

Hands for Africa



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Event: Hands for Africa Code: 051510

### HANDS FOR AFRICA BENEFIT FOCUSES ON AMPUTEES IN HAITI & SIERRA LEONE

*Description: Over 250 guests attend benefit to support amputees in Haiti and Sierra Leone*

Tustin, California, May 20, 2010 –

Reach for the Sky, Hands for Africa's inaugural benefit drew over 250 guests who experienced the grandeur and elegance of the privately owned Chelsea Manor Mansion in Orange Hills, California.

Right away, guests were greeted by the latest models from **Crevier BMW** and the sound of African Drummers flanking the entrance to Chelsea Manor Mansion. **Reverend Robert A. Schuller, Jr.** delivered the invocation to the packed house.

Reach for the Sky supporters enjoyed spa services by Beauty360, wine tasting conducted by Leann Ishmael in the home's custom wine cellar, tequila tasting sponsored by Breakaway Spirits and a fashion show by ADANIAS Boutique and MyCityGirl OC.

The evening changed pace with live performances by Barbara Morrison and her Band and special appearance from soul singer Freddi Poole. Food choices were plentiful thanks to the generosity of Peppino's Italian Restaurant, Chef Adam Navidi and Julia's Kitchen.

The evening was capped with an announcement of a partnership between **Hugs for Haiti**, a project spearheaded by Orange Hills High School Senior, Haley O'Donahue. Hands for Africa will act as the link between Hugs for Haiti and Haitian amputee children. Founder Alton Harding states, "It is heartening to see that there is so much support for our work in Sierra Leone and now Haiti. We look forward to developing the valuable relationships established from the first Reach for Sky".

To help with our mission in Haiti or our ongoing work in Sierra Leone, please volunteer or donate through our website at [www.handsforafrica.org](http://www.handsforafrica.org) or call Tracy Yassini at (714) 426.2248.

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*Hands For Africa's mandate is to restore lost hope to innocent victims of civil wars in African countries and to develop and implement programs that foster self-reliance by directly engaging the innocent victims and their communities to provide artificial limbs for Amputees, to provide wells for water, to support agriculture development, to provide education for the innocent victims and their children, to provide health education, to provide micro finance for trade and housing through community construction.*

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