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**FIFA Football for Hope Conference**

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Marcus McGilvray, CEO of Africaid WhizzKids United, was invited to present at the FIFA Football For Hope Forum on 23-25 June near Johannesburg. The Forum served to strengthen links between organisations from around the world which use football as a means for social development. With over 150 delegates this was a wonderful opportunity to present a workshop on 'Football's Contribution to Sustainable HIV Prevention'.



**▲ Delegates in a workshop at the FFH Conference**

Marcus, working with Bathsheba from UNICEF, successfully hosted two workshops designed to get the delegates thinking about how football can positively address the challenges of HIV and the drivers of the epidemic. We are delighted that the workshops received such a positive response and as a result WKU developed a theoretical framework which outlines the issues involved in HIV prevention and how WKU rises to meet those challenges. Please contact us if you would like a copy.

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WKU would like to thank FIFA and Streetfootballworld for organising the Forum, and all those who attended and contributed to its success. Many good contacts were made and we are now in the process of collaborating with many more organisations to ensure more young people benefit from the WKU programme.

**WKU launches in Aboriginal community in Australia**

Volunteers involved in WKU not only make a real contribution to our work in South Africa but always continually find ways to assist when they return home. Last year Jessica Russell from Australia spent time with us and now just over a year later, Marcus had the pleasure of travelling to Australia to help her launch an adapted version of WKU Life Skills for the benefit of Aboriginal kids in Taree, north of Sydney.

Jessica, with the help of her boyfriend Steve and over 17 volunteers, helped to organise a WKU Life Skills training day for 30 young kids. It proved a fantastic day and although the kids face many difficult problems (many are under child protection), thanks to the dedication of all those involved the kids had a wonderful day and really loved the WKU approach to learning.



Such was the success of WKU Australia, further programmes have now been run and plans for expansion are already underway.



**▲ A young WhizzKid in Taree, Australia**

### **John & Linda Henry visit WKU in South Africa**

John Henry is the owner of the Boston Red Sox baseball club, one of the greatest sports franchises in the world. John Henry and his wife Linda decided to visit WKU and see the work we are doing. Under any circumstances this was a very kind gesture indeed to come all the way from the US to see our work. What made this trip even more remarkable was that they came here to see the kids as part of their honeymoon!



Having showed such thoughtfulness with their honeymoon plans we hope that they found the WKU programme and the events rewarding. Over 70 kids took part in our life skills programme on the day and in addition the kids held a Zulu Wedding Ceremony with a choir singing traditional Zulu wedding songs and kids performing a Zulu marriage dance. We wish both John and Linda all the very best and thank them for coming to support our programme. There are now 70 WhizzKids proudly boasting Boston Red Sox baseball caps on their heads!

### **Edendale Hospital Demonstration**

Three WhizzKids Staff, Oli, Henryk and new recruit Zanele lent their support to a recent demonstration at Edendale Hospital protesting the long waiting lists for ARVs. As it turns out, Health MEC Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo had addressed a meeting at the hospital on Tuesday night, and promised that more staff would be employed at the hospital and that nurses at Edendale's 17 feeder clinics would be trained to manage stable patients on ARVs to alleviate the burden on the hospital. So it was more of a vigil and remembrance of the people who died rather than a protest, and favour swayed toward Dr. Dhlomo, rather than against him!



**▲ Africaid staff showing support for the health of the Edendale community**

### **Holiday Tournament & Camp in iLembe**

Sinosizo, an AIDS programme of the Catholic Archdiocese, ran WKU Life Skills as part of their holiday programme for learners in various support centres in iLembe district and around Amanzintoti. We were glad that 216 adolescents were able to develop life skills and gain important knowledge on HIV/AIDS in a fun and interactive way. As with every participant of the programme, the youths were rewarded with a World Cup style tournament which resulted in many happy faces and a convincing triumph for Spain.



**▲ WhizzKids at a World Cup tournament in**

Groutville,  
District

iLembe



### Lamontville WhizzKids speak out about their goals (Part 2)

Continuing our series from the last issue, we will look at some of the educational and wealth goals expressed by WhizzKids from the impoverished township of Lamontville on their goal worksheets. The most common educational goal was to finish high school (something taken for granted by kids in most Western countries!) This was followed by a desire to attend university, and some nobly expressed hope for a better education for their children. By far the most popular wealth goals were to own a house and own a car. Other wealth goals included earning money, having a phone, a laptop or a swimming pool, and travelling overseas (specific destinations included Paris and Mauritius). The WhizzKids United programme is founded on the principle that children who are goal-oriented for the long-term will have the focus they need to confidently refuse HIV risk behaviour, drug and alcohol abuse, crime, and other destructive temptations faced by South African youth today.



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