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World AIDS Day – December 1, 2010



World AIDS Day is a chance to raise public awareness, and hopefully, breakdown some of the unwarranted stigma that surrounds HIV.

World AIDS Day is a time for us to reflect on what has been accomplished in the fight against HIV/AIDS and a day to commit to continue efforts to spread awareness and eliminate the disease. On December 1, cities will unite around the world to raise awareness locally and globally of the issue.

There are many ways in which you can do something to make a difference. Visit www.worldaidsday.org for more information.



Journey for Change and (RED) are partnering together on World's AIDS Day to raise awareness for HIV/AIDS in Brooklyn, NY and in Africa by turning Brooklyn "red" on December 1! Joining cities around the world, Borough Hall in Downtown Brooklyn will be illuminated followed by a press conference hosted by Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz, and featuring the Journey for Change Global Ambassadors and special invited guests.

This ceremony is special for two distinct reasons. First, we are not only focusing on AIDS in Africa, but also on the epidemic in Brooklyn, specifically Central Brooklyn, which comprises the neighborhoods of Crown Heights, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brownsville, and Bushwick. Central Brooklyn is not only ground zero for the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Brooklyn but also for African-Americans with HIV/AIDS in the United States and for women, adolescents, and children with HIV/AIDS in New York City. There are more people living in Central Brooklyn with the disease than in any other neighborhood in New York City and 27 states.

Second, we are utilizing the youth from Journey for Change, who themselves hail from Central Brooklyn, to help bring urgent attention to this matter. In fact, the youth will announce our partnerships with the [Brooklyn Borough President's Office Youth Advocacy Initiative](#), the [Brooklyn AIDS Task Force](#), and also their participation in Brooklyn Knows: Get Smart, Get Safe, Get Tested program. I cannot tell you how proud we are to empower these young advocates to make a real difference in their communities.

Turning Borough Hall "red" will allow us to show our fellow citizens and the world that we care about this global pandemic, but also about the very local crisis that many residents of Brooklyn and New York City face every day.

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Message from the Director:

Hello all.

I hope you and your families had a blissful Thanksgiving holiday.

Our last newsletter was in August right before leaving for South Africa with the youth from Journey for Change 2. So I feel as if I must update you about the trip....Well, as I knew it would be, it was an extraordinary experience! It was such a privilege and an honor to introduce global travel, service and advocacy to a new group of young servants from Brooklyn, NY.

Highlights included our partnership with the [Buffelshoek Trust](#), a South African NGO that provides educational and medical support to residents living in Utha Village, a poor rural community in the Limpopo region of the country. We spent four days volunteering with this wonderful organization that allowed our youth to experience how people live in rural South Africa, in addition to the country's urban shantytowns. One of those most interesting aspect of this rural mission was a cross cultural exchange that our youth had with peers their same age. After visiting the homes of the Utha Village students and their school, the group had a Q&A session where they had the opportunity to ask each about the lives that they led in their respective countries. It was fascinating, to say the least, to hear their perceptions of each other's countries, their thoughts on their respective Presidents, and similarities in pop culture. We were also blessed to again partner with [South African Tourism](#), which allowed our group to visit the most important cultural and historical institutions in the country such as the Apartheid Museum and the Hector Pieterse Museum among many other fantastic sights.

As many of you know, the mission trip to South Africa to volunteer with orphaned and vulnerable children for two weeks is just the beginning of the work that we do with the youth that we serve. The trip serves as a catalyst to stay fully engaged with these young people, during their global ambassadorship year, with a goal of turning them into leaders who are engaged civically, politically, and socially within their own communities and the world around them.

To this end, the Ambassadors are now raising awareness for the HIV/AIDS epidemic in their home community of Brooklyn, NY and for the needs of AIDS orphans in Sub-Saharan Africa and just returned from Washington, D.C., where they learned how our national government works for all people.

It is going to be an exciting year and I am so pleased to update you all as I join these amazing young people on their extraordinary journey.

Take good care and stay lifted,

Malaak



JFC 2 Partner Spotlight:

Check out the fantastic work of **The Buffelshoek Trust** at

www.buffelshoektrust.co.za.



A JFC 2 Ambassador and mentor paint a mural in the Manyangana High School library, a school supported by The Buffelshoek Trust.

JOURNEY for CHANGE[®]

Empowering Youth Through Global Service



August 18 - September 3, 2010

Photos from the Journey!

Please visit the Angelrock Project photo gallery by [clicking here](#) for more pictures from the trip.



JFC 2 Ambassadors sign (RED) Hallmark cards for children in Diepsloot.



JFC 2 visits the Nike Training Center in Soweto.



A JFC 2 Ambassador shops for food and supplies to deliver to Granny-led households in Diepsloot.



JFC 2 Ambassadors clean up a communal area in the shantytown of Diepsloot.



JFC2 Ambassadors delivery food and supplies in Diepsloot.



The JFC 2 delegation at Constitution Hill.



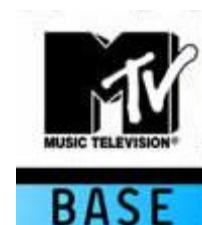
JFC 2 Ambassadors, mentors, and staff with a family in Diepsloot.



A JFC2 Ambassador colors with a young boy at a Salvation Army orphanage.

Blogs from the Journey!

Please visit the following sites to read the Journey for Change 2 Ambassador blogs from the trip:



Angel National NGO Spotlight: LEAD



The mission of this prestigious college preparatory program is to enable youth of diverse backgrounds to convert high potential into high achievement and responsible leadership.

Visit their website at www.leadprogram.org



LEAD Business is a national partnership of top U.S. corporations and graduate business schools that encourages talented students from diverse backgrounds to pursue careers in business. For nearly three decades, LEAD and its partners have fostered the development of a talented, driven, and civic-minded pool of African American, Hispanic, underrepresented Asian American, and Native American high school students from across the country.

LEAD Business facilitates a meaningful and transformative experience in business for young leaders – intended to inspire personal growth and foster the development of the skill sets necessary to be successful in business.

Participating Colleges include Wharton, Michigan School of Business, Kellogg, Duke, University of Virginia, Stanford, Cornell, and University of Illinois.

Participating Corporate Sponsors include Deloitte, Goldman Sachs, Y&R, FDIC, Google, PricewaterhouseCoopers, UBS, NASA, ExxonMobile, and Deutsche Bank.



LEAD Engineering exists to introduce students of color with outstanding academic performance and demonstrated leadership skills to the field of engineering. The mission of LEAD Engineering is to lay the foundation through an intense curriculum for an increase in the number and quality of diversified students interested in careers in engineering and other technical fields.

LEAD Engineering was launched in 2008 as a response to the high volume of LEAD Business applicants whom indicated an interest in the field of engineering.

Participating Colleges include Georgia Tech, Berkeley, Michigan, University of Virginia, and Villinova.

Participating Corporate Sponsors include Google, Dupont, Medtronic, Dowm and Alcoa.



LEAD Global exists to expose American students of color to global career opportunities alongside peers from different countries in one program so that all participants might make better informed decisions when choosing a college or profession.

LEAD Global's inaugural class launched in South Africa in June 2009.

Participating Colleges include University of the Witwatersrand, Spelman College, University of Capetown, and Morehouse College.

Participating Corporate Sponsors include JP Morgan.

Angel International NGO Spotlight: Kposowa Foundation

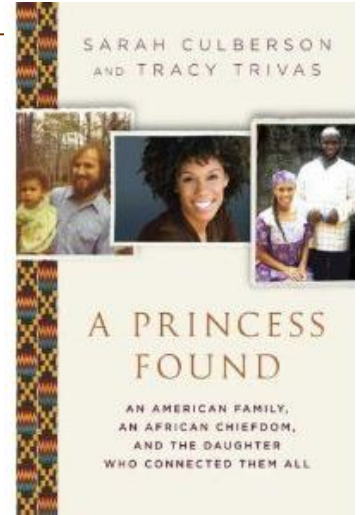
The Kposowa Foundation

I first heard about the Kposowa Foundation after reading the book “A Princess Found: An American Family, an African Chiefdom, and the Daughter Who Connected Them All.” The book, written by Sarah Culberson, tells the story of a remarkable bi-racial adopted American woman who finds out that she hails from an African village in Sierra Leone and her remarkable journey to not only uncover her roots but to uplift her ancestral community that was left devastated because of war and poverty.

The Kposowa Foundation’s purpose is to rebuild a boarding school, provide clean drinking water, provide economically sustainable opportunities, and improve the general quality of life for the people of Sierra Leone, West Africa.

Projects include:

- Rebuilding Bumpe High School buildings and infrastructure
- Provide scholarships and funding for materials and supplies
- Provide clean drinking water wells for the community
- Create sustainable opportunities for the community



History of Bumpe High School

BHS was ransacked and burned by R.U.F. rebels during the decade-long civil war in Sierra Leone that lasted from 1991-2002. Most of the buildings and furnishings were destroyed or stolen. BHS was once a renowned boarding school with an enrollment of over 600 students from as far away as Nigeria. The 11-year Civil war caused serious and grotesque human rights violations to many people. Thousands of Leonean people were left without hands, arms, feet, legs and with a homeland left in chaos. According to Human Rights Watch, over 50,000 people were killed during the war, with over one million people having been displaced.



Sarah and her biological father, Joe Kposowa

Angel Book Spotlight:

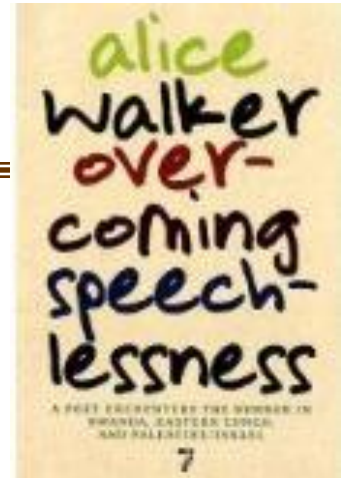
Overcoming Speechlessness: A Poet Encounters the Horror of Rwanda, Eastern Congo, and Palestine/Israel

Overcoming Speechlessness: A Poet Encounters the Horror in Rwanda, Eastern Congo, and Palestine/Israel by Alice Walker

Following visits to Rwanda in 2006 on behalf of Women for Women International, Walker was nearly overcome with the aftermath of the genocidal violence, particularly aimed at women and children. On behalf of the antiwar group Code Pink, she traveled to the Gaza Strip in 2009 to witness the suffering caused by the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians.

In this slim volume, she tells the stories of women and children brutalized by war. She recalls visiting villages reduced to rubble, listening to women mourn the death of their children, sharing modest meals, and sharing stories of her own struggles growing up in the South, the U.S. civil rights movement, and learning the importance of connections to friends and family. She links modern-day atrocities to older cruelties, including the Holocaust and the Trail of Tears. Finding resilience in the midst of atrocities, Walker uses her own voice, as poet and activist, to speak out against injustices in the world's trouble spots.

--Vanessa Bush, Booklist



The author traveled to Congo with the following organization:



[Women for Women International](http://www.womenforwomen.org)

Angel Quote...



The one thing we can all agree, all faiths and ideologies, is that God is with the vulnerable and poor. God is in the slums, in the cardboard boxes where the poor play house... God is in the silence of a mother who has infected her child with a virus that will end both their lives... God is in the cries heard under the rubble of war... God is in the debris of wasted opportunity and lives, and God is with us if we are with them...**Bono**



ORGANIZATIONS STARTED BY BONO

(RED) is a simple idea that transforms our collective power as consumers into a financial force to help others need. (RED) works with the world's most iconic brands – including American Express, Apple, Bugaboo, Converse, Dell, Emporio Armani, Gap, Hallmark, Nike, Penguin and Starbucks – to make unique (RED) products, giving up to 50 % of their profits to the global Fund to invest in HIV and AIDS programs in Africa. Every dollar goes straight to people who need it, helping them stay alive so that they can go on taking care of their families and contributing to their communities. Buy (RED), save lives. It's as simple as that. Visit them at: www.joinred.com



ONE is a grassroots advocacy and campaigning organization that fights extreme poverty and preventable disease, particularly in Africa, by raising public awareness and pressuring political leaders to support smart and effective policies and programs that are saving lives, helping to put kids in school and improving futures. Cofounded by Bono and other campaigners, ONE is nonpartisan and works closely with African activists and policy makers. Visit them at: www.one.org



Make Your Year-End Donation to Journey for Change: Empowering Youth Through Global Service!

Help us uplift the lives of our Brooklyn youth through our travel, service, advocacy, and educational programs by donating to Journey for Change this holiday season! Every cent contributed is used for direct project purposes and not for organizational overhead. Therefore, as a donor, you know that your contribution is helping to directly impact the life of a child.

Donate By Credit Card:

To Donate to Journey for Change via credit card, please [click here](#).

Donate By Check:

To Donate to Journey for Change by check, simply fill out the form below and mail to:

Journey for Change
c/o The Angelrock Project
Box 996
Tenafly, NJ 07670

***Checks can be made payable to: The Angelrock Project Foundation with Journey for Change in the memo.**

For more information, please call Lea Cohen at 201-750-8370 or email Lea@angelrockproject.com. All donations are 100% tax deductible. The tax I.D. number is 95-35100055.

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I would like to contribute \$ _____ towards the Journey for Change program.