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Prevention in South African Prisons

SA Partners developed **Strengthening Prevention Services in Male Correctional Facilities (STEPS)** in response to the

growing risk for contracting HIV among men who have sex with men, particularly among the prison population. With funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the STEPS pilot program is

strengthening HIV prevention strategies within St. Albans Medium B Correctional Centre, located in Port Elizabeth, a large urban area in the Province of the Eastern Cape.



South Africa has the highest incarceration rate in Africa, at 3.5 per 1,000. HIV prevalence in these correctional centers is estimated to be as high as 41% (Scheibe et al. 2011:52). Built to house 780 offenders, St. Albans Medium B currently houses 1,500 men. With almost double the anticipated population, overcrowding at the facility increases the risk for contracting HIV.

Visit the New I ACT Website!

www.iactsupport.org

I ACT (Integrated Access to Care and Treatment), is a dynamic web of interventions designed to support people newly diagnosed as HIV positive. The I ACT website is the culmination of the efforts of all partners who form the I ACT National Working Group.

The STEPS intervention uses a number of approaches including:

- Peer prevention support groups
- Educational theatre performances
- Improving access to condoms and lubricant
- Increasing HIV testing among both offenders and staff

Still early in its ability to measure impact, STEPS has been welcomed by the staff and offender population in Medium B.

Recent Events

Over the past few months, South Africa Partners was proud to host the following events in Boston:

Bullying, Hate Crimes & Xenophobia Seminar

On October 22, 2011 SA Partners co-sponsored a one day-seminar, entitled *Bullying, Hate Crimes & Xenophobia: Strategies for Preparing Young People to Meet These Challenges* at Wheelock College. Co-sponsored by SA Partners, Wheelock College, MassHousing, and Shikaya, the seminar was funded by a grant from the Curtis International Fund at the Boston Foundation. More than 70 individuals who work in the area of youth leadership development and mental health attended. A highlight of the seminar was a presentation by staff of Shikaya, a non-profit organization in Cape Town. The plenary session involved a viewing of the film *Where Do I Stand*, followed by a panel discussion with four panelists. The second portion of the day gave participants the opportunity to choose two out of four breakout sessions, each focusing on a different topic.



Participants attend the October 22nd Seminar.



(L to R): SA Partners Board of Advisors Member Temba Maqubela, Chief Judge Mark L. Wolf of the US District Court for the District of MA, Patty Suzman, daughter of Helen Suzman, Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall, Chief Judge Sandra L. Lynch of the First Circuit, and SA Partners Board Member Paks Madikiza.

HELEN SUZMAN: Fighter for Human Rights Exhibition

In January 2012, SA Partners sponsored the graphic panel exhibition entitled *HELEN SUZMAN: Fighter for Human Rights*, which depicts the life and legacy of Helen Suzman, the iconic South African leader who devoted her life to the fight against apartheid. The exhibit was on display at the John Joseph Moakley United States Courthouse in Boston. On January 12, 2012, the Honorable Mark Wolf welcomed more than 125 guests to a celebratory reception with The Honorable Margaret Marshall as featured speaker, and special guest Patricia Suzman, Helen Suzman's daughter.

***Sing Your Song* Screening & Amandla Awards Ceremony**

On May 16, 2012, South Africa Partners sponsored the Boston Premiere Screening of *Sing Your Song*, an award winning documentary film about Harry Belafonte's life as artist and activist, at the Kendall Square Cinema. Preceding the film, SA Partners honored five local leaders who, like Harry Belafonte, fought both for Civil Rights and South Africa's liberation. All made important contributions to the Boston anti-apartheid movement. The **Amandla Award** recipients were **Reebee Garofalo, Caroline Hunter, Willard Johnson, Mel King**, and **Byron Rushing**. Special Guest Consul General George Monyemangene presented the awards.



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Amandla Award Recipients: (L to R) Caroline Hunter, Byron Rushing, Reebee Garofalo, Mel King, Willard Johnson with South African Consul General George Monyemangene

Welcome

South Africa Partners is delighted to welcome two new Staff Members to our Boston Office:



BETSY RUDNICK joined SA Partners as Director of Development, responsible for coordinating SA Partners' fundraising activities; she formerly served on the SA Partners Board of Directors. Most recently Betsy was a Philanthropy Officer at Tufts Medical Center where she

focused on major gift fundraising. Before that, she worked as a senior manager in the software industry where she guided organizational development for start-up and emerging growth companies. Betsy has a long-standing interest in capacity building in Africa and previously was on the Board of Friends of Tanzanian Schools where she raised funds to create educational infrastructure in northern Tanzania.



CAROLINE APETU joined SA Partners as Staff Accountant earlier this year. She has many years' experience in accounting, and looks forward to working with SA Partners. Originally from Uganda, Caroline lives in Pawtucket, RI with her family, and is a student at Suffolk University.

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Masibumbane Development Organisation

Masibumbane Development Organisation (MDO), the South Africa-based affiliate of South Africa Partners, was incorporated in 2011. MDO is focused on rebuilding the educational infrastructure in South Africa's Eastern Cape Province and generating philanthropic support for this mission. MDO's Board of Directors is chaired by Dr. Mvuyo Tom, Vice Chancellor of the University of Fort Hare.

On June 13, MDO held its first fundraising dinner in Johannesburg, hosted by Andile Ngcaba, Chairman of Dimension Data. Attended by 228 business leaders who hail from the Eastern Cape Province, the fundraiser was a huge success, raising one million rand in

contributions (approximately \$140,000) and two million rand (approximately \$280,000) of commitments for in-kind equipment and services. The guests were united in their goal to restore the schools of the Eastern Cape Province to its historic place as a center of educational excellence and provide students with the skills and knowledge they will need to build a bright future for themselves and South Africa.



SAVE THE DATE

South Africa Partners Annual Celebration

Saturday, October 13, 2012

6:30 PM Cocktail Reception

7:30 PM Dinner & Awards Presentation

Marriott Cambridge
Two Cambridge Center
50 Broadway
Cambridge, MA 02142

**2012 DESMOND TUTU
SOCIAL JUSTICE AWARD HONOREE**

Mr. Harry Belafonte
Artist & Activist

**2012 CORPORATE CITIZEN AWARD
HONOREE**

Ms. Carol Fulp
Executive Director, The Partnership

SPECIAL GUEST

His Excellency Ebrahim Rasool
South African Ambassador to the United States

HONORARY EVENT CO-CHAIRS

Governor Deval L. Patrick & First Lady Diane B. Patrick
The Honorable Thomas M. Menino & First Lady Angela Menino
The Honorable Margaret H. Marshall & Anthony Lewis
Dr. Judy Bigby
Paul and Joanne Guzzi

If you would like to receive an invitation for the event, please contact Brenna DeCotis at (617) 443-1072 or bdecotis@sapartners.org