

“Pomp and circumstance”



Umzi Wethu's first graduates proudly show their diplomas.

Unemployment has long been one of the greatest challenges in our communities — with rates as high as 80%. Ubuntu Education Fund's focus on empowerment through education and career guidance services has become our central strategy in fighting unemployment. Ubuntu Director, Qondakele Sompondo, has taken that vision further by expanding our services to ensure that young people can successfully enter the world of work.

Cultivating a partnership with The Wilderness Foundation's Umzi Wethu, a training program for orphaned and vulnerable

youth that guarantees jobs in the ecotourism industry to those who graduate is one example of Qondakele's efforts. On July 1st, the first intake of these young men and women graduated Umzi Wethu and began work at such prestigious eco reserves as Kariega, Kuzuko and Shamwari. The majority of the participants in the program were identified by Ubuntu's case management services and school outreach. Qondakele insists, "Programs like these are some of the best HIV prevention tools out there because once people feel the confidence from having a job and learning new skills, they feel more invested in their lives — this includes taking care of their sexual health. For us, this is just the beginning of the process."



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A Big Challenge

It's ten months into Ubuntu Education Fund's first-ever capital campaign and the momentum continues to build. As we prepare to break ground on The Ubuntu Centre, we received exciting news on the fundraising front. The Kresge Foundation awarded Ubuntu Education Fund a \$625,000 challenge grant for our new centre. Rip Rapson, The Kresge Foundation President and CEO summarized their support for Ubuntu Education Fund: "Ubuntu's critical role in the townships around Port Elizabeth would by itself warrant support, but we are equally pleased by (Ubuntu's) strategy to use The Ubuntu Centre to remove severe bottlenecks in HIV/AIDS service delivery and to destigmatize testing, counseling and anti-retroviral treatment." Ubuntu President and Founder Jacob Lief reported that "We have now almost raised \$3,000,000 since we launched our capital campaign in October 2006, but for the Kresge challenge grant to kick in we must raise an additional \$1,000,000 by November 2008."



A young women's support group meets outside Ubuntu headquarters. All eagerly await the opening of The Ubuntu Centre so they will have private spaces to meet and counsel one another.

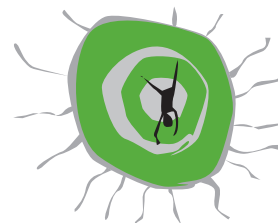
Kresge wants to ensure the sustainability of nonprofit organizations by encouraging them to expand their funding base and diversify their fundraising strategies. Out of this concept was born the Ubuntu fundraising committee — a 12 person fundraising team made up of employees from each department of Ubuntu. Monthly bakesales, community raffles and constant meetings with local

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Zethu Ngceza represents the strength and resilience Ubuntu sees in so many children in the townships of Port Elizabeth. After losing both of her parents to AIDS at age 11, Zethu now cares for her two younger siblings with help from Ubuntu. Inspired by Zethu's story and Ubuntu's commitment to help, Ubuntu supporters, Vincent and Anne Mai made a Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) commitment to Ubuntu to expand services for orphans and vulnerable children. After hearing Zethu's story, the Clinton Global Initiative then invited Zethu and her Ubuntu Case manager, Fezeka Mzalazala, to New York City to speak at the CGI semi-annual meeting on April 19th. As part of her speech, Zethu made her own commitment to start a support group for young girls orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Port Elizabeth, which she signed on stage with President Clinton. Zethu has since made good on her pledge and is hosting this support group with 10 of her peers.

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Men Are Partners



Vuyo Tshafa distributing condoms to local men attending Ubuntu's first mobile HIV testing event.

YIBA YINDODA YOKWENENE! VAVANYELA INTSHO-LONGWANE KA GAWULAYO EGAZINI LAKHO! These words from Ubuntu outreach worker, Vuyo Tshafa, rang through a vehicle loudspeaker moving through the streets of Soweto on Sea township in Port Elizabeth. They translate from Xhosa as: "Be a real man! Get tested for HIV and know your status!" In July 2007 "Be a Real Man" was the central theme for our four-day HIV testing workshop targeting men and young boys.

"We have seen a trend that the majority of individuals who are HIV positive are coming from this poverty stricken com-

munity which is Soweto on Sea. We also have seen that very few men and teenage boys are getting tested in the formal clinic setting," noted Nomkhitha Ngqawana, Ubuntu's outreach coordinator.

Based on this information, Ubuntu's outreach team targeted Soweto on Sea with Ubuntu's first mobile HIV testing workshop. The event took place at a community hall and featured traditional dancers and DJs, a stark contrast to the crowded and somber atmosphere of typical clinics. One young man who was tested for HIV that day explained the motivation for his participation: "I never went to the clinic because it is crowded and while you wait the people judge you and think you are a bad person. I knew I should test, but until today I was lazy to go to the clinic. And I was scared what the people think of me when they see me there. At least now I know who I am, I know what my HIV status is."

After four days of the workshop, Ubuntu had tested over 300 individuals, one third of whom were men. In a typical HIV testing setting, where as little as 1% of those who test are male. "Our staff is learning every day that it is all about meeting men in places that make them comfortable. In the right setting and with the right messages, men can be strong partners in overcoming the HIV epidemic," notes, Ubuntu Director, Phumla Mnyanda.

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businesses have garnered tremendous community support — financial, in-kind and emotional — for the new Centre. In addition, each Ubuntu employee has made a financial commitment to support The Ubuntu Centre. Ubuntu's staff has truly spoken with their wallets, by making financial contributions they have literally taken ownership of the project. Fundraising committee member, Zandile Mboneni, observed "Normally my day is focused on career guidance with our high school students. Now I've learned a new skill — fundraising. Being part of the fundraising committee has boosted my confidence in talking to people I don't know and has given me the strength to advocate for something I really believe in."

To support our capital campaign or to learn more about our new centre, please e-mail capcampaign@ubuntufund.org or call 646.827.1190.



A generous donation from General Motors South Africa recently came in the form of a full size pick up truck. Ubuntu's truck serves several purposes: transporting critical materials to our community gardens and school feeding programs or helping case managers escort very ill clients to the clinics. "The new truck has helped us to increase our community gardens and we are now feeding 2800 children per day," explained Ubuntu Coordinator, Mava Dlepu posing with the new truck.

"The Ambassador"

An Interview with Mzwandile "Zwayi" Jack



Zwayi Jack Ubuntu's newest outreach member

"I am an ambassador for people living with HIV/AIDS" says Zwayi Jack, Ubuntu's newest outreach team member. In 1999 Zwayi tested positive for the HIV and found out shortly afterwards that his wife and daughter were also HIV positive. Zwayi and his wife were always open with each other in terms of their HIV status. In 2003, when his wife passed away, Zwayi decided to extend this openness with all of

South Africa. Zwayi made a decision that he would set an example for other men in South Africa about how to live openly, positively and supportively for all people living with HIV. He lobbied local hospitals to begin support groups and began educating people — from teachers to doctors to others living with HIV — about how to live a healthy, positive lifestyle. His greatest efforts have focused on including men

in the fight against HIV. At the 2007 Durban AIDS Conference Zwayi joined a delegation of men whose purpose was to encourage other men to come forward with their status and make positive contributions to their communities. Zwayi also founded a small community organization, named after his late wife, The Zama Foundation. Located in King Williams Town, the organization offers support to people living with HIV/AIDS.

In May of this year, Zwayi saw an ad for an outreach worker at Ubuntu. Based on Ubuntu's strong reputation in the community Zwayi knew he was the perfect person for the job. At Ubuntu, Zwayi works tirelessly reaching out to men in our communities, encouraging them to test and to be partners to their wives, sisters, mothers and children in the fight against HIV. He spends endless hours talking to men about how to reduce violence against women and children. He also educates men on how alcohol abuse can increase the risk of HIV transmission. In Zwayi's words, "The best things about being at Ubuntu is that I am never treated any differently because of my status, and even more importantly, I am able to continue my role as an ambassador for people living with HIV. My pledge is to continue living openly and positively and set an example for the staff and our community."



Departing Ubuntu after seven years of dedicated service, beloved Ubuntu employee Paul Newell and this year's NYC AIDS Walk team of more than 500 walkers raised \$100,000 on May 20th, 2007 to fund the HIV/TB testing center and laboratory in The Ubuntu Centre. Picture by Roger Newell.



On June 29th, 228 Yale alumni visited Ubuntu in Zwide Township to learn about our work. That evening, the Yale alumni choir, The Yale Whiffenpoofs, threw a public concert in Port Elizabeth together with local choirs, Joy of Africa, General Motor's employee choir and Ubuntu's youth choir. All proceeds from this spectacular concert benefited Ubuntu Education Fund.