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highly visible nexus where township residents can find information, access resources and create networks of support. Our programs serve over 24,000 children and 13,000 adults with health and education initiatives designed to make the opportunities of the New South Africa available to all South Africans. In 2004, Ubuntu will celebrate five years of remarkable progress—and prepare to make even greater strides in the coming five.

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Ubuntu World AIDS Day Athletic Competitions. Festivities began early on the morning of December 1st with a parade from Ubuntu's Headquarters to Qeqe Stadium. "By ten in the morning so many people had gathered at our Headquarters we needed two traffic cops to direct the crowd." Zwai Sokapase explained. As the parade, led by students from Emfundweni Primary School, arrived at Qeqe Stadium, many people stopped to talk to the Ubuntu Health Educators who manned tables with health information. The educators explained pamphlets describing methods of HIV/AIDS prevention and distributed free condoms. By noon, over 1,500 people had gathered to watch local teams compete in soccer and netball.

In keeping with the day's theme, *Sisonke Kulomlo*: Together in the Fight, Ubuntu staff participated in the athletic events, fielding a soccer team. Ubuntu Deputy President Gcobani Zonke coached a squad composed of Health Educators, Program Managers and Co-President Banks Gwaxula, a renowned goal-keeper in his day. Along with local leaders and community youth, Gcobani and Banks addressed the crowd between games. They thanked the thousands in attendance for their support and implored the community to show determination in fighting the spread of AIDS and compassion towards those affected by the epidemic.



In December, Ubuntu opened two new computer centers bringing our total to ten.

Ubuntu Spring Benefits

Ubuntu will be hosting eight benefits this Spring. If you or anyone you know would be interested in attending, please contact us at Benefits@ubuntufund.org.

March 9th	Beaver Creek, Colorado
April 16th	New York, New York
April 16th	Westbury, Long Island
April 27th	New York, New York (Freedom Day Film Festival)
April 30th	Riverdale, New York
May 13th	Atlanta, Georgia
May 20th	London, England
May 23th	Salem, New Hampshire

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MBA Students Run the Distance with Ubuntu

Students 4 Students (S4S), an organization founded by students at Wharton Business School of the University of Pennsylvania, has committed their support to Ubuntu Education Fund's *Mpilo-Lwazi* Health Initiative.

S4S is organizing student teams from several top US business schools, including Harvard, Stanford and Dartmouth, to compete in Cape Town's 35-mile, Two Oceans Marathon in April 2005. The race will provide a platform for fundraising efforts, with the teams competing on both fundraising and marathon times. Each school will raise a minimum of \$250,000 through events involving their alumni networks. Proceeds generated will become part of a Wharton-managed hedge fund whose profits will endow Ubuntu's health program in the coming years. S4S members, who have received funding from the University of Pennsylvania to work on this project full time, have applied a similar model in the past to raise money for pediatric cancer research efforts. The group expects the Ubuntu project to surpass earlier efforts by tapping into the powerful alumni networks, media opportunities, and the enormous drive of all of the participants.

Ubuntu Celebrates Fifth Anniversary

A momentous year in South Africa, 2004 marks the tenth anniversary of the advent of democracy, the end of Apartheid, and the free election of Nelson Mandela. At Ubuntu Education Fund, 2004 marks our fifth anniversary.



Ubuntu's new Headquarters have become a thriving hub of community development.

In 1999, when Banks Gwaxula and Jacob Lief founded Ubuntu Education Fund, the optimism of new freedoms coursed through the townships. Conversations focused more on hope for the future than on the suffering of the past — more on the opportunities available to children than those denied to their parents. People voiced their joy in voting, in traveling without a passbook, in months unmarked by violence and bloodshed. Yet everyday needs remained unmet.

Today, in Ubuntu's Zwide Township complex, community development is a thriving enterprise. Ubuntu Education Fund has made sustainable community-owned and operated programs a daily reality for township communities. Our headquarters is a

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Sisonke Kulomlo: Together in the Fight

In the townships of Port Elizabeth, where one person in four is HIV positive, you might expect World AIDS Day to be a somber occasion. But in keeping with our mission of empowerment and spirit of hope, Ubuntu Education Fund chose to mark the day with celebration and unity. Zwai Sokapase, manager of Ubuntu's health initiative, organized the first



Thousands gathered at Ubuntu's World AIDS Day event to raise awareness.

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Cultural Exchange: Learning and Sharing



Eight South African students and three teachers will travel to New York this spring as part of Ubuntu's Young Ambassadors Cultural Exchange Program. In preparation for their trip they reflect on what they hope to learn about America and what they hope to share about their own country.

" I hope to learn about American schools. How do children show respect for their teachers? How do they co-operate with each other in class? And what do they do during their free time?"

~ Nozipho Qoko, Age 16

" I have heard that Americans come from many different backgrounds. I would like to learn how they arrived in their country and how people from different backgrounds, such as African-Americans, Latinos and Europeans, mix together."

~ Felix Makwindi, Age 14

" I would like to share my likes and dislikes. For example, I like sports but I don't like fighting."

~ Lwando Nteya, Age 13

" I would like to learn how Americans know who their relatives are when they don't have clan names. In South Africa, I share a clan name with all my cousins even though our last names are different."

- Siyasanga Mwanda, Age 14

" I want to share what South Africa was like during Apartheid. I also want to share how we overcame this difficult time. I want to show Americans how we are forgiving the past so we can build a strong nation together."

~ Yandiswa Sodladla, Age 15

"I want to learn about American manners and etiquette. I don't want to do something that will offend someone."

~ Nozibele Qamngana, Age 14

" I want to share how South African youth are living today. I want to show how we are coping with problems and challenges, especially HIV/AIDS."

~ Loza Siyo, Age 15

" I want to learn how American families act in their homes? How do children act towards their parents? Do they have a lot of chores? Sometimes, in our culture, we have to help our parents with cleaning the house and washing the clothes and taking care of younger children."

~ Zanele Papu, Age 13

New Library Opens in New Brighton

In October, Ubuntu opened a new *Siyafunda* library at Jarvis Gqamlana Primary School in the Township of New Brighton. The community celebrated the completion of the library, which will serve over 1,300 children, by slaughtering three sheep for a school-wide feast honoring their ancestors, traditional dance performances and speeches from local leaders in education and politics. Yandiswa Nyoka, a 12 year-old Jarvis Gqamlana student, offered the most moving words of the day in the form of a poem she composed for the occasion:

Our Ubuntu Library *By Yandiswa Nyoka*

The Library is a place
where one can learn
A place where one can teach
We stand here looking proud
And shout out loud
Oh what a view
Look at the building
Strong and tall
With the strong walls
Painted in rainbow colors
Signifying our heritage
Our privilege
To be true South Africans
As Nelson Mandela has said
'Reading a book a day
will bring you that
much closer to the key
That will open doors of many
opportunities'

Let these words that I speak to you now
Inspire you as they did me
And I quote the words
of the freedom fighter Sobukwe
'I call upon you, to carry with you
Into the vision of a New Africa
An Africa reborn,
An Africa rejuvenated, recreated
Oh young Africa'
Gather around my brothers and sisters
Feel the beat in your heart
As we clean our slate and start
A new beginning
of something wonderful
Gather around my little ones
Step in do not be afraid
There is a whole new world out there
Waiting to be graced by your presence
Just take one step and read a book.



Ubuntu's pilot food garden is providing HIV positive children with nutritious food every week.

Let it Grow: Ubuntu Develops Community Food Gardens

In the Xhosa language, the word *Phaphama* means to awaken, to rise to the light, to get up and do something. It encompasses the goals of the new food gardening component to Ubuntu's health initiative. In partnership with Nomadocs, a New York City-based nonprofit organization committed to bringing natural and sustainable healthcare services to underserved communities worldwide, *Phaphama* Community Food Gardening Initiative will create sustainable agricultural resources in the schools where our health initiative operates. Local parents will work the gardens, generating food for their families as well as extra produce for sale in the community. At the same time, health education classes and workshops will emphasize the importance of nutrition and healthy living. Nomadocs, specialists in natural and alternative health practices, are providing training to Ubuntu's health team on these topics.

Phaphama will enable Ubuntu to address the health crisis of poverty on several levels. In the most basic sense, it will provide nutritious food to hungry children, families and communities. It will also enable unemployed parents to provide for their children. In turn, children will see parents taking an active role in their care. *Phaphama* promises not only to feed communities, but also to restore the family structure that poverty and unemployment have eroded in recent years.



Ubuntu has built five modern libraries and will open three more in June 2004.