

# AMY BIEHL FOUNDATION NEWSLETTER

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## Amy Biehl is Brown White Bread

Dumisani

Recorder

A my Biehl is brown white bread no thing else I have  
in stead su pper comes at night I shall not have mine  
A my Biehl is brown white bread why can't peo ple  
live to ger ther in har mo ny hu mans,  
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A my Biehl is brown, white bread.

Dumisani Ncdayi is an instructor in music theory and recorder playing to 500 township youth as part of the Amy Biehl Foundation Trust's music program. He wrote the "Amy Biehl is Brown White Bread" song to help support our Amy's Bread

program. Our students have been performing this beautiful song and sharing their talents at a number of prominent venues, including Pick 'n Pay groceries where Amy's Bread is sold.

## A Message from Linda Biehl

THIS LETTER IS LONG OVERDUE. AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, PETER DIED ON MARCH 31, 2002. HE HAD NOT BEEN FEELING WELL WHEN WE LEFT CAPE TOWN AT THE END OF FEBRUARY, BUT WE THOUGHT IT WAS A STOMACH VIRUS THAT WAS GOING AROUND THE OFFICE. OBVIOUSLY, IT WAS A MORE SERIOUS MATTER, AND INDEED, IT WAS DIAGNOSED AS COLON CANCER.

PETER WAS IN EISENHOWER MEDICAL CENTER IN RANCHO MIRAGE, CALIFORNIA FROM MARCH 3<sup>RD</sup> UNTIL HE PASSED AWAY. IT WAS ALL VERY SAD, BUT HE SEEMED AT PEACE. DURING THE MONTH OF MARCH AND FOLLOWING HIS DEATH, OUR FAMILY AND FOUNDATIONS RECEIVED WONDERFUL SUPPORT FROM FRIENDS AND STRANGERS (NOW NEW FRIENDS). PERSONALLY, I WAS OVERWHELMED BY PHONE CALLS, EMAILS, FAXES, CARDS, AND LETTERS. WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE MANY DONATIONS MADE IN HIS MEMORY. ONE VERY SPECIAL AND PARTICULARLY GENEROUS DONATION IS THE "FONT" IN WHICH I AM WRITING MY MESSAGE. IT WAS PAINSTAKINGLY ADAPTED FROM PETER'S UNIQUE SCRIPT BY PHIL'S FONTS AND NOW AVAILABLE FOR OUR USE. WE ARE EXTREMELY GRATEFUL TO THE STOCKDALE AND WEBB FAMILIES FOR THIS WONDERFUL IDEA AND THEIR GENEROSITY IN MAKING IT A REALITY.

IMMEDIATELY, MAJOR DECISIONS HAD TO BE MADE REGARDING THE FUTURE OF THE AMY BIEHL FOUNDATION (USA) AND THE AMY BIEHL FOUNDATION TRUST (SA). I FELT THE RESPONSIBILITY SQUARELY ON MY SHOULDERS. THE TRUST HAS GROWN INTO SOMETHING RATHER LARGE AND COMPLICATED SINCE ITS HUMBLE BEGINNINGS IN SEPTEMBER 1997. HUNDREDS OF PREVIOUSLY UNEMPLOYED SOUTH AFRICANS ARE EMPLOYED OR RECEIVING TRAINING UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE TRUST. THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN ARE IN AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS, YOUTH READING ROLE MODELS PROGRAMS, MUSIC, ART AND SPORTS PROGRAMS, AMONG MANY OTHERS. I KNEW IN MY HEART THAT THE WORK MUST GO ON IN THE SPIRITS OF MY DAUGHTER AND MY HUSBAND.

WITH MUCH SUPPORT, I PICKED UP THE SCHEDULE PETER AND I HAD PENCILED INTO OUR CALENDAR BEGINNING IN MID-APRIL AND HAVE REMAINED VERY BUSY EVER SINCE. THE LATTER PART OF THIS NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS A YEAR'S WORTH OF EVENTS IN ATTEMPT TO BRING YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH OUR ACTIVITIES. I HOPE IT COMMUNICATES THE BREADTH AND IMPACT OF OUR WORK AND OUR STRONG COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS.

AS THIS NEWSLETTER GOES TO PRINT, I AM FINDING IT IMPERATIVE TO FOCUS MORE AGGRESSIVELY ON THE LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF BOTH THE FOUNDATION HERE AND THE TRUST IN SOUTH AFRICA. IT IS A CRITICAL TIME IN OUR GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND I DO FEEL ADDED WEIGHT SINCE PETER'S DEATH. STILL, I REMAIN EXCITED ABOUT WHAT LIES AHEAD AND LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THE CELEBRATION OF THE LIVES OF MY DAUGHTER AND HUSBAND.

AUGUST 25, 2003 WILL MARK THE 10-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF AMY'S DEATH. IT IS BECAUSE OF ALL OF YOU THAT WE HAVE COME THIS FAR, AND I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY. TOGETHER WE CAN HELP TO BUILD A BETTER WORLD FOR EVERYONE.

## The National Cathedral – A Celebration and Call to Action

By Molly Biehl Corbin

"It is not enough to know you are good. It is not enough to say you are good. You have to get out and do good, and the people for whom you are doing good have to know your name." These are words paraphrased from a tribute to Dad offered by South African author Sindiwe Magona, PhD. Such was the tone of this very special memorial, this inspirational call to action. Dad was an action man. He worked incessantly. He listened. He learned. He gave. And the people of South Africa knew his name.

Kim, Zach and I are so very proud of our father. We are humbled by and forever grateful for his love and example. We were all surprised at the suggestion and planning of a service for him at Washington, DC's National Cathedral. Not at all certain of what to expect and admittedly a bit leery of such a public setting, we were warmed by the sincerity of those who spoke and the content of their remarks. The attendance and support of friends from across the country was and remains an invaluable source of comfort for us. All who suffer losses should feel so loved.

A description of the experience we had in Washington, I cannot succinctly offer. Suffice it to say, we feel good that our dad was the man he was, that he was loved and respected by people everywhere, and that he was honored in our nation's capital in such an esteemed venue. Thank you to all who planned, participated and attended. Thank you, especially, to Grace Cummings, The Reverend W. Douglas Tanner, Jr., Faith and Politics, The Very Reverend Nathan Baxter, The Reverend James D. Brown, Ambassador James A. Joseph, Sindiwe Magona, Erik Suter, Mahala.

Also, thank you to Angelina Peter, President George W. Bush, Former President Bill Clinton and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, Representative Richard Gephardt, Representative J. Dennis Hastart, Representative Amo Houghton, Representative John Lewis, Kenneth Wollack, J. Brian Atwood, Alex Boraine, Maurice Tempelsman, Nance Lucas, Ann Colville and NDI, for contributing to the cherished "In Memoriam" booklet of remarks.



## **A Note from the Project Manager**

By Ashleigh Murphy

Peter Biehl believed in young people. If you look at the Amy Biehl Foundation Trust in South Africa and the youthful energy that keeps it going, you see why he believed in young people. He knew that what mattered most was your heart, not your age or your experience.

This past summer, the Trust hosted its usual summer season of interns. We had students from Duke University, University of Notre Dame, UMASS, Gordon College, and Wharton University. With each intern comes a new set of eyes and ears to interpret, understand and provide feedback to the work that we do. Their energy and excitement keep all of us motivated in this difficult world of development.

Interns are usually given two projects to work on during their time with us. They are first placed with an existing project and a project coordinator who guides them. They are next given a project that they complete on their own. They must adjust, immediately, to the pace at which things are done here. Accustom to their fast-paced university schedules, it takes them time to learn that the most important aspect of their work here is not what they accomplish in terms of implementation but what is learned in the process of doing their work.

At a recent staff meeting, our office was filled with a bright mix of people. We all gave our project updates. As each person had his/her chance to speak, I was filled with an increasing sense of pride. We are all working together, South Africans and Americans, experienced and inexperienced, old and young. This was what Peter wanted us to do, and he would be proud.

A young person myself, I am amazed at the challenge of managing this Foundation and see how it has allowed me to grow. I thank the man who believed in me and in my ability to do this job. In the months and years ahead we will miss Peter, his vision and influence, but we will pay tribute to him with each young person who grows and succeeds.



### **HIV/AIDS – The Kenneth Lutterman Resource Centre**

A Critical, Grassroots Resource in an Urgent Epidemic

By Dianne Webber – Manager, Social Projects

*Ken Lutterman was Associate Director of Services and Intervention Research at the National Institute of Mental Health and Associate Dean of Research at the University of Michigan's School of Social Work.*

*He made four trips to South Africa (including to the International AIDS Conference in '00) where he consulted with mental health officials and universities on research and treatment of mental illness.*

The four Girl Guides from the Protea Park township came shyly into the Kenneth Lutterman Resource Centre. "Do you have any information on STDs?", they asked quietly. "We have a project to do and the medical clinic is too busy to talk to us."

As the urgency increases for education among South Africans around HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment, information and personnel resources of clinics and medical centers are being depleted and libraries and schools lack current information. Concerned youth and adults alike are desperate for factual, current and pertinent information.

Educators are required to develop and implement Life Skills curriculums targeting AIDS, sexual abuse, teenage pregnancy and healthy sexual choices. Teachers are having to educate themselves in these areas, as well as in participatory learning methods for engaging students in dialogues about these highly- taboo topics in traditional South African communities.

The Kenneth Lutterman Resource Centre was developed at a critical time for the conservative community of George in South Africa's Southern Cape. Our initial priority was to respond to the immediate demands from the community for clear, current and sufficient information about the HIV virus and AIDS, about transmission and prevention, and about resources and treatment. Yet, the AIDS problem facing South Africa is more than just the disease. It is a complex tangle of misinformation, traditional beliefs, poverty, dysfunctional behaviours inherited from Apartheid, ignorance and despondency. A greater breadth of information is needed to make a real difference in the behaviour of young people. A holistic approach to HIV/AIDS education is necessary.

It is imperative that we include resources and information to combat the related and interconnected problems of teenage pregnancy, sexual abuse, teenage prostitution, substance abuse, rape, incest, orphaned children and homeless youth.

We are providing materials that offer positive solutions to these problems – resources that promote self-esteem, good parenting, healthy sexuality, and that address depression, stress, problem-solving, and decision-making.

At the centre, we use videos to overcome written language barriers and to promote interaction; internet research; and printouts to garner current and reliable information. We also provide books and magazine materials to our visitors.

A recent survey demonstrated that the single most effective factor in promoting healthy behaviour change among youth was hope. There is a great need for optimistic and realistic information for persons living with HIV and/or AIDS – how HIV behaves in the body, what an HIV-person can do to prolong his life, the role of nutrition, fighting opportunistic disease, legal rights and patient rights.

As with all Amy Biehl Foundation Trust projects, the centre focuses on the needs of youth. It helps meet the needs of our community-inspired HIV/AIDS youth programmes – the Imizamo Yethu High School Peer Education Programme and our Tavern AIDS Project. The Peer Educator Programme trains 24 high school students to teach HIV/AIDS prevention in 4 primary schools in Thembalethu, a black community. The program is highly effective, and direct access to the centre has dramatically improved the pertinent knowledge base of our peer educators. Leaders of the Tavern AIDS project teach HIV/AIDS prevention in local taverns and shebeens. They regularly use the centre to access new information for their tavern talks and condom demonstrations. The success of these programmes alone underscores the contribution the centre is making to the community.

Increasingly, other community members are utilizing the centre. Students across racial communities, family and marriage counselors, Cancer Society counselors, persons recently testing positive, persons referred by various medical clinics, Department of Health employees and teachers come to watch videos, gather brochures, read posters, talk to our volunteer resource manager and photocopy current internet articles.

The demand is so great that we are opening a satellite center in Thembalethu township in partnership with the Cancer Society, the Tavern AIDS volunteers, and the Peer Educators to make information more readily available to those who cannot afford the transportation out of the townships.

While we have accomplished much in Ken Lutterman's name and through help from his friends, our obvious need for growth includes a need for additional financial resources. We welcome underwriting specifically for our most costly but effective needs. To honor the upcoming 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Amy's death (August 25, 2003) in a special way, we hope that you will consider giving in \$10 increments. A gift of \$10 can provide 2 weeks internet connection or buy a new book for the satellite center; \$100 will provide information packets about HIV/AIDS for distribution to teenagers in the community; \$100 will also train 20 high school students to be peer educators in their schools. Every dollar you donate offers life-changing hope to a young person facing the challenges of existence and survival in South Africa. Thank you.

## **ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS**

### **NOVEMBER 2001**

- 13 Birth of our 2<sup>nd</sup> grandson, William Zachary Corbin, to parents Molly and Tim Corbin.
- 28 The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Awards dinner of the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI). Peter and I were thrilled and honored to receive the W. Averell Harriman Democracy Award along with Kofi A. Annan, Secretary-General United Nations. A memorable evening, indeed. Peter and I wondered quietly together what Amy would be thinking of us now. We remembered her involvement in these dinners that took much effort and planning. I want to offer a special thank you to all of those who made the event wonderful for us. Thank you to the entire staff, with special thanks to Geraldine Thompson.

### **DECEMBER 2001**

- 2 Peter and I traveled to Washington, DC to attend Kenneth Lutterman's memorial service. Ken had worked for the National Institute of Mental Health and had traveled to South Africa, including for the International AIDS conference in '00. He was a great supporter and advisor to us and numerous of his friends made generous contributions to our Foundation in his memory. We are sincerely grateful to have received these funds that have enabled us to establish the Kenneth Lutterman Resource Centre described herein. We are proud to have known Ken and honored to remember him in this way.
- 13 Accepting the Forgiveness Award from Search for Common Ground was especially meaningful since we have known the organization for a long time.

### **JANUARY 2002**

- 17 We took our annual trek to Louisville High School in Calabasas, CA. Peter and I have had the opportunity to be with the 900+ students and faculty at this remarkable school for several years.
- 18 Peter and I spoke to children and teachers at Anderson Elementary School in Corona del Mar, CA. We shared information about Amy's life through stories and videos.
- 21 In New York, we hosted an evening focused on the role of arts in violence prevention for special friends and Foundation partners. Esther Pan – a Fulbright scholar whose time at Stanford coincided with Amy's – shared a video of her play created as part of her Fulbright research. Information was shared about our mural exhibit

that began as an exchange program with the city of Seattle and will travel to St. Louis for a February 2003 opening. We also discussed the numerous arts programs of the Trust, including music, drama, drawing, and much more.

- 25 Back in California, Peter and I had the pleasure of addressing the Board of Directors of the Flora Family Foundation. Their generous and on-going support of and commitment to our work made the evening even more important to us.
- 31 Prior to boarding a plane to Cape Town, we had lunch with Albert van Rensburg – former South African Counsel General and good friend.

## **FEBRUARY**

- 4 We were so pleased when Princeton Lyman traveled to South Africa with an eager group of visitors from the Northern California World Affairs Council. Princeton was Ambassador to South Africa when Amy was killed. His group visited many of our programs in the Strand area of Cape Town and they joined us for a lovely and informative dinner.
- 8 Birth of our 1st granddaughter, Elizabeth Marie Hoffmark, to Kim Biehl and James Hoffmark.
- 8 Shared a wonderful birthday with friend Sahn Venter who surprised us with the good news of her marriage to Claude. We have known Sahn since 1993. She was the first reporter with whom we met in Cape Town after Amy was killed.
- 20 We always look forward to the arrival of the “Semester at Sea” students. Over 700 students literally sail into Cape Town twice a year on their mission of international peace and education.
- 27 We stopped in Boston on our way home from Cape Town and had a terrific visit at Milton Academy arranged by Bob Sinicrope. Bob sends his jazz students to Cape Town every other year, and the Trust’s South African music teacher went to Milton Academy this past September.
- 28 Harvard Business School was our next stop to meet with professors and students studying all aspects of business, including international marketing. We are looking forward to the completion of a case study profiling our bakery project from this perspective.

## **MARCH**

- 3 Peter had not been feeling well for two weeks, so when we arrived home to La Quinta we went straight to the Eisenhower Medical Center. He remained there until his passing on March 31st. At that moment, everything stopped.

## **APRIL**

- 15 Zach Biehl helped me pick up our schedule by joining me during a visit with high school students in Irvine’s Unified School District. Dr. Hsiang, our host, organized a joint meeting of schools and showed *Long Night’s Journey Into Day*. This led to a marvelous discussion about restorative justice, reconciliation and ethics. Albert van Rensburg drove from LA to join us.
- 26 The whole family (3 children, 2 son-in-laws, 3 grandchildren, Peter’s mother, brother and I) flew to DC for Peter’s memorial service held at the National Cathedral. Special thanks to Geoff Gregor at American Airlines who made all of our arrangements and even flew with us to make sure everything went smoothly. The Faith and Politics Institute organized the remarkable service, and I cannot thank Grace Cummings and Doug Tanner enough for all of their incredible support.
- 29 I stayed in DC for a couple of days and was warmly received at the offices of U.S. AID where I brought them up-to-date on our programs. I left for Cape Town that evening.

## **MAY**

- 2 May was an exhausting, but energizing month for me. It began with a visit from Doug Tanner of Faith and Politics, who was in Cape Town to do the planning for an upcoming bipartisan congressional delegation.
- 4 Guguletu, the township where Amy was killed, was the setting for a beautiful memorial service for Peter held at St. Gabriel’s Church. More than 400 community members came together to celebrate Peter’s life.
- 10 The United Way International World Assembly presented me with their Caring Beyond Borders award. I was thrilled to receive this before more than 500 delegates and their guests.
- 11 Easy Nofemela and I spoke before the United Way delegates at their luncheon. We shared our story of reconciliation over Amy’s murder and the future we have built together.
- 16 The first annual fundraiser for the Amy Biehl Foundation Trust was held at Grand West with hundreds of supporters in attendance. Particularly instrumental in making the event a success were filmmaker Anant Singh, intern Amy Graham, and Sunwest Hotels. We were also lucky to have Hugh Masekela as our special guest. All of the money we raised that evening went directly to the operations of our programs. We look forward to a similar event in August

2003 to commemorate the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Amy's death.

- 24 Back in Newport Beach and the home I share with my son, Zach. Hannah (our black Lab), Zach and I make for quite interesting roommates! On this day, Peter and I were both granted honorary doctorate degrees from Whittier College, our alma mater. Even with the challenge of having to accept Peter's award given to him posthumously, I was still able to share many fond memories with several of Whittier's faculty and staff as well as the 2002 graduates.
- 25 At Dana Point's St. Regis Hotel, actors Blair Underwood and Alfre Woodard presented the show Love Letters to an audience of more than 200. Sponsored by the St. Regis and Saks Fifth Avenue – Mission Viejo, proceeds from this moving evening benefited the Foundation as well as Artists for a New South Africa. Very special thanks to Kim Biehl, Kelly Ahern, Rebecca Taylor, Edda Hatfield, Alfre Woodard, Blair Underwood, Sharon Gelman and Kiehl's cosmetics for their hard work and support of our efforts.
- 31 Zach and I were invited to speak before hundreds of community members at the Orange County Prayer Breakfast.

## JUNE

- 5 As a guest of the 2002 City Year conference, I had the privilege of sharing a panel with Deborah Hoffman and Frances Reid, the producers of *Long Night's Journey Into Day*. City Year corps members and former President Clinton's South African fellows were some of the 1000 youth who saw the film.
- 7 Returning to Orange County, I was pleased to accept the Orange County Violence Prevention Award at a wonderful luncheon at the Turnip Rose restaurant.
- 13 During a discussion on "tolerance" in a violence prevention class at San Clemente High School, Zach and I had a chance to share our experiences with more than 80 students.
- 14 Former intern Yolanda Gill organized a memorial service for Peter in Seattle. Former interns, supporters and partners from the University of Washington, Seattle University, and the community attended. Thank you to Lori and Steve Markowitz for their help and generous hospitality.
- 26 Beginning today, I spent an amazing 10 days in New York and Massachusetts with Ntobeko Peni and Easy Nofemela. It was their first trip ever away from their homes in Guguletu, and to be with them in New York helped me experience

America through their eyes. We spoke together at the American Family Therapists Academy annual meeting before 250 people eager to hear our story of reconciliation and restorative justice.

- 27 We carried our message to the University of Massachusetts. Marcellette Williams, Past Chancellor and Senior Vice President for International Relations, organized this visit for us. Easy, Peni, and I spoke to the student community and the Board of Trustees on the Amherst Campus as well as to the Board of the entire University of Massachusetts system.

## JULY

I spent most of this month in Cape Town focusing on the operation of our programs as well as the entire organization. I flew home for a short period and returned to Cape Town on August 1<sup>st</sup>.

## AUGUST

- 2 This was a very special month for me. My son, Zach, and his friend, Matt, arrived in Cape Town for a two-week visit. This was Zach's first visit back to Cape Town since the entire family was here immediately following Amy's death. It was somewhat of a challenge for him, but Zach left re-energized and anxious to spend more time (in between coaching football and studying) working with the Foundation. He spent many hours with our staff visiting programs. He ran a baseball clinic for the youth in George. He even gave the keynote address at one of our first-aid training program graduation ceremonies at Pollsmoor Prison.
- 7 Geraldine Thompson, a colleague of Amy's at NDI, arrived in South Africa for her first time. It was emotional for her, but after all of these years, she was glad to finally come to the place that captured Amy's soul. During her three-week stay she was able to visit many of our programs and enjoy Cape Town's reputable hospitality.  
  
In mid-month, Patty Burness arrived to learn first-hand about our programs, work with the staff, and spend time getting to know Cape Town. We are working closely together to promote the work of the Foundation and the Trust. Patty lives in San Francisco. She has more than 20 years experience in the non-profit field, including working for filmmaker George Lucas, California's State Department of Education, and Entrepreneurs Foundation in Silicone Valley.
- 23 We celebrated the 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Amy's death two days early at a service at the senior center in Guguletu. In attendance were community members and hundreds of children from our after school programs. Some of the music

students performed "Amy Biehl Is Brown White Bread". Geraldine Thompson spoke, as well. I cannot thank the entire Amy Biehl Foundation Trust staff enough for their hard work in organizing this memorable event and for their commitment to their work and their community.

## SEPTEMBER

- 16 I returned from Cape Town early this month and went to Albuquerque, NM to address the students of Amy Biehl High School and support this charter school in its effort to relocate to an historic downtown building.

## OCTOBER

- 2 I was privileged to speak with students and faculty at the University of Missouri's School of Journalism about the effect of the media on my life. A highlight of my visit was the screening of *Long Night's Journey Into Day* at their film festival. Special thanks to Professor Michael Grinfeld for coordinating everything for me.
- 5 I stayed on in St. Louis with Larry and Judy Kendall where I spoke to Metro and Soledad High Schools and went to MICDS (Judy's School) to see a candy sale benefiting the Foundation. I was also able to visit and thank Debbie Kendall's school, which had held a fun run raising several thousand dollars for the Foundation earlier in the year. The Kendalls and I also spent time planning for a mural exhibit opening in St. Louis on February 12, 2003. Several colorful murals by young South African males were originally created as part of an exchange program with youth in Seattle. Thanks to the Kendalls and program sponsor, Maryville University, the Mural Exchange Program is traveling to St. Louis and evolving into a spectacular affair with several more murals by South African and American youth and the coming together of the artists themselves.
- 10 The last of six days spent with Patty Burness in New York and Washington, DC. We met with old friends and supporters as well as introduced our work to new foundations and multinational companies. In DC, we met with representatives from U.S. AID to plan our next steps together. U.S. AID has been an ardent supporter of the Amy Biehl Foundation Trust, and we would not have accomplished as much as we have over the past 5 years without their help and support.
- 18 I arrived back in Cape Town and presented Desmond Tutu with the 2002 Forgiveness Award from Search for Common Ground. I was filmed presenting him the award and in an interview format where I was privileged enough to ask

him about the greatest achievements of South Africa's Truth and Reconciliation Commission and his hopes for the future. Footage will be shown at the awards dinner on December 12, 2002, as he will be unable to attend in person.

## NOVEMBER

- 16 This past month in Cape Town was wonderful. I had the chance to spend time with staff, visit programs, and catch up with friends. One special highlight was watching some of our music program students perform at local Pick 'n Pay stores on Saturday mornings, including singing "Amy Biehl Is Brown White Bread". This unique partnership with Pick 'n Pay enables Amy's bread, rice and milk to be sold in all of their stores with 3% of royalties from sales going directly to implementation of our programs. When the children perform at the stores, customers buy the products and see exactly where their money is going. Thanks to Wendy (who was recently a guest reader for our Youth Reading Role Models program), Suzanne, and Ray Ackerman, this program is a wonderful success and a great example of what public-private partnership can accomplish.

Just prior to returning to the States, Ashleigh Murphy, our Project Manager, joined me at a luncheon hosted by U.S. Ambassador Cameron Hume as part of an HIV/AIDS conference.

- 21 Back in Orange County. Today was very special as I was the keynote speaker for Orange County's celebration of National Philanthropy Day. To celebrate generosity and the spirit of philanthropy with over 800 people was terrific!

## DECEMBER

This month is spent with family and friends, but also with busy trips to New York and Washington, DC.



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There are many more wonderful and inspirational events which we have had to omit for sake of space. Often the most meaningful of events are the letters and phone calls we receive from people as young as elementary school-age who share how Amy has impacted their lives. More than once this year we have been notified by parents of young people who have chosen not to accept gifts for their birthdays. Rather, they have requested that their friends make donations to our Foundation. Several impressive contributions have been forwarded as a result. We are warmed by such selfless acts of generosity and encouraged about the future of our world with potential leaders like these.



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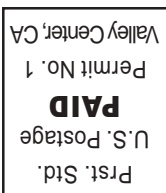
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