

**SUPPORT FOR AFRICA**  
**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**SIX THOUSAND PEOPLE ARE DYING FROM AIDS EVERY DAY IN AFRICA**

*As Dr Lester Brown, Chairman of the World Watch Centre said: "If we fail to respond we forfeit the right to call ourselves a civilised society."*

Support for Africa is no ordinary charity – it was formed to help Africa find a solution in the fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS and Malaria through education and awareness with an emphasis on prevention. The President and founder of Support for Africa is singer/actress **Patti Boulaye**. Patrons are **The Rt. Hon Sir John Major KG CH, H.E Dr Christopher Kolade (Nigeria) Lord Janner of Braunstone, The Rt. Hon. Charles Kennedy, The Rt. Hon. Michael Portillo, Fredrick Forsyth CBE and Shaquille O'Neal**. Celebrity friends include actor Simon Callow CBE, Craig David, Jim Davidson OBE, psychic Uri Geller, footballers John Fashanu and Les Ferdinand to name a few.

**"FOOTBALL REACHING OUT FOR AFRICA"(FROFA)**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007 at the Royal Albert Hall**

On **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2007** at the **Royal Albert Hall**. Patti Boulaye is organising "**Football Reaching Out For Africa**"(FROFA), a charity event to be produced by **Major Sir Michael Parker KCVO CBE**, with a mass choir of 3000 gospel singers and a host of International Football Stars and Celebrities including **Thierry Henry** who will be presenting the **Thierry Henry Young Achiever Award, Lauren of Arsenal FC** and international singing group **Boney M** to name a few. The event will raise money for the building of more Support For Africa Clinics/Healthcare Centres all over Africa.

The last Reaching Out For Africa at the Royal Albert Hall starred **Sir Cliff Richard**, and **Gabrielle**. They headed a spectacular celebrity charity concert produced by **Sir Michael Parker KCVO CBE** which raised much needed funds for the charity's first two pilot health centres in Africa. The Concert was an amazing televised event featuring a spectacular 3,000-strong gospel choir drawn from schools, churches and choirs from the UK, Europe and Africa. They also formed part of the 5,000 strong Golden Jubilee Gospel Choir that Patti was personally asked to organise and they sang at **Buckingham Palace** for **HM The Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations** in June 2002. The programme also included famous soloists from the world of dance, pop music and the West-end theatre including artists **BONEY M, Uri Geller**, Pop Idols Rik Waller, The Dhol Foundation, the London African Children's Choir, the voices of 1,500 young people from Stagecoach Theatre Arts Schools and other international guests. A thrilling section was performed by Patti Boulaye's exotic **SUN DANCE** Dance and Drum show.

**Reason for setting up Support for Africa**  
***'Aids is attacking Africa from the cradle'***

Five years ago Patti visited Nigeria, she went to an orphanage where she held a one-year-old baby called Victor - he had full-blown AIDS. He was just one of the many abandoned HIV babies waiting to die. It broke Patti's heart. Watching babies like Victor die but feeling powerless to do something as this disease raged on, feeding on ignorance and prejudices, led Patti to form Support for Africa. Patti's objectives are aimed at preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and Malaria in the whole sub-Sahara Africa, firstly, with a campaign of building clinics all over Africa, and secondly, through education and awareness,. These will provide education and some practical alleviation for those suffering from the disease and opportunistic ailments. **Three clinics have been built in three States in Nigeria and the fourth is under construction in Cameroon.**

*Patti comments: "In order to tackle AIDS/HIV at its root cause in Africa, we must stop treating Africa as if it is a country. Africa is a vast Continent with hundreds of traditions and religious beliefs, which will need to be taken into account when devising a specific AIDS campaign for each area and country."*

All we need now is your support to help raise awareness and to raise much needed funds to continue the good work for the benefit of innocent people and children who are cursed by this deadly double act, AIDS/HIV and Malaria.

**PLEASE HELP PATTI BOULAYE**

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