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Africaid's WhizzKids United Monthly Newsletter

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Welcome to Ebholeni

Happy New Year from the Africaid team. I hope everyone enjoyed the festive season and had time to relax.

In December we were very fortunate to have the MD of IPMS Africa, Mark Burley come and run a two-day training workshop for the team designed to improve the organisation and structure of Africaid. His methods have allowed us to develop a much more creative and efficient approach to our work. As a result we now have three teams which cover different areas of responsibility within the charity. It really has made us much more productive and accountable. Hence, you are now reading a Newsletter on time! We are now very well structured and positioned to really deliver the very best in HIV prevention interventions this year. We continue to develop partnerships with the Premiers Office KZN, Department of Health, Education, Sports and Recreation as well as the 2010 Committee and Local organizing Committee for 2010. This will undoubtedly help us ensure that we develop WKU in a sustainable fashion.

For instance our first WKU Health Academy will be staffed by DoH and they will also meet the running costs. This month we have begun piloting the WKU life skills programme with School Teachers running the course. With our new structure to work in place I'm now in a position to encourage all our supporters to get in touch, make suggestions, contribute to our programmes, say hello.



We aim to develop excellent relationships with our current Supporters whilst all the time seeking to find new friends to join our team. This months picture is of Andrew—2008 WhizzKid of the Year!

His efforts in the Lamontville fire relief were inspiring. He worked throughout the holiday for the benefit of those affected!

Cheers

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Our plans for this year include the building and launch of our Health Academy in Edendale scheduled for April. In May we hope to launch our WKU Youth Counseling Centre in Marionhill, KZN in partnership with the COP Trust. We also hope to be running WKU life skills in all Districts of KZN before the end of the year and within other Provinces of South Africa. Our WKU FC programme designed for the UK is set to launch within the next few months and we are currently exploring the prospects of launching in Asia this year with Sam

Bradley (the man who travelled down through North Africa with Myself & Nicola in 2002) currently conducting a feasibility study. We also hope to adapt the WKU life skills programme and work with Aborigines in Northern Australia. It's definitely a case of go large or go home!!

Finally, this month we kicked off with a staff refresher training workshop and as a result we have great trainers and are now working on the 8th edit of the life skills manual!

