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Grobanites for Africa Lapel Pin



This GFA lapel pin will make a great addition to your collection. Proceeds from the sale of these pins will go to The Josh Groban Foundation to benefit children in Africa.

Available HERE:

www.grobanitesforcharity.org

Direct Link:

<http://www.shop.grobanitesforcharity.org/category.sc?categoryId=78>

GFA NEWSLETTER

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Update from GFACo-Chairperson...

Having been around the Grobanite community long enough to know that your generosity and giving spirit are unparalleled, I am, nevertheless, overwhelmed with the results of our 2009 *Blankets of Love* project. We received 170 beautiful and warm handmade blankets from at least 60 different people - one as far away as Australia. When they were all piled -nearly to the ceiling - on my dining room table, you could feel the love that went into making them for the sweet children at Siyawela. In addition to the blankets, we also received a very generous \$1,481 in monetary donations. This enabled us to send the vast majority of blankets to Siyawela, as well as sending them additional money to purchase more blankets there. Here is a link to the slideshow made by Trisha that shows all of the blankets we received.

<http://s277.photobucket.com/albums/kk35/trisham2008/Blankets%20of%20Love%202009/?albumview=slideshow>

As it is not economically feasible to send every blanket to Siyawela, the additional blankets will be delivered to The Children's Hospital in Macon, GA. This is the only children's hospital between Jacksonville, FL and Atlanta, GA, so it serves a large number of very ill children who will also be most appreciative of the kindness of strangers.

Thank you, Grobanites, for making this our most successful blanket drive to date. You have helped to make many, many children on both sides of the world feel loved.

Although not directly related to Africa, I cannot help but express the pride of the entire Grobanite community in listening to Josh's testimony before the Congressional committee in support of Arts Education. As is his custom, he was intelligent, articulate and passionate in delivering this eloquent presentation. This passion, which he also feels for the children in the NOAH orphanages, is what makes the work of the GFA team so rewarding. Thank you, Josh, for once again inspiring us to do all we can to support your dreams.

Finally, I am humbled to report that the GFA total amount raised is currently over \$150,000.

Karen

January - March 2009 Winners

Congratulations to the following winner of the GFA button drawing in the February 2009 JGF Auction:

Framed and Signed Josh Groban 'A Collection' Lithograph: Danielle Chalmers

As always, thank you to all contributors to: www.grobanitesforafrica.org !!!

Josh's **'AWAKE LIVE DVD'** - now on Blu-Ray ...and Grammy-Nominated **'NOEL'** CD...Available HERE:



www.joshgroban.com



#1 CD of 2007!!!

♥ BLANKETS of LOVE ♥

The 2009 JOSH GROBAN FOUNDATION BLANKET DRIVE!!!

Again this year, Grobanites everywhere had the pleasure of providing blankets to needy children, including the children of Siyawela, the care center in South Africa, which receives support from The Josh Groban Foundation.

These children have won our hearts and we were excited to be able to show our love for them by blanketing them with warmth once again this winter.

The Grobies made this year's drive a resounding success, with more blankets and more money donated than ever before. Over 120 blankets (25 boxes!) were mailed to NOAH. The monetary donations enabled us to ship extra blankets to NOAH as well as provide funds to purchase additional blankets for the children there, where the cost is so much more reasonable.

Blankets were handmade only (due to Customs regulations/fees regarding "gifts") and were sent to Karen, Co-Chair of GFA by March 15th, 2009.

The very generous Grobies provided blankets handmade with love to the following specifications:

Preferred sizes: Baby/child.....45" x 58" (approx 1 1/4 yd long) Teen.....54" x 60" (approx 1 1/2 yd long)

Warm and washable materials: Soft, colorful fabrics and/or yarn

Patterns: Avoid large or loopy knitted/crocheted stitches, as they are not as warm as tighter stitches.

Fleece blankets: Make fleece double-layered for warmth, as the South African winters can get very cold.

Quilts: Sturdy cotton, yarn-tied or machine quilted

"No-sew" blankets: These were very popular, because they're quick and easy to do and don't require a sewing machine.

Many of the Grobanites included a personal card and/or photo. Karen forwarded these to NOAH to be given to the staff at Siyawela. A record of material costs was kept by the Grobanites and sent with blankets as this information was needed for declared value for SA Customs officials. The Grobies also provided monetary donations for blankets purchased in SA to accompany the handmade ones, and to help with the shipping costs.

Checks were sent to:

GFC, Inc.

P.O. Box 52828

Riverside, CA 92517

Donations were noted "for the 2009 Blanket Drive."

And many donated via Paypal to: paypal@grobanitesforcharity.org with the same notation as above.

THANK YOU Grobanites for being part of ♥ *Blankets of Love* ♥, the 2009 JGF Blanket Drive!!!

The GFA Team would like to extend a BIG thank you to Karen, as well, for being instrumental in getting all the beautiful blankets to the hundreds of children who needed them!!!

~ The GFA Team: Karen, Kim, Trisha, Harriet and Mary ~

THANK YOU.....

TO ALL of the FANTastic people who contributed items to the JGF Auction in February 2009 and designated that the funds raised be donated to GFA.....

We appreciate you and thank you for your kindness.....♥

~ The GFA Team ~