

The Shady Tree Foundation

HELPING
CHILDREN
INFECTED AND
AFFECTED WITH
HIV/AIDS



For more photos from the 1st Annual Halloween Boo-yah Bash go to:
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First Annual Halloween Boo-Yah Bash a Success!

On November 1, 2008 four hundred costumed guests and event staff celebrated the Shady Tree Foundation and the Isipho Trust's fundraising efforts at the first annual Halloween Boo-Yah Bash.

The event was graciously hosted by Eileen and Michael Lamb at their Rancho Santa Fe estate, which was completely transformed into a macabre of ghoulish décor and haunting facades. Costumed actor's greeted guests who arrived in a haunted trolley to the entrance of the estate. Once inside, they were entertained with scenes from a twisted medical procedure gone array, a bride who never made it to her wedding but decided to "hang around" instead, and a mock graveyard complete with its own chain-saw wielding serial killer.

While not being spooked, guests were attended to by a dozen beautiful Halloween Bunnies passing trays of juicy mini sliders, tuna tar tare and other delectable treats. Halloween Martinis and shots of various potions were served up by the bartenders and hostesses. Go-Go dancers entertained guests throughout the night, while the band "Reaganomics" rocked the house with their incredible performance of 80's party tunes. The entertainment continued with a dance troupe performing for the crowd in between sets, while DJ "Dead" kept the dance floor packed with guests.

In addition to raising awareness about those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS abroad and here at home, the proceeds from this event will enable the Shady Tree Foundation to secure the land needed to begin the new orphanage and community center for the

Isipho Charity Trust. A big thank you to all of the attendees, volunteers, and people who made this years party a huge success.

See you at next years Bash!!!

One week after our incredible fundraiser, tragedy struck Isipho. We are sorry to report the Davis & Sindiswa, the founders of Isipho, lost their only son to an asthma attack. He was just three years old, and he was the namesake of the charity. Isipho means "Gift" in Xhosa their native language. They are in our thoughts during this sad time. Please help us in remembering his legacy by sponsoring a child in his honor at our website under: Donate Now
www.shadytreefoundation.org

Sponsor a child for only
\$30 a month



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Did you know that for as little as \$30 a month your sponsorship can feed, clothe, and send a child to school? That is all it takes for the Shady Tree Foundation to provide the basic essentials a child so desperately needs in rural Africa. In memory of the tragic loss of little Isipho, the charities namesake, we are offering a special gift of sponsorship to anyone pledging \$30 a month this year. Your name will be inscribed as a donor on the wall of hope at the new orphanage. This wall honors the original donors whose sponsorship helps build the new facility, as well as honoring the memory of the children from Isipho that we have tragically lost. Please visit us at www.shadytreefoundation.org and click on: DONATE NOW

In special recognition of
the businesses and
generous individuals
who make our charity
possible.

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Amy Hoey
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The attendees of the 1st
Annual "Boo-Yah Bash"

Frank & Swati Stanley
Global Wealth Analytics

It's All About The Kids

The Groom Family

The Csathy Family

The Nelson Mandela
University Architecture
Department in Port
Elizabeth South Africa

Johan Pansegrouw

The volunteers at Isipho

Meet The People of Isipho...

Nomahlubi Goba

We had the pleasure of meeting Nomahlubi Goba in person when we visited Isipho in February 2008. She is a warm and friendly woman who has a smile that lights up



her entire face. It was very apparent to us that the children whom she works with adore her, and she obviously feels the same about them. She

shared with us her desire to constantly learn something new, and that she has a dream of coming to the United States one day for a visit. Through email she shared some information about herself.

She was born in Paterson, South Africa in the late 1970's. At three years old her mother passed away, and she was lucky enough to be raised by her aunt until she was 18 years old. She attended school until the 11th grade, but due to unforeseen circumstances, she was unable to complete the rest of her desired studies.

She then moved back and forth between Patterson and Port Elizabeth ninety miles away, until finally coming back to Patterson in 2004. It was then that she was gratefully accepted into Isipho as a volunteer, and she credits "Sis" Sindiswa (One of Isipho's Founding Members) for being like a mother to her during difficult times over the years.

Since being with Isipho as a volunteer she has been able to obtain training in the following areas:

- Project Management
- Life Skills
- HIV/AIDS counseling
- Home Based Care
- Cooking and Nutrition

She is currently a grade R teacher at the Cresch, and finds that the skills she has obtained since becoming a volunteer have helped her in caring for herself and her brother whom she lives with.

Perspective...a note from Laura Rothschild

While showing me one of the make-shift classrooms that she teaches in, she pointed to a chart entitled, "A Child's Right". Pictures pasted and cut from magazines, or taken off the internet showed images of "healthy" children. Many looked like cherubs very plump and round. Many were overweight for their size. I was at first confused, but then quickly realized that in this environment if you were overweight you were fed, and in a place where a meal is a luxury their perspective is different about what is physically healthy.

To be overweight meant you were surviving...

Charitable Donations in a Down Economy?

While there is no doubt that times are challenging for us all, we urge you to consider the challenges many of the children of Isipho face every day. Where are they going to get their next meal? Will they have a warm blanket to sleep under tonight? Will they live to see their next birthday if they can't get the medication they need to cure an often simple infection? Please consider the impact a donation of only \$30 a month can have on a child, and how good it feels to know you have given a child a chance to overcome poverty. Visit our website today and click on: **Donate Now!**

Remember all donations are tax-deductable.

Isipho Charity Trust acquires land for new orphanage & community center:

Through the collaborative fundraising efforts of the Shady Tree Foundation, Amakhala Game Reserve, and Isipho volunteers, the Isipho Charity Trust was able to complete the transfer of ownership of the 1+ acre of land with an existing structure measuring



approximately 100 square meters.

Architectural plans have been in the works for several months in anticipation of this transaction. Thanks to

the generous donation of resources from the Nelson Mandela University's acting head of the architectural department Johan Pansegrouw, the dream of building the orphanage and community center is coming to life each day. Fundraising continues, as



more money is desperately needed to move into the next phase of the project. The current facility is not

capable of housing the many orphans and children within the community that need help now. Please keep the momentum going by making a special donation towards the new orphanage! Go to our website and make a reoccurring donation of only \$30 a month, and together we will change the lives of these children.

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