



# GFA NEWSLETTER

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## Update from GFA Co-Chairperson...

Since having our fundraiser for World Aids Day, I wanted to thank everyone that donated items and also those who generously gave on this very important day. As the world increases the awareness, we want to do our part to show our support for what is killing so many children in Africa. Hopefully through education and retrovirus medication, we can help stop this great loss.

Also, I wanted to thank those who donated, bid, or purchased items for the holiday auction. We couldn't do what we do and have such success without you guys.

It is with thankful hearts that we report that the total raised to date by Grobanites for Africa is \$156,927.

GFA is looking forward to 2010 and hopefully making a difference in many children's lives.

Kim Levin

## NEW..... GFA Lunch Sack!!!



High-quality, insulated and ready to go with you to school or work....!!!

Long-Sleeved or  
**SHORT-SLEEVED**  
Grobanites for Africa T-shirts

'UBUNDU' (on front) is a term used in many African languages to mean "humanity to others" ...or "I am because you are."



Grobanites for Africa logo and website are featured on the back.

Treat yourself to these and other GFA items here:

[www.grobanitesforcharity.org](http://www.grobanitesforcharity.org)

## October - December 2009 Winner

Congratulations to the following winner of the  
World AIDS Day Fundraiser Package:

NOEL CD/DVD & Noel Wool Rug: Jenny Allen

As always, thank you to all contributors to: [www.grobanitesforafrica.org](http://www.grobanitesforafrica.org) !!!

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



[www.joshgroban.com](http://www.joshgroban.com)



#1 CD of 2007!!!

## ~WORLD AIDS DAY 2009~

World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1<sup>st</sup>. The World Health Organization established World AIDS Day in 1988. World AIDS Day provides governments, national AIDS programs, faith organizations, community organizations, and individuals with an opportunity to raise awareness and focus attention on the global AIDS epidemic.

### The Facts

Over a million Americans are estimated to be living with HIV. Worldwide an estimated 33 million people are living with HIV.

### Take Action

There are many ways you can take action in response to HIV/AIDS:

- get tested for HIV
  - practice safer methods to prevent HIV
  - decide not to engage in high risk behaviors
- talk about HIV prevention with family, friends, and colleagues
  - provide support to people living with HIV/AIDS
- get involved with or host an event for World AIDS Day in your community

Another way to take action is through our annual GFA fundraiser for World AIDS Day. The fundraiser ran December 1- 10. As you know, Josh is an Ambassador for the 46664 organization that works to promote awareness of AIDS and takes steps toward the prevention and treatment of AIDS. The money collected in this fundraiser was donated to The Josh Groban Foundation to be used to support the African programs that Josh chooses. For every donation of \$10, one's name was entered into the drawing for the prize package shown below. For clarification, that means a \$10 donation provided one chance, and a \$100 donation provided 10 chances.

The prize package included a NOEL CD/DVD (no longer available for purchase) and a beautiful 100% wool hooked rug which is 20" X 30" and has the word NOEL on it



Donations for this World AIDS Day fundraiser were made by PayPal or by check -- on our website [www.grobanitesforafrica.org](http://www.grobanitesforafrica.org)

The GFA Team would like to thank all who participated, and to congratulate the prize package winner, Jenny Allen!!!

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

## A VERY SPECIAL 'NOEL' PARTY...

The Josh Groban Foundation funded a Christmas Party for the children of Siyawela NOAH in December. As you can see, your donations helped make the holiday a little bit brighter for these children! For more information about NOAH (Nurturing Orphans of Aids for Humanity), go to [www.noahorphans.org](http://www.noahorphans.org).

"The purpose of the day was to celebrate the end of the year, to congratulate the children leaving pre-school and entering primary school and to thank the community for their ongoing support."



Photographs Courtesy of: Joslyn, Communications Manager (and JGF key contact) at NOAH

This is one of the very special things that your contributions to GFA during our fundraisers and your purchases of our auction items help to provide for the children in Africa.

Thank you to each one of you for always supporting us with these campaigns.

~The GFA Team~

### THANK YOU.....

~TO ALL who contributed items to the JGF Holiday Auction to be designated for GFA ~

We thank you for your continued support and kindness.....

\$2,300.00 was raised to help the children in Africa! ♥

~The GFA Team~