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The monthly newsletter of Africaid's WhizzKids United

Dear Friends,

Once again it's been a very busy and productive month for Africaid. I've been in the UK helping Karl Hankinson, our UK Project Manager, prepare for the launch of WhizzKids United FC in England. Initial piloting of the programme has proven very promising with kids enjoying the fun approach to learning about HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. Last week Tom and I attended the AIDS Impact Conference in Botswana which was a rewarding experience (see below).

Quality HIV prevention programmes are essential to "turning off the tap" of HIV infections and we remain committed to providing the very best intervention. With your support we will continue to reach more kids and help them to make healthy life choices. Please visit <http://www.betterplace.org/projects/1285> to learn ways you could get involved and help WhizzKids United. We need your commitment!

Warm regards, Marcus (CEO)

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▲ WhizzKids United was recently featured on SABC1!

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We were invited to present our unique approach to HIV prevention at the 9th AIDS Impact Conference in Gaborone, Botswana. If you've never been to Botswana we urge you to book your trip! Botswana (citizens of Botswana) were extremely warm and welcoming. We exhibited our programme and showcased the excellent work of streetfootballworld, of whom we are a network member. Once again we entertained delegates with our 'Spot the Ball' competition. Congratulations to Mr. Saidou Ba from Dakar, Senegal (pictured) who was our 1st prize winner. Many thanks to Routledge Publishers, HSRC (Human Sciences Research Council) and Bonela (Botswana Network on Ethics, Law & HIV/AIDS) who generously donated additional prizes for the winner and runners up – Mr. Callistus Jackalas and Ms. Nthami Chilisa, both of Botswana.

Whilst in Botswana we met at the Ministry of Health with the Director of the Dept. of HIV/AIDS Prevention & Care who was very positive about our approach to HIV prevention and we shall now start planning with the Director and her team with a view to rolling out the programme in Botswana in 2010.

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Spot the Ball winner Saidou Ba of Senegal proudly displays one of his prizes, a WhizzKids United football top

Eight WhizzKids off to Cape Town!

Eight children from Africaid's WhizzKids United programme have been selected from Lamontville and Edendale to take part in a once in a life time trip to Cape Town in December 2009.



The Football for Hope Centre under construction

The kids, selected for their outstanding performance in the Life Skills programme, will travel for the week long festival to mark the opening of the first FIFA Football for Hope Centre in Khayelitsha, coinciding with the final draw for the FIFA World Cup™.

The week-long trip will include a variety of activities: the centre opening, a football tournament, visits to Cape Town's tourist attractions and a number of workshops to promote intercultural exchange.

If you can help us with fundraising to make this dream come true for eight deserving kids, please let us know!

Tournaments at a Correctional Facility!

To celebrate the successful completion of the Life Skills programme, WKU held four World Cup tournaments in Rustenburg from September 14th to 17th 2009, which meant a long drive from Durban! More than 900 kids completed in the challenge for the World Crown as Scotland and Tunisia were among the unlikely winners!

The highlight, aside from three tournaments at Tshirologang Primary School, was our first tournament at North West Correctional Services. Over 200 adolescents successfully graduated through our six session Life Skills programme and were rewarded with a tournament. Our staff members were so deeply impressed by the passion and fairness the players showed on and off the football pitch that they de-



WhizzKids at play in Rustenburg

were so deeply impressed by the passion and fairness the **in Rustenburg** players showed on and off the football pitch that they decided to award the Fair Play Trophy, normally given to an individual, to all participants as a tribute to their sportsmanship!

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WhizzKids being interviewed in Lamontville



In the last part of our analysis of the goal worksheets that we distributed to kids in Lamontville, we found something alarming!

It is well established that people with goals are more likely to be successful and to avoid risky behaviour. It was therefore very troubling that over 1/3 of the kids returned their goal worksheet blank, with no goals filled in! This demonstrates the acute need for the Life Skills education that WhizzKids United provides, empowering kids to become goal-oriented and to make a plan to achieve their goals!

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