Nelson Mandela Day

On July 18, in recognition of Nelson Mandela Day, Acacia Global launched a Facebook campaign to raise funds for a community safety organization and an income-generating project in Guguletu. Because of generous donors from all over the country, we were able to purchase both bicycles for volunteers to patrol neighborhood streets and sewing machines to create jobs.

Global Leadership Award

Dedicated teacher and community leader Noxie Totoyi was the seventh recipient of Acacia Global's annual Global Leadership Award. Noxie is one of those movers and shakers who has always championed the rights of children and worked to improve the living conditions of everyone in her community.

Night of Ubuntu

La Doña Cervecería in North Minneapolis was the site of our fourth annual Night of Ubuntu benefit. Our special guest from South Africa, Mathapelo Ngaka, spoke about the transformative work of Monkeybiz - the awardwinning beading project in Cape Town - and did traditional Xhosa face painting.

Night of Ubuntu photos by Julie Vogl







Acacia Global's Three Programmatic Priorities:

Learning

While Acacia Global continues to honor the commitments we made to grade school, high school, and college students from the townships of South Africa, we have expanded our definition of learning to include more people and more ways to learn. For example, in 2019 an anonymous donor sponsored a special project - the creation of a sensory garden for school children to learn about the healing qualities of many plants. Gardener Vuyani Qamata designed the garden plot and instructs the students.

Earning

Encouraging job creation is one of the best things that Acacia Global does in South Africa. For 17 years, we have partnered with Monkeybiz to purchase their incredible beaded art and market their work in the U.S. More recently, we met and worked with talented artists from Zimbabwe and South Africa who make extraordinary products out of discarded materials. Earning income results in better education, safer homes, and access to healthcare.

Leading

Acacia Global is committed to investing in the development of ethical leadership. We continue to support the transformational work of two visionary leaders in South Africa. Vuyiseka Dubula, through the Activist Center for Education and Development, trains women to assume leadership roles in their communities. Mandla Majola, through the Movement for Change and Social Justice, trains the trainers to improve men's health and end gender-based violence. Their work is making a difference today and will have a profound impact in the future.

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