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September News From Generation Joy



Generation Joy foundation is dedicated to engaging local students and community members in providing educational resources, funding and basic needs for children in South Africa, regardless of age, gender, religion, ethnicity or income. Generation Joy Foundation ensures a continuing and mutually beneficial relationship between students by connecting the diverse resources of GenJoy's community with the significant educational needs of the South African

Summer Travel Team News

Two teams of six volunteers traveled to South Africa with Generation Joy this summer. The first team included former teachers Kim Kinzer and Cathy Feldman, who ran a very successful two day literacy workshop for nearly sixty rural school teachers. They also ran individual workshops in four local primary schools, including our adopted school, Camanga. Two of our newest board members, Jennifer Deger and Paula Frederick also made the journey and gained a deeper understanding of our work in South Africa. The first travel team also included two college students, Lindy Holmberg and Jenny Johnson. Despite the delay in customs which held up the delivery of the container, the team kept busy with the literacy workshops, visiting schools, spending time with children at Clouds of Hope, Underberg Primary Hostel and Noah's Ark Pre-School. Lindy and Jenny even had time for a little soccer playing and Zulu dancing with the local children! The second travel team included Issaquah School District employee Nirmala Grutzius and her two daughters Anjali and Sonia, who now go to Skyline H.S. and are former BLMS students and BLOCK club members. The other travelers were Skyline H.S. math teacher Hearan Shim, her son Inbo Shim from Redmond H.S. and Jake Keenan from Issaquah Middle School. They worked hard making deliveries of school supplies to 18 schools, placing items in the hands of more than 3000 students. Quotes from two of our student travelers:

Sonia:

community.

"It was awesome. Amongst all the great experiences I had, I was so glad to finally meet and work with the people and kids that I had been hearing about since I was 6 years old(2005) while helping box supplies at Beaver Lake MS and spreading the word in the community through my presentations with the BLOCK club since 2008."

Anjali:

"I would love to go back again and help distribute supplies."



Save the Date!

The 5th Generation Joy Celebration and Silent Auction is on the calendar for May 18th, 2013 at the Pickering Barn in Issaquah. Please save the date and plan to join us for a fun evening! If you are interested in helping with the auction or have an item or service to donate, [contact us here!](#)

Skyline Spartans Collect For Generation Joy

Skyline H.S. football players collected bikes, school supplies, books shoes, stuffed animals and sports equipment for kids in South Africa last Saturday. They finished their community service project by delivering the items to Beaver Lake Middle School and helping BLOCK students box up the donations. The boys collected approximately 40 bikes and 50 boxes of

donated items. Way to go Skyline football team! We appreciate your efforts!



Vukuzakhe

Vukuzakhe Projects is Generation Joy's partner non-profit organization in South Africa. We recently received their latest [newsletter](#) and we'd like to share it with you. Translated from isiZulu, the word Vukuzakhe broadly means "arise and build yourself". If you're interested in learning more about Vukuzakhe Projects, visit their website www.vukuzakhe.co.za

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