

# SAPartners

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## Women's Tour

For one week in February twelve women, the majority of whom are from Boston, traveled to South Africa to explore educational and community-based initiatives. Visiting the cities of Johannesburg, East London, and Cape Town, the group went on site visits to schools and community organizations, visited cultural and historical sites and met with leaders and activists representing a range of issues.

Highlights for the group included a visit to Ububele, the Khusela Project, and Etafeni. *Ububele: The African Psychotherapy Resource Centre* identified a serious shortage of skilled, professional and lay mental health workers in the township of Alexandria, just outside of Johannesburg. The organization seeks to address these problems with a mixture of training, clinical services, and research. Our visit to Ububele was an inspiring one, as we met with staff members and observed the innovative approaches they are bringing to their work.

Another highlight of the trip was a visit to the Khusela Project, a prevention of mother to child transmission program led by PATH. SA Partners leads the community component of this program and the group was able to attend a *Health Moms, Healthy Babies Fair* organized by our staff in a rural area outside of East London. On the ride back to town, it was clear that the group was moved by the event and energized by conversations with staff and members of the community. Equally moving was a visit to Etafeni, a multi-purpose centre



The Women's Tour visits A.W. Barnes School in East London

for children affected by AIDS and their caregivers in the Nyanga township outside Cape Town. The project offers a day care center, after-school programs, income-generating projects, nutrition counseling, job training, and much more to the community of Nyanga and is a true testament to the difference that a few motivated individuals can make.

Also memorable were the numerous conversations with leaders and activists throughout South Africa. During the course of the week, tour participants met with: Ahmed Kathrada and Denis Goldberg, Rivonia trial members who were charged and convicted with Nelson Mandela; political activist and former prisoner Barbara Hogan; Arthur Chaskalson, former Chief Justice of the South African Constitutional Court; his wife Loraine Chaskalson, an activist and educator; Ububele founders Tony & Hillary Hamburger; and many more. These special guests provided an important context for the visits.

The group returned to the United States with a new perspective on educational and community-based initiatives in South Africa and a renewed commitment to their own fields of work.

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# 2011 Annual Celebration

On Saturday, April 30th, South Africa Partners held its 2011 Annual Celebration at Exchange Center on Boston Harbor. We were thrilled to honor former Chief Justice Marshall with our Desmond Tutu Award and to honor Robert Glassman and John Plukas, Co-Founders and Co-Chairmen of Wainwright Bank & Trust Company with our 2011 Corporate Citizen Award. The Honorable Albie Sachs and His Excellency Ebrahim Rasool, among other special guests, were with us for an evening of inspiring speeches, lively dinner conversation, and spirited dancing to the music of *Sharon Katz and The Peace Train*.



From left to right, Eastern Bank's Bob Rivers, Corporate Citizen Awardee Bob Glassman, Desmond Tutu Awardee Margaret Marshall, The Honorable Albie Sachs, SA Partners Board President Judith Kurland, the Honorable Mark Wolf and Corporate Citizen Awardee John Plukas.



From left to right, Desmond Tutu Awardee Margaret Marshall, The Honorable Albie Sachs and SA Partners Executive Director Mary Tiseo.



Board of Advisors Member Janet Axelrod and Board of Directors Member Susan Dickler.



Corporate Citizen Awardees Robert Glassman and John Plukas.



Desmond Tutu Awardee Margaret Marshall



From left to right, Desmond Tutu Awardee Margaret Marshall, Paul McGill, and Massachusetts Secretary Health and Human Services, Dr. Judy Bigby.



From left to right, The Honorable Albie Sachs, Desmond Tutu Awardee Margaret Marshall, His Excellency Ebrahim Rasool and Emcee LaToya Edwards.



Boston City Singers.



From left to right, Linda Glassman, Charles Desmond, and Phyllis Desmond.



Sharon Katz & The Peace Train.



Guests at the 2011 Gala enjoy the music of Sharon Katz & The Peace Train.



From left to right, Claire Buck, Paula Krebs, Jim Scott, Sheryl Marshall, and Jackie Jenkins-Scott.



From left to right, Desmond Tutu Awardee Margaret Marshall, SA Partners Board of Advisors Member Temba Maqubela, and Vuyelwa Maqubela.

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## Meet Duduzile Radebe



It is a pleasure to welcome Duduzile Radebe as I ACT Program Manager. (*The Basic Care Package has been re-named I ACT - Integrated Access to Care and Treatment.*) Dudu has had a life-long desire to improve socio-economic conditions in under-resourced communities. Of her future with the I ACT Program, Dudu says, “I look forward to being a part

this amazing, dynamic program, both within the Eastern Cape, and also to see it grow to other parts of the country and the world.”

Dudu has worked in the development field for the past twelve years, with a particular focus on issues of socio-economic justice and advocacy. Her working experience has been concentrated in non governmental organizations (NGO), such as the Women’s National Coalition, Independent Mediation Services of South Africa, South African NGO Coalition, CARE SA, the Foundation for Human Rights, and most recently, the Eastern Cape NGO Coalition. Her past work has focused particularly on HIV and AIDS, as well as gender and local governance issues. Dudu looks forward to being a part of SA Partners, commenting, “I’m excited to be joining a passionate group of people who make up the organization. I believe that the passion, vision, and commitment of the team and all its strategic partners will help to overcome the challenges we continue to face as we seek to win the battle against HIV and AIDS”.



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