



GFA NEWSLETTER

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Update from GFA Chairperson...

Welcome to the newest issue of the Grobanites for Africa newsletter!

The Grobanites have been so busy over the last months, working to support Josh's efforts in helping the children in Africa. The 2008 "Blankets from the Heart" drive was a huge success. The "Raise 27" campaign, in honor of Josh's birthday raised over \$40,000 to help the children of Siyawela. GFA would like to send special, heartfelt thanks to the ladies on the Raise 27 Team, who did a phenomenal job in putting this together, to the GFC team for their help, to Polly and her team for working so hard on getting out the Raise 27 buttons, and all the fans who participated to raise such an astonishing amount of money in such a short time. Once again, the amazing Grobies came through for Josh and for the kids of Siyawela! We are thrilled to report that the total amount donated to Africa (GFA) has now reached an amazing \$ 129,914!!!

Mary has done a bang-up job with the newsletter and has a lot here for you to catch up on, so I'll end by saying THANK YOU to everyone out there for your support for GFA. We appreciate all of you and hope to be able to work with you on many more great projects this year to help the children of Africa who need us!

~Janet Kennedy~

NEW!!!

NOW AVAILABLE

Limited-Edition

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>

January - March 2008 Winners

Congratulations to the following winners of the GFA drawing
in support of **Raise 27:**

(Draw details are on p. 3.)

1. Category One: \$5.00 to \$26.99..... Betsy Warner
2. Category Two: \$27.00 to \$126.99..... Linda Tomlinson
3. Category Three: \$127.00+..... Martha Woo

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

Josh's 'AWAKE LIVE DVD' and 'NOEL' Available HERE:



www.joshgroban.com



#1 CD of 2007!!!

BLANKETS FROM THE ♥ HEART ♥, The 2008 JOSH GROBAN FOUNDATION BLANKET DRIVE!!!

The 2008 "Blankets from the Heart" drive was a rousing success, thanks to the talents and generosity of so many faithful Grobanites!

In only a few short weeks, the GFA team collected nearly 100 blankets and almost \$1,000.00 in monetary donations for the children of Siyawela! Beautiful, handmade blankets and quilts were lovingly crafted by Grobies from all over the USA as well as several other countries, and we had so much fun seeing them and packing them up to be sent to South Africa. Many of the fans also included handwritten notes and pictures for the children, which have been sent to NOAH to be given to the Siyawela staff. The children will love getting these, as well as their very own warm, cuddly blanket. The money donated will be used by NOAH and Siyawela to buy more blankets, so that all the children will be able to have their own blanket.

In a lot of cases, the fans got together for blanket-making parties, sharing fun and friendship and lots of Josh music. In other cases, families worked on the blankets together, sometimes several generations sharing the experience. Some of the blankets were made by individuals who used their creative talents to help make sure a child would sleep under a good, warm blanket during the coming winter.

Many others who could not donate a blanket, sent in money so that NOAH could purchase enough blankets to provide them to all the children, as Siyawela has grown considerably since our last blanket drive.

The GFA team would like to thank every single Grobanite who took part in any way to make this drive a success. The GFC team helped in so many ways. Andrea Cohen helped so much in getting the drive organized. The fans all worked so hard to ensure the success of "Blankets from the Heart." The NOAH staff continues to be our eyes and ears on the ground in Africa. And, special thanks to Lindy and Josh for helping to make this happen and for always keeping the children of Siyawela close to their hearts.....

Please visit here to view all of your GORGEOUS blankets for the children: (Password: blankets)

<http://s120.photobucket.com/albums/o162/trisham2006/Siyawela%20Blanket%20Drive%202008/?action=guestlogin&albumview=slideshow>

THANK YOU for being part of *Blankets from the ♥*, the 2008 JGF Blanket Drive.

Hugs & Love to Angélique Kidjo and her Family

On behalf of Grobanites for Africa and ALL Grobanites,
we wish to extend our condolences to Angélique Kidjo and her family on the passing of
Angélique's father in April 2008.

A donation was made to Angélique's Foundation www.batongafoundation.org
to honor the life of Angélique's father.

The GFA Team

Janet, Sandi, Harriet, Trisha, Mary, Kim, Karen and Nay

"RAISE 27"

Donations poured in, and this project was a grand success!! WAY TO GO, Grobies & the "Raise 27" Team!!!

Proceeds donated by February 27th, 2008 to "Raise 27" were designated to help the children at Siyawela. SO, to add a little incentive, the GFA team incorporated a prize drawing for some fantastic Josh stuff!!

We had three categories.....

1. Anyone who donated at least \$ 5.00 got their name in a drawing for a beautiful Josh Cigar Box Purse made by Karen of the GFA team. They're gorgeous, and a great addition to the Josh collection of any lucky Grobanite!



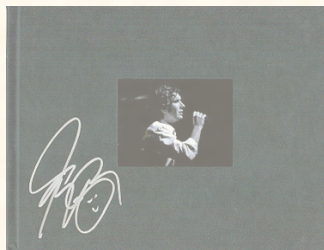
Winner: Betsy Warner

2. Anyone who donated at least \$ 27.00 got their name in a drawing for a NOEL package, including a 20" x 28" NOEL poster, a NOEL CD/DVD, and a NOEL Christmas ornament!
This was a great prize package, celebrating the #1 best-selling CD of 2007!!!!



Winner: Linda Tomlinson

3. Anyone who donated at least \$ 127.00 got their name in a drawing for a LTD. EDITION "PING" COFFEE TABLE BOOK, AUTOGRAPHED BY JOSH HIMSELF!!! This beautiful book is made up of photos of Josh taken by the amazing Ping, so you know they're awesome pictures, and Josh has autographed the book, so it's a Grobanite "must-have"!!!



Winner: Martha Woo

To clarify.....if you donated between \$5.00 and \$26.99, you were eligible for drawing #1. If you donated between \$27.00 and \$126.99, you were eligible for drawing #2. If you donated \$127.00 or more, you were eligible for drawing #3. Each donation that you made that fell within those guidelines got your name in that particular drawing.

All prizes donated by GFA team members. ☺
A BIG THANK YOU to all participants!!!