBC announce the funding of a new sports facility.**

While the existing facilities at Masibambane College are already an inspiring testament to what can be achieved, HSBC has announced a new funding initiative, which will take the activities of the school to a new level. To coincide with the Lions Tour 2009, HSBC will fund a new outdoor multi-purpose sports facility at Masibambane, enabling children of all ages to take part in a

range of activities in a purpose-built environment.

#### **The British and Irish Lions, in association with HSBC, are coming to Masibambane.**

In July, the British and Irish Lions and Lions legends will visit Masibambane College, where they will hold a tour practice session and will join in a game of tag rugby with a group of the children. This will surely be an inspirational and uplifting experience for all at Masibambane. We are tremendously grateful to the Tour party and to HSBC, principal partner of the Lions Tour 2009, for arranging the visit.

#### **Nottingham University students to complete a new pre-school in Jouberton**

The Education Africa Social Architecture programme is seeing another much needed pre-school facility take shape and near completion. The University of Nottingham's Institute of Architecture have spent the last six weeks in the field and eight months



Nottingham architecture students in South Africa

preparing for their project - the 12th Social Architecture facility to be built. In September 2008, 200 second year students studying architecture at the University's Institute of Architecture were briefed by Education Africa to design a sustainable pre-school for Jouberton, an impoverished township near Klerksdorp in South Africa. In December 2008, a panel of tutors and lecturers from the Institute of Architecture short-listed the 18 strongest proposals, three of which were chosen for further development.

A team of 30 students were selected, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> years, to detail the winning scheme and to take responsibility for fundraising, sourcing building materials and making travel arrangements to South Africa. These students are now physically building the nursery. The University of Nottingham has contributed £60,000 and AngloGold Ashanti £45,000 to fund the build of the new nursery. AngloGold have not only

raised funds, their technical expertise has been invaluable. For more information and online progress report, please visit [www.projectjouberton.com](http://www.projectjouberton.com)

#### **South African Model UN triumphant at the international debating finals.**

The Education Africa South African Model United Nations team have excelled at the Cornell University Model United Nations conference. The delegation achieved their best performance to date and won 12 out of



Our winning 2009 SAMUN team

12 awards!. All 12 learners won an award and once again, won the best delegation award. Education Africa would like to thank Dan Fisher for helping to coordinate the visit to the USA and for accompanying our SAMUN delegation to Cornell University. We would also like to thank Deborah Price from HSBC in New York for helping to organise a Career Guidance breakfast for the students at HSBC's New York offices. Yet another top performance by TEAM Education Africa. Well done indeed.

**The delegates were: Tsholofelo Tema and Joyce Poee, Tshagofatso Malope and Constance Gaanagomo, Meladi Manamela and Thandukwazi Buthelezi, Kudzai Nyaumbe, Maseabata Mdee, Dexter Munnik, Nicholas Greig, Verusha Mudaly, and Sarah Hewitson.**

**MTN sign three year sponsorship deal for SAMUN.** MTN have confirmed their position as key sponsor for the SAMUN debating programme, as run by Education Africa. Their R11 million commitment will see more schools reached and invited to participate, new programmes for other grade learners, and far greater opportunities to those in need.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT**

**Established in 1992, Education Africa strives to reach and uplift disadvantaged children of South Africa, helping to ensure that they become fully competitive and a productive force in the local economy, and truly global citizens. The aim: To make it possible for disadvantaged children to obtain a quality, relevant education.**

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