

March 2, 2009

Subject: Rwandan Refugee Funded for Nursing School

Rwandan refugee funded for Nursing School The Douglas Foundation gives Marie her shot at a future.



There is no shortage of great kids that need help. In addition to the three Pretoria-based students now at Piney Woods School in Mississippi, we continue to help students right here in South Africa.

Students get their shot at a future. It is sometimes hard to accept that we can't help all the students we meet -- deserving students, who want a future, who need guidance and financial support. We look for students who show they are motivated and disciplined and who display emerging leadership skills. Special thanks to those people who donated quickly and without question to help the students mentioned below.

Rwandan family finds a future in South Africa. Marie Yvette Mdone (photo at right) fled Rwanda with her mother Rose and her brother Erskine. Her father was killed. They lived for a time in Kenya and finally settled in South Africa, where they learned yet another language to get by. Marie now speaks five languages. The Douglas Foundation has involved Marie in its community service efforts for the past few years -- compiling Christmas gift bags for other children, volunteering at parties for orphans. She has selflessly helped others even though she herself is needy. Marie has always dreamed of working in health care, and in February the Douglas Foundation helped Marie take an important step toward her dream when we paid her tuition at Thuto Bothelo Nursing Academy in Pretoria. [Click here](#) to check out Marie's bio.

Future politician gets a badly-needed boost. The Douglas Foundation occasionally collaborates with members of the U.S. Embassy in Pretoria -- just as we did recently when we paid the first term's registration and lodging expenses for Johannes Buthelezi. Johannes was sponsored by the U.S. Embassy as a Youth Ambassador in 2008, and he spent two weeks visiting various U.S. cities, all expenses paid. While Johannes has a scholarship pending, he needed to prove that he could successfully complete a term studying at the University of Pretoria before he received it. The Douglas Foundation gave him that chance. Johannes is studying political science and intends to make a difference in South Africa's future. [Click here](#) to learn more about Johannes.

The power of giving. If every person reading this email donated just \$25 (or R250), we would have enough to fully fund Gadaffi's tuition for a year at university in South Africa, plus pay Marie's annual nursing school tuition, plus send a delegation of high school students to leadership camp in the U.S., plus pay logistical expenses for our students at Piney Woods School... and potentially still have change leftover to pay someone's school registration fees. What's \$25? That's skipping your first cup of Starbucks coffee for a week to help educate a child. That's the difference

**Your donation keeps our Stars
at Piney Woods School!**

Gaddafi's Bio
Claudia's Bio
Sidwell's Bio



**Learn about opportunities the
Douglas Foundation funds!**

**Special Thanks & Links to our
supportive friends**

Starbucks coffee for a week to help educate a child. That's the difference your \$25 can make. Even small donations can have BIG impact.

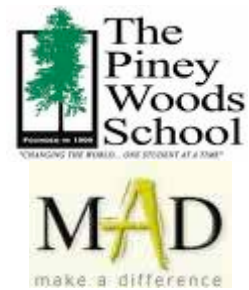
Teamwork WORKS! We need your energy and support to make a difference in the lives of South Africa's youth. With our Make A Difference Foundation friends on the ground in South Africa, and our friends in America -- Piney Woods School, Kappa Alpha Psi, Delta Sigma Theta -- we are creating a powerful team that is seeing results. It's happening.

Please forward this email to family and friends. Consider making it a family project to sponsor one of our kids. Together we can continue changing the world, one student at a time. Want to talk more? I encourage you to email me directly at vwilliams@thedouglasfoundation.org. Thanks for making a difference!

Sincerely,

*Victor Williams, President
The Douglas Foundation*

Even small donations have BIG impact!



President Victor Williams with students from Pretoria Secondary School's leadership club (photo taken at the U.S. Embassy, Pretoria, South Africa)."

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- 1) Click on the *Donate* button below to make a one time donation, or use our *Payment Plan* button to arrange an automatic monthly donation.
- 2) Mail a check made out to The Douglas Foundation to one of the below U.S. or South African addresses.
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The Douglas Foundation consists of two partner non-profit organizations, one in the U.S. and one in South Africa, that work together toward the same goal: to provide long- and short-term educational opportunities to underprivileged South African students and to encourage youth development within communities.

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Following South African Bank
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Roster of Participants
at Leadership Camps in San
Diego, CA

South African Escorts:

- Madi van Staden, MAD
- Linda Geldenhuys, MAD
- T. Esther Ndlovu

Students:

- Nathi Mpindwana, MAD

- Lwando Madlingozi, MAD
- Mawande Neti, MAD
- Jonathan Cloete, MAD
- Elizabeth Cloete, MAD
- Banele Booi, MAD
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