



Grobanites for 46664



The Beginning ...

Josh Groban and The Josh Groban Foundation have joined the fight against AIDS in South Africa through Nelson Mandela's Project 46664. The focus of this project is to raise awareness of the catastrophic HIV/AIDS pandemic, and to create and fund programs for the prevention, testing, care, and support of those infected and affected in South Africa.

"AIDS is no longer just a disease, it is a human rights issue."

Nelson Mandela

On November 30, 2004, Josh Groban was invited by Nelson Mandela to become an Official Ambassador for Project 46664. It was an invitation which Josh eagerly accepted:

"I'm going to be like his servant. I'll do whatever he wants me to do, anytime, in order to raise awareness about AIDS. I'm going to avail myself for any concert or event that Mr. Mandela wants me to."

Josh joins other musical luminaries Bob Geldof, Peter Gabriel, Queen, Dave Stewart, Annie Lenox, Alicia Keys, Will Smith, Danny K, and the Corrs, among others, in the fight to sensitize more youth about HIV/AIDS through unique live events and music-related initiatives.

"To win this fight, we must all do more. Do more to tell people about protection. Do more to fund those making such a difference on the frontline to fight HIV. Do more to demand that leaders give people the medicine, the care, the treatment they need when they have AIDS. By supporting 46664, we can unite in the fight to do more." Nelson Mandela, Johannesburg, April 1, 2004

Inspired by the care and compassion with which Josh has embraced this most vital cause, the Grobanites have been

working to "do more" for Project 46664. A group of AtlantaBoundGrobanites who worked on the pre-show reception for Josh's Atlanta concert at the Fox Theater ON April 20, 2004, started to prepare for the same type of event for the 2005 Atlanta concert. However, after viewing the video of Josh's visit to Soweto and hearing of his involvement, it was decided that, in lieu of a formal Meet-and-Greet, we would concentrate our efforts toward soliciting monetary donations to Project 46664 in Josh's honor. By doing this, it allowed each contributor to give a dollar amount that was within their financial capabilities.



Harriet, Trisha, Josh, Janet, Marsha, Sandi Presenting Donation to Josh - Atlanta, 02/05

The 'organizers' of this project began their quest for donations approximately four weeks prior to the concert, via the FoJG and JG.com websites. With the help of the Grobanites for Charity team, we were able to expand our fundraising efforts to include Grobanites who had not planned to attend this particular concert or any concert on the 2005 tour.

Gaining Momentum

As the concert date quickly approached, Grobanites for Charity provided contribution information to use as a tool in promoting our financial goals. With their typical enthusiasm and generosity of spirit, the Grobanites answered the call, and then some! Just prior to the concert, contributions were totaled and amounted to \$4000.00. A mock check prepared in this amount was presented to Josh before the show. During the presentation, Grobanites continued their fundraising efforts and, by the end of the night had raised an additional \$1000.00 dollars.



Additional funds were raised over the last weeks of Josh's Live 2005 Tour as well as through various other promotions and the on-going Penny Power Campaign. We are so honored to report that a donation of **\$10,000.00** was made recently to Mr. Nelson Mandela's Project 46664. We believe this is just the beginning, and that Grobanites will continue to help make a difference in 2006.

Please visit www.grobanitesfor46664.com to be part of this much-needed fight.

The Latest News from the Chairperson...

Dear Friends,
First and foremost, Happy New Year! It's hard to believe a new year is upon us! It seems like yesterday that we were all making plans to see Josh on tour, picking out "just the right outfit" and of course, racing to the "Meet and Greets" to mingle with our fellow Grobanites! And, if you're like me, you're already counting the days until the new tour begins, looking for the perfect outfit My, how time flies!

This past year for "Grobanites for 46664" has flown by as well! It has been a **GREAT** year for our team, but only because of **YOU!** Your support in the fundraising efforts throughout 2005 far exceeded our expectations! And, we have already challenged ourselves to do more! A **BIG** thanks to each of you for your generous Grobanite spirit and selfless acts of kindness.

But, there are others to thank as well. "Supernay" (and "super" is an understatement!) ... we couldn't have done it without you! Thank you for sharing your creativity with us and for keeping our website up and running! And, a special thank you to Audrey Catalfamo for sharing her idea for the Penny Power Campaign! This has turned out to be one of the most successful campaigns **AND**, we look forward to continuing the campaign throughout 2006! I'd also like to thank each of our Board Members for giving up so much of their time and funds to ensure our organization "kept afloat"!

We hope you will continue to enjoy our monthly promotions and giveaways as much as we have enjoyed putting them together. And, speaking of promotions, we know there are **SO MANY** of you in Grobania with a **HUGE** amount of creativity and talent So, if you have any items you'd like to donate to our auctions or monthly giveaways or if you have a suggestion for a promotion, please let us know! We're always open to new ideas! Also, if you'd like to volunteer, please contact Karen (sami on FoJG). And, please remember we cannot accept any copyrighted material or pictures not approved by GFC, Inc. Thanks!

Finally, "Grobanites for 46664" recognized the need to expand its fundraising efforts to help those in need in **ALL** areas of Africa. Therefore, we are changing our name to **"Grobanites for Africa"**! Although we'll continue to raise funds for Project 46664, we are going to reach out to different areas throughout Africa suffering from poverty and disease. Call us "crazy", but we think we can do it! We're going to work our hardest to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate, one day at a time, one penny at a time! So the name may have changed, but our passion to help these people has not. I hope you'll continue the journey with us!

Grobanite Hugs to Each of You!
Janet Kennedy, Chairperson

Inspired by JG

Josh spoke about Project 46664 in his MSN LIVE CHAT 10/11/05!!

Here's what he had to say: **"South Africa was life-changing for me on many levels. I wish we could have stayed for another month. Of course, we did some of the tourist stuff and went on an incredible safari and got a sense for the land and wildlife which is beyond beautiful. But the real moments that I will remember forever were in Soweto where I met Nelson Mandela and visited one of his food shelters first hand. It was an honor to become an Ambassador for his 46664 Foundation for AIDS and I hope to visit many times in support of that cause as well as Unite Against Hunger."**

Inspired by Josh, the Grobanites for 46664/Africa Team meets online almost every Sunday evening to continue the work that is desperately needed to help those suffering from the ravages of HIV/AIDS. We also enjoy the occasional "photo shoot" gathering to talk about Josh's latest accomplishments, enjoy each other's company and make plans to help continue the much-needed fight to help those in need.

We are so thankful for the wonderful Grobanites who have been amazingly generous in 2005.

We look forward to "doing more" and making a difference together in 2006.

Janet – "resalered"	- Chairperson
Sandi – "sandi"	- Co-chair, Communications, GFC Member
Trisha – "trisham"	- Secretary/Treasurer
Harriet – "HarrietforJosh"	- Correspondence/Contributions
Mary – "EnjoytheRide"	- Newsletter Editor
Kim – "penguindreams"	- Meet and Greet Representative
Nay – "supernay"	- Webmaster
Karen – "sami"	- Volunteer Coordinator



**Thank you to ALL
the participants in
our FIRST-EVER
Auction!!!
(01/15/06-02/12/06)**



**Your generosity
helped raise
\$2,280.00
for those in need!!!!!!**

How You Can Help in 2006 Think Penny Power!!

First...huge, huge thanks to Audrey Catalfamo for the idea and inspiration behind this campaign!! We're so glad she came up with this project!! She's a perfect example of the generous spirit that thrives in Grobania!

Most of you Josh fans have heard Josh talk about his grandfather's penny collection, and how Josh carries a penny with him as his "good luck" charm. He's told how, whenever good things happen to him, he always finds a penny

Now, your pennies can make good things happen for Project 46664! The idea is for all the Grobanites to save their pennies...and, yes, we'll take dollars as well....from now until the first concert of the 2006 tour, when we'll add them all up and make what we hope will be a huge donation to the JG Foundation for Project 46664!!

Our goal is to raise *at least* \$4,666.40 via this Penny Power Campaign. We've got a lot of time and a lot of generous Grobies, so we've got faith that we'll surpass that goal!

It's almost SPRING...AND "It's time to **Spring Clean**" and donate your change to **Penny Power!** Clean out those jars, drawers, pant pockets, car seats, floor boards, etc. and turn that change in to make a difference, one penny at a time! Get ready for a **surprise** drawing...!!!

Please visit: www.grobanitesfor46664.com/fundraisers.html

We're happy to have the help of the Grobanites for Charity team on this campaign. To simplify the collection process, we ask that you please convert your coins into checks or money orders...or Pay Pal donations....and send them in to the Grobanites for Charity periodically (noting it as a Penny Power donation).



As an added incentive, we'll put the names of everyone who participates into a hat and draw a winner at the end of each month. That winner will receive a cute prize from Team 46664. At the end of the campaign, a name will be drawn to win a prize package including something signed by Josh!!

The AIDS victims of South Africa desperately need help, and this is a way for Josh's fans to support his efforts as a Project 46664 Ambassador. Let your pennies pave the way to a more hopeful future for the victims of HIV/AIDS. Get out those piggy banks and fill them up!! Send that in and fill them up again!! We've seen what the Grobanites can do when someone is in need, and we know we can reach our goal and more!!

Let's start off Josh's 2006 tour with a HUGE donation for Project 46664!