

PATTI BOULAYE SUPPORT FOR AFRICA NEWS 2002

"REACHING OUT FOR AFRICA"

Patti hosted a spectacular star-studded sell-out charity event at London's prestigious Royal Albert Hall on 10th March 2002.

A parade of stars including Sir Cliff Richard, Gabrielle, Pop Idol finalist Rik Waller, BONEY M, Uri Geller and the DHOL Foundation joined forces with Patti in her passionate campaign against Aids in Africa.

Model Emma Noble, footballer John Fashanu, recently crowned Miss World, Agbani Darego from Nigeria, novelist Frederick Forsyth CBE, Anne Mitchell, Lynsey de Paul, Dulcie Gray, Nick Ball, Rt.Hon. Iain Duncan Smith MP, Rt.Hon Michael Portillo and The Rt. Hon Paul Boateng MP were amongst the celebrity line-up who turned out to show their support.

The Royal Albert Hall concert, which was supported by the Daily Express and OK! Magazine, will raise much needed funds to build clinics in Africa. It also featured 3,000 Gospel voices.

Patti said: "I think I can only thank God for the concert's success because when I first booked the Royal Albert Hall everyone just thought I was mad, because the charity was just four months old and charities that are ten years old are nervous to book the Royal Albert Hall."

Patti was more determined than ever to fill the Royal Albert Hall and so she firstly approached Britain's churches to encourage a tradition of charity towards Africa among them. She was then introduced by John Burley to Stephanie Manuel, founder of Stagecoach Theatre Arts Schools, which operates the well-known performing arts schools in the UK. Patti was thrilled when Stephanie offered to provide half of the 3,000 voices and so 1,500 Stagecoach students from all over Britain embarked upon an opportunity of a lifetime and joined Patti at the great Hall.



Patti with Gabrielle



Sir Cliff and Patti

Sir Cliff said: "I well remember my visits to Africa with the charity Tearfund. A lady I remember that was dying of AIDS in a village in Uganda particularly moved me. We must do more to recognise the whole plight of AIDS victims throughout the continent."

Reaching out for Africa was promoted by Stephen Komlosy (trustee) and produced by Sir Michael Parker KCVO CBE whose impressive track record includes: the Royal Military Tattoo 2000, the celebrations for VE Day, VJ Day, HM the Queen Mothers 100th Birthday celebrations and the Christmas spectacular "Joy to the World", HM the Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

Where there's a will there's a way – and Patti found a way as the Royal Albert Hall was a sell-out, the atmosphere simply electric and a massive £60,000 was raised from the event!



Miss World and Uri

Patti said: "I am overwhelmed with the support and generosity of everyone who has helped me so far with my campaign, we have a long way to go, but we are going in the right direction and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND TO VIEW THE "REACHING OUT FOR AFRICA" PHOTO GALLERY PLEASE VISIT THE "SUPPORT FOR AFRICA" WEBSITE ON: www.supportforafrica.org



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Dear Friend

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first issue of "Support For Africa" Newsletter.

We intend to keep you up to date with news, current events and other information relating to the work carried out at "Support for Africa."

On a recent trip to Nigeria, to promote the prevention of the spread of HIV, I caught Malaria, this was an old friend coming back to remind me of the impact it can have on it's victim. Malaria can kill, and with a new ally like the HIV, it is definitely a killer, especially of babies.

In a rural area of Africa I visited a clinic for children either orphaned through AIDS or abandoned by their mothers. There was a five-month old twin who was HIV positive. The other twin had just died after catching Malaria. It proved too much for his little body.

Then there was a little one-year old boy called Victor who had full-blown AIDS. He was just one of the many abandoned HIV babies waiting to die. Victor had only two more weeks to live. When I picked him up he wrapped his skeletal body around me. The feelings were indescribable – as tears came to my eyes.

I learnt first hand of the devastation AIDS is causing in Africa.

Watching babies like Victor die but feeling powerless to do something as the disease rages on, feeding on ignorance and prejudices, drives me on to make sure

that "Support for Africa" succeeds in it's fight against the spread of this disease.

I came back from my visit more determined than ever! 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 of the country.

Everyday, over 6,000 people are dying from AIDS in Africa.

You may think that Africa is a long way away from you and why should it concern you? In the time it has taken you to read this letter, no less than 80 people have died of AIDS and hundreds more are being ignorantly infected.

All we need 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, HIV/AIDS and Malaria.

Please become a friend of Support for Africa and help us rid Africa of these diseases.

Thank you

Patti Boulaye

Patti Boulaye
President / Founder
Support for Africa



MESSAGE FROM URI

"I was deeply touched by the commitment Patti's choir showed to helping the children threatened by AIDS in Nigeria. These youngsters saw the dangers, and felt compassion, and reached out to help. They acted as one, and the effect was emotionally massive.

When children reach out to children, love flows and hopes grow. Whatever the adults try to do – and many of us do try our utmost – it is the children who face the greatest risks, and the children who can lead the way to peace and a better world."

PATRONS

The Rt. Hon John Major CH, Chief Mrs Stella Obasanjo, First Lady of Nigeria, Chief Emeka Anyaoku CON TC GCVO, Sir Michael Parker KCVO CBE, The Rt. Hon Michael Portillo MP, The Rt. Hon Charles Kennedy MP, H.E Dr Christopher Kolade of Nigeria, H.E Valentin Dobrev of Bulgaria, Lord Janner of Braunstone Q.C, Baroness Vianna Von Weyhausen, Anthony Andrews, Uri Geller, Senator Florence Ita-Giwa, Frederick Forsyth CBE, Dr. Margaret Ibru, Rev Dom Andrew Hughes OSB, Shaquille O'Neal, Don Cornelius, Pastor Douglas Goodman, Pastor Erica Goodman

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BREAKING NEWS

John Major, Support for Africa's patron, is to visit Africa on a ten-day tour during which he will bring to the world's attention, the devastating impact that AIDS is having on the sub-Saharan African countries. The ten-day tour will include visits to Support For Africa Clinics and those living with HIV.

OBJECTIVES OF THE CHARITY

In order for the charity to carry out its aims and objectives, "Support for Africa" plans to build clinics in sub-Saharan African countries. The clinics will provide primary healthcare, counselling, dietary advice as well as awareness, information and education for the prevention of the spread of HIV/AIDS and Malaria.

We have focussed on education to stop the spread (particularly from mother to child) as we realise that, at this point in time, there is no cure for the disease. The drugs used to prolong victims' lives in the West are, in the main, too expensive and inaccessible to African countries until such time as local generic drug production programmes can be introduced widely in Africa, which we also hope to be able to support. We believe that prevention by education affords the best immediate route to alleviation.

We plan to have the "Support for Africa" (SFA) clinics run by Religious Orders, compatible with each locality. We will harness support from the UK and America and also from the local African and business communities providing funding and supplies. We need donations of pieces of land all over Africa on which to build our clinics.

We plan to arrange sponsors to finance the building of each SFA clinic and media coverage will be given to the launch of each clinic with the help of local and national celebrities.

It is proposed that award ceremonies will be held annually to give recognition to good practice by local business communities and their workers in respect to their own SFA clinic in order to create a positive spirit around the centres. Patti chose to start building the first clinic in Nigeria, her home country.

Support for Africa has a large number of celebrity friends who kindly help the charity by attending fundraising and receptions as guest celebrities.

SFA clinics will play a role in creating awareness and educating rural communities about HIV/AIDS and Malaria through outreach programs such as leaflet distribution, drama and dance, as well as providing counselling and much needed treatment when available to sufferers of these diseases. We believe that ignorance and lack of adequate healthcare intervention will create a far greater risk of catastrophe than has already occurred in African countries.

To raise awareness and funds, Support for Africa has staged two major events already this year. The first, a spectacular celebrity charity concert at London's leading venue, The Royal Albert Hall on 10th March and secondly on 4th June Support for Africa provided a 5,000 strong Gospel Choir to sing at HM The Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

"SUPPORT FOR AFRICA" MISSION STATEMENT

"To prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS and Malaria, to provide medical care and all manner of support for African communities stricken with HIV/AIDS and Malaria and to generally alleviate the impact of these epidemics in Africa."

STATISTICS

- The percentage of people with HIV/AIDS in the Developed World is 5% of the total, 95% are in the Developing World, of these 75% are in Africa.
- In June 2001 there were 36.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide – now the figure is 40 million and rising.
- It is estimated that 95% of HIV/AIDS infections in Africa are through Heterosexual transmission, 4% through Blood Transfusion and 1% through mother to baby transmission.
- The reality is that in 16 African countries the infection rate in the whole heterosexual population is above 10% and rapidly rising, in South Africa it is over 20%, in Zimbabwe and Swaziland it is about 25% and in Botswana about 36% of the population is HIV positive.
- In Africa over 6,000 people are dying a day.

Posters have been put up in languages that very few of those who need to know can read or understand. Perhaps the greatest tragedy of all is the lack of education as to the cause, and therefore, prevention of Aids.

As Dr Lester Brown, Chairman of the World Watch Institute said:

"If we fail to respond we will forfeit the right to call ourselves a Civilised Society."

CLINIC DETAILS



The money raised from the "Reaching out for Africa" Concert has made it possible for the charity to build the first clinic in Okpanam, near Asaba on land donated by Ms Boulaye's family.

The clinic has been built under the supervision of Mrs Grace V. Coker, the Vice-President (Nigeria) of Support For Africa and will be managed by, The Sisters of The Immaculate Heart

The clinic was officially opened on 26th October 2002, by Chief Odogwu.

The clinic has five big rooms named after stars who performed at the 2002 Reaching out for Africa Concert.

I would like to thank Virgin Atlantic Airlines who kindly sponsored our flight.



HOW IT ALL STARTED



Patti, Dame Norma Major and Jim Davidson OBE

Patti came to Britain in the 1970s on holiday and ended up appearing in Hair - though without shedding her clothes.

She won her role by joining what she thought was the queue for Madame Tussauds only to find herself in line for an audition for the ground-breaking play.

She sang the Sound of Music theme tune, hit the high notes - and got the part.

But she first came to public notice when she became the first performer to win maximum points on New Faces as a singer.

She has gone on to enjoy a successful musical career, including the starring role in Carmen Jones, and has launched a new sideline as an artist.

But she has not forgotten growing up in a Nigeria riven by the Biafran civil war which forced her stepfather into political exile.

When he sent a driver to collect Patti, her four sisters and three brothers during a riot, the driver was attacked with a machete in front of them by an angry mob.

Patti said: "My first memories of politics are of machetes and blood."

But in London she met her husband, property developer Stephen Komlosy when she was just 20.

But she wants to help her home continent fight the modern plagues ravaging it.

Millions die every year from malaria - a disease Patti suffered from repeatedly as a child in Lagos.

She said: "When I was little I had Malaria so badly that my mother thought she was going to lose me. It is a terrible disease."

Patti wants to promote the use of local cures handed down over the generations - cures which can be far more effective than Western drugs and a fraction of the price.

She said: "I used to dread the medicine my mother gave me but it always worked. She would put lemon grass, some herbs and the bark of quinine tree in water, boil them up and make me drink them and also inhale the steam.

"That night I would sweat the fever out - and be back at school within a week. Yet the children of ambassadors at my school would take western drugs, be off for three weeks and then suffer side effects like terrible headaches when they returned."

But she sees her work in Nigeria as a springboard to the rest of Africa.

She said: "I am starting in Nigeria because I know it well. I can get by in three of the four main languages.

"But in ten years, by God's grace, I hope we will have hundreds of these clinics across Africa."



Mitch Murray, Angela Grant, Nick Ball and Diana Moran



Aret, Stephen and Sebastian Komlosy



Patti, Russell Watson and Lady Carolyn Townshend



Miss World, Agbani Darego of Nigeria



Patti and Lloyd Honnigan



Anne Mitchell, Che Walker, Eamonn Walker and Martina Laird



John Major, Patti, Dame Norma Major and Stephen Komlosy



Gospel Choir



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REACHING OUT FOR AFRICA

EXETER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB



Michael Jackson and members of Patti's Golden Jubilee Gospel Choir

Patti has also played a key role in another star-studded extravaganza. Patti, pop legend, Michael Jackson and illusionist David Blaine went to St James's Park, home of Exeter City Football Club at the invitation of close friend and club chairman, Psychic Uri Geller to perform in a charity benefit on June 14th.

The event raised money for the football club as well as much-needed funds for "Support for Africa" and "Children Living with AIDS Charity."

CELEBRITIES OUT IN FULL FORCE



Patti and Bianca Jagger

A celebrity press reception was held at the House of Commons to celebrate the launch of the "Reaching out for Africa" concert at the Royal Albert Hall in March 2002. Celebrities in attendance included Uri Geller, Miss World and stars from Eastenders and Casualty.

Also, Bianca Jagger was amongst many of the celebrities who turned out in force at a celebrity press reception at the Bulgarian Embassy in October 2001 to celebrate SFA's involvement in the Queen's Golden Jubilee Celebrations.

HELPING TO CREATE AWARENESS FOR THE CHARITY PATTI HAS APPEARED ON MANY TV PROGRAMMES INCLUDING BBC BREAKFAST, GMTV AND SKY NEWS. PATTI HAS ALSO APPEARED ON NUMEROUS RADIO STATIONS INCLUDING BBC RADIO 4 WITH LIBBY PERVIS

THE CHOIRS

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 Pentecostal City Mission Mass Choir
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 Pollard Hill Baptist Church
 Queens Road Church
 Sharp & Sweet – BWA
 South African Congregation
 Stagecoach Theatre Arts Schools
 St Marks Methodist Church Choir, Tottenham
 St Paul's Gospel Choir, Deptford
 St Stephen's South Lambeth
 Sunshine Choir
 Surrey Choir
 The Gambian Catholic Choir
 The New Covenant Cherubim & Seraphim Church
 The Rainbow Singers
 Theslade Evangelical Church
 Unity Gospel Choir
 Victory Christian Centre
 Walthamstow Seventh Day Adventist Church
 Waterloo Road Church
 Winners Christian Centre
 World Evangelical Mission Choir

QUOTES FROM STAGECOACH



"It was one big party, where everyone was having fun. It was one of the best experiences of my life"

I felt privileged to have taken part in an event which was helping AIDS sufferers in Africa."

"It was amazing. The sound was great and the atmosphere fantastic. Absolutely brilliant."

"It was the best day of my life."

Stagecoach Students from Derby and Darlington



PATTI BOULAYE'S CROWNING GLORY



IF YOU WANT TO KNOW

HOW TO FIND 5,000

GOSPEL SINGERS – ASK

PATTI BOULAYE!

Patti Boulaye led a mass Gospel Choir of 5,000 down Pall Mall for the Queen's Golden Jubilee Parade on 4th June.

Patti originally set out to assemble 3,000 members of the choir, who performed at the spectacular "Reaching out for Africa" concert but completed the mammoth task of finding another 2,000 voices.

Following her success at the Royal Albert Hall, Patti was asked by Sir Michael Parker KCVO CBE to be on Her Majesty the Queen's Golden Jubilee Weekend Committee and to organise a record-breaking 5,000-strong gospel choir, which has now become the official Golden Jubilee Gospel Choir.

This was the first time that 5,000 Gospel voices were gathered from the nation for any one event, let alone a Royal performance.

Patti and her choir put on a truly amazing display as they joined thousands of other performers in front of the crowds, world's press and media and the millions of people who tuned in to their televisions to watch the climax to the Jubilee Weekend Celebrations.

Thousands of spectators sang along to Patti's Jubilee song, "Celebrate Good News" which she had specially written as a tribute to Her Majesty the Queen to mark the special occasion.

3,500 members of churches and groups from around London and the Southeast including the Metropolitan Police Gospel Choir and Patti's own Sun Dance singers/dancers marked history in this once in a lifetime experience.

1,500 young people from Stagecoach Theatre Arts Schools, which operates the largest network of part-time performing arts schools in the UK were amongst the choir.

Patti comments: "The choir is a great example of unity and diversity working side by side. Young people from the ages of 15, to men and women in their seventies were all singing dancing and sharing in the Jubilee celebrations.

"It really was an honour for me to organise a 5,000-strong Gospel choir heralding 50 years in Her Majesty's reign. I was delighted to be working with Sir Michael again as well as all the members of the choir."

The whole Golden Jubilee Gospel choir met for the very first time at St James Square on 4th June. Patti taught members of the 5,000 strong Gospel choir some basic choreographed movements including dance, flag, ribbon waving and singing.

Patti led the choir down the Mall singing and dancing to Gospel music and "Celebrate Good News," a Soweto style song written by Patti to mark the special occasion.



TRUSTEES

Stephen Komlosy is Chairman of London & Boston Investments plc and a director of five public companies in the UK and USA.

Vinod Taylor is a Banker, with 25 years of experience in banking.

Michael Knowles is a former Member of Parliament of nine years House of Commons experience and a Marketing Consultant.

John Burley is a public relations consultant, as well as a director of The Small Business Bureau and The Genesis Initiative.

KEEPING YOU UP TO DATE

INTELS LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT LTD thanks to Daniel Sigaud is the first internationally owned business in Africa to pledge the building of a "Support For Africa" clinic in Nigeria and in Angola.

We are also in talks with Malawi, Rwanda and others about building SFA Clinics in those countries.

We estimate that the cost of building and equipping each SFA Clinic will be around £25,000 with annual maintenance costs running in the region of £30,000. The building costs and maintenance of some of the SFA Clinics are to be sponsored by Companies with vested interests in Africa and African Christian Centres in London.

SUN DANCE

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AT THE

Royal Albert Hall

ON

12 April 2003

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PS. BIG THANKS TO REUTERS WHO COVERED THE "REACHING OUT FOR AFRICA" CONCERT AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL.

SO FAR THE NEWS ITEM PRODUCED HAS BEEN BROADCAST IN SEVERAL COUNTRIES HELPING TO SPREAD THE WORD.

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