Dear Friends,

At our April gala, more than 400 friends of South Africa Partners from around the world gathered to celebrate South Africa’s 20th anniversary of democratic elections. We honored the enormous progress that South Africa has made while we recognized that much work remains to be done in order for every citizen to attain the human rights promised in the new South Africa.

For 16 years, South Africa Partners has contributed to South Africa’s progress by engaging expertise in health and education to build local capacity needed for South Africa to develop its potential. Working with government, local communities and academic partners to identify priorities, we leverage resources to develop high-impact strategies for change and to collaboratively support government and community partners as they scale up the tested strategies to meet local and national priorities. Our successes include:

- **Integrated Access to Care and Treatment (I ACT)** for the care and support of people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV), now operating in all nine provinces
- **Strengthening Prevention Services in Male Correctional Facilities (STEPS)**, a prevention strategy to stem the spread of HIV and TB in prisons, adapted from the I ACT curriculum
- **The Albertina Sisulu Executive Leadership Programme in Health (ASELPH)**, an executive training program for senior health care managers to transform the country’s healthcare system

Our newest initiative focuses on Early Childhood Development (ECD). A joint venture with our community-based partner Masibumbane Development Organisation, our ECD program addresses South Africa’s national priority for universal preschool. Our focus is to pilot training and support strategies that will improve preschool services for children in low-resourced communities, ensuring they are school-ready when they enter kindergarten at age 5.

As Archbishop Desmond Tutu said in his message at our April gala, “The children you reach are South Africa’s future. It is these children who have the responsibility of solidifying all that we have tried to accomplish during these past 20 years.”

Your generous support makes this work possible and we are thankful for your partnership.

Very best regards,

Stephen K. Moody, President

Joellen Lambiotte, President Elect

Mary Tiseo, Executive Director
MISSION

South Africa Partners builds mutually beneficial partnerships between the United States and South Africa in the areas of health and education. Serving as a catalyst of innovative approaches, South Africa Partners links people, strengthens communities, promotes social justice and fosters leadership in both countries.

VISION

We believe universal access to quality healthcare and education are prerequisites for securing a just democracy, and that the shared experiences in South Africa and in the United States offer common ground from which to forge lasting and productive programs that bring us closer to this ideal.

OUR FOCUS

Throughout our work we strive to:

• Facilitate meaningful partnerships that build the capacity of South African organizations
• Nurture strategic collaborations and the sharing of best practices between the United States and South Africa
• Strengthen people-to-people relationships between those living in South Africa and the United States to promote justice and democracy

South Africa Partners builds partnerships with purpose.
It is estimated that 72.4% of children in the province of the Eastern Cape live in impoverished communities, and just 28.6% of children ages 0-4 attend daycare outside of the home. Without early education that supports school readiness, most children from disadvantaged backgrounds arrive at kindergarten lacking the basic skills they need to succeed in school. By age 5, their window of opportunity for the education that is their human right has begun to close.

South Africa Partners and our community-based partner, Masibumbane Development Organisation, have joined the national effort to identify models to support the scale up of high-quality ECD in the Eastern Cape. We are drawing together government, local communities, NGOs, academic partners and other resources to develop, pilot and assess early literacy development strategies.

**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT (ECD)**

*When South Africa Partners comes here to demonstrate for us how to use learning materials, we see what we must do and we are so proud to carry it out. For example, with these wonderful blocks. I did not know how many different kinds of skills I could teach with blocks!*

*The teachers need the background knowledge on how children learn, how a toddler will do things differently than a four year old. We need paper, paint, the things children need to create and do things on their own, which they love. They show that brightness!*

– Pumla Liwani, Principal, Future Leaders Edu-Care

**ECD RESULTS DURING START-UP YEAR**

| Preschools selected for Community ECD | Network = 7 |
| Number of children served = 374 |
| Teachers reached through professional development = 35 |
| Books delivered = 140 |
| Comprehensive educational toy sets delivered = 7 |

We facilitate the development of pilot programs to expand educational opportunities across the socio-economic spectrum – from early childhood development to executive training in the health delivery sector.
Every time I attend a module I come back so capacitated, it’s like having just gained another degree and moved up a notch in management skills. I am able to continually apply whatever I am learning. Being part of the ASELPH program I feel I am participating in change towards the betterment of the health care system in South Africa. That’s an ongoing motivation.

– Dr Marcus Molokomme, CEO of Pelonomi Hospital in Bloemfontein, ASELPH Fellow

The Albertina Sisulu Executive Leadership Programme in Health (ASELPH) is a partnership between University of Pretoria (UP), University of Fort Hare (UFH), Harvard School of Public Health (HSPH) and South Africa Partners in collaboration with the South African National Department of Health. ASELPH specifically strengthens three key components of health transformation in South Africa: (1) Service Delivery Improvements; (2) Meeting Key Policy Operationalization Goals; and (3) Excellence in Executive Level Training.

Begun in 2011, ASELPH is offered through a Postgraduate Diploma at UP and a Masters in Public Health at UFH. The current cohort of ASELPH Fellows represents eight provinces and many of the country’s 52 health districts.

ASELPH RESULTS
Number of courses developed & delivered with HSPH = 7
Fellows enrolled in 2014 at UP & UFH = 109
EDUCATOR TOUR

My thoughts of South Africa have usually centered on the country’s experience under apartheid and the dismantling of that system. But this trip opened my eyes to the current chapter of the country’s narrative. I learned firsthand about some realities of this very young democracy – its triumphs and its challenges.

– Takisha Haynie, Baylor School, Chattanooga, TN, 2014 Education Tour participant

Now in its 9th year, South Africa Partners’ annual Educator Tour has led more than 80 U.S. educators to South Africa to promote cross-cultural learning with teachers, administrators and students. The tour includes in-service learning and teaching opportunities in South African classrooms, offering experiences that lead to lasting relationships among the participants and expanded understanding of the opportunities and challenges facing the educational systems of both countries.

COMMUNITY LEARNING

We promote opportunities for people-to-people exchanges that deepen connections between the U.S. and South Africa. In coming together we share lessons learned and build on our common history to inspire social transformation in both countries.
COMMUNITY LEARNING

FRIENDS OF SOUTH AFRICA PARTNERS TOUR

The opportunity to observe some of the community needs and the work South Africa Partners is doing was such a powerful and humbling experience. This trip has rekindled my passion for human rights and social justice work. – Carla Bernardes, 2014 Friends Tour participant

This one-of-a-kind tour to South Africa explored the history, opportunities and challenges facing the country today. Led by Mary Tiseo, the 2014 Friends Tour included visits to Cape Town, Johannesburg and East London, in-depth conversations with iconic freedom fighters of the anti-apartheid movement, leaders who have contributed to building the new South Africa and visits to South Africa Partners' health and education partnership programs in the Province of the Eastern Cape.

Ahmed Kathrada (front row, fourth from right) with Friends Tour at Liliesleaf Farm and Museum. Kathrada was arrested here in 1963 with the ANC leadership, sentenced at the infamous Rivonia Trials and incarcerated for 26 years alongside his friend and comrade Nelson Mandela.
INTINTEGRATED ACCESS TO CARE AND TREATMENT (I ACT)

I learned that if a person adheres to treatment, you can live a long and happy life, and that made me go and do community work. I am now a patient advocate where I educate people around treatment literacy.

– I ACT program participant, Nelson Mandela Metro District

I ACT evolved through a series of interventions developed in partnership with the Eastern Cape Department of Health and people living with HIV/AIDS (PLHIV). I ACT is now operating in all nine provinces and has been adopted as a national care and support strategy, with South Africa Partners serving as technical advisor. In 2014, the I ACT curriculum was adapted by Wits Reproductive Health Institute to support adolescents and an I ACT pediatric curriculum is in development by ZoeLife. The I ACT care and support strategy will soon be available from child- through adulthood, supporting PLHIV wherever they fall on that continuum.

I ACT RESULTS

Trainers certified to deliver I ACT training = 473
Individuals trained as I ACT facilitators = 2,611
New support groups formed = 5,603
Support group participants = 121,438
Education session participants = 126,420

More than 256,000 PLHIV served
STRENGTHENING PREVENTION SERVICES IN MALE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES (STEPS)

Truthfully speaking, I was actually very afraid to go and get tested. If it was not for STEPS, I would still be living with this fear inside of me. So I thank STEPS for opening my eyes, making me realize how important it is for me to know my status; how important it is to respect yourself and others. STEPS really changed me.

– Inmate at Kirkwood Correctional Facility

STEPS, an adaptation of I ACT, is a prevention strategy to stem the spread of HIV and TB in correctional facilities. Since its launch in 2012, this pilot program has expanded to 8 facilities that serve 6,169 inmates. In 2014, STEPS was invited to join a national effort to support capacity development within the National Department of Correctional Services.

STEPS RESULTS
Number of screenings for HIV & TB = 10,379
Itheko celebrated South Africa Partners’ 15th year of operations and South Africa’s 20th anniversary of democratic elections. We recognized three honorees for their significant contributions to the anti-apartheid struggle and the building of the new South Africa. Our Desmond Tutu Social Justice honorees were Justice Albie Sachs and Temba Maqubela. Our Global Citizen honoree was Artists for a New South Africa. 420 guests attended.

Twenty years ago, South Africans were voting in our first democratic election. It was a thrilling moment. South Africa Partners – thank you for recognizing these remarkable honorees and for remaining such a committed and devoted friend to South Africa. And to all of you who are here tonight – remember that we have much more to do. I hope you will stay involved in our journey. Together we will realize our dream of a free and democratic South Africa that benefits all of its citizens.

– Archbishop Desmond Tutu
The 2014 Desmond Tutu Social Justice honorees are Justice Albie Sachs (right) and Temba Maqubela (left). The Global Citizen honoree are Artists for a New South Africa represented by Sharon Gelman (center).
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**SOURCES OF PHILANTHROPIC SUPPORT**
FY 2014 Revenue = $4,992,653 (unaudited)

- Foundations & Corporations: 20%
- U.S. Government: 64%
- Donor Advised Funds: 10%
- Individuals: 6%

**HOW YOUR GIFT SUPPORTS SOUTH AFRICA PARTNERS**
FY 2014 Expenditures = $4,836,809 (unaudited)

- Health & Education Programs: 90%
- Fundraising: 4%
- General Administration: 6%
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