



# Lubuto Library Project

*Bringing knowledge and enlightenment to Africa's street kids, orphans, and other vulnerable children*



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## **SAVE THE DATE!** **APRIL 15, 2010** **DANNY GLOVER** **IN SUPPORT OF** **LUBUTO LIBRARIES**



Legendary actor and activist Danny Glover will be our guest of honor at a Lubuto event in Washington D.C. on April 15. With his friend, founding Lubuto Advisory Board member Mulenga Kapwepwe, he will help us show why Lubuto Libraries are so important and have such a profound impact on vulnerable children and the society around them.

If you would like to receive an invitation and information on ticket purchase for what is sure to be a very entertaining and enriching evening, and if we don't already have your address as a donor, please send your postal address to [info@lubuto.org](mailto:info@lubuto.org).

### **Danny Glover on Lubuto:**

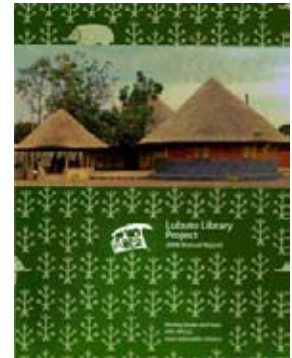
"Lubuto Libraries serve as a bridge between the child alone in the world and society at large."

"Zambia's Ministry of Education ... has asked them to build Lubuto Libraries throughout the country ... to provide equitable access to education resources.... The Lubuto organization aims to respond to this ... request by building at least 100 Lubuto Libraries in Zambia, as well as respond to similar requests from officials in Malawi, Rwanda and elsewhere in the region. Mobilizing support on that scale is a major effort, and one which I would like to endorse."

"[Lubuto's] programs ... rooted in local communities and guided by prominent Zambians, are important and unique in Africa. They deserve ... attention and support."

## **2008 Annual Report** **now available**

Our beautiful 2008 Annual Report is now available in print and as a pdf. We would be happy to send a hard copy on request. A supply of printed copies are now also at our office in Zambia, so please email us at [info@Lubuto.org](mailto:info@Lubuto.org) if you want to get a hard copy in Zambia.



## **Help Lubuto through GoodShop**

As the holidays approach, we would like to remind our supporters that you can raise money for Lubuto when you shop online, and receive the same low prices, by shopping at GoodShop and designating the Lubuto Library Project as the charity that you



Goodsearch/Goodshop for.

Another way you can help is to ask your employer or local businesses to buy their office supplies through GoodShop and to choose the Lubuto Library Project as their designated charity. Nearly all of the major chains including Staples, Office Depot and OfficeMax are on-board!

Finally, please don't forget to search the net with the GoodSearch webbrowser. If you download the new GoodSearch/GoodShop Toolbar, it will make it a breeze for you to help change the world!

***Our work is made possible through the generosity of our supporters.***

***Please send check donations to:***

***5505 Connecticut Ave., NW, #368***

***Washington , DC 20015-2601***

***Or, you can donate online at [www.Lubuto.org](http://www.Lubuto.org)***

***You can make either a one-time or recurrent credit card donation***

**SAVE ANOTHER DATE:  
MAY 14, 2010  
FOR THE OPENING OF THE  
SECOND LUBUTO LIBRARY!**

On May 14th, 2010 a new Lubuto Library at the Ngwelele Basic School will open its doors to hundreds of vulnerable children in Lusaka's Garden Compound. Zambia's Ministry of Education chose Ngwelele to host the new library to provide equitable access to our rich educational resources to out-of-school children and those in community schools, along with their friends in the government school.

Dow Jones & Co.'s Executive Vice President Clare Hart is making plans to attend the opening of this library, which is being built with funds provided by Dow Jones. Preliminary plans promise an opening event that will be as fun and inspiring as ever, showcasing the varied and remarkable talents of the children we serve. We hope you will join us on May 14!

***In Memoriam: Isaac Chirwa***



*We mourn Fountain of Hope's Executive Director Isaac Chirwa's untimely death in an automobile accident and extend our deepest sympathy to his family. Dr. Mukuka's Motivational Mentoring program helped the children at Fountain of Hope deal with the tragic loss.*

***Lubuto's Motivational Mentoring  
is changing lives***

With USAID financial support through Project Concern International's Support of Community Led Initiatives (SoCLI) program, we have been able to expand our very successful Motivational Mentoring program, allowing many more street children to travel by bus to our first library to participate. Demand to participate has outgrown the transport provided, however, and we hope that opening our second library in Lusaka's Garden Compound will give more children and youth alternative access to this very popular program. Testimonials and feedback from the participants is showing an astounding effectiveness and impact on the lives of the street children.



The goal of this program is to prevent children at risk from moving from their homes and communities onto the streets. It uses stories from Zambian and foreign cultures in a storytelling process that enlightens, educates, entertains, inspires and motivates children to re-tell stories and discuss the morals with their peers, family and communities. The program helps children escape the helplessness and hopelessness of their circumstances and:

- o Strengthen their moral foundation;
- o Find a sense of purpose in their lives;
- o Prevent them from leaving home to live on the streets;
- o Become successful in life; and
- o Choose a long, fulfilled and prosperous life over short and unfulfilled one.

The participating children come from various communities in Lusaka but also many currently live on the street. A majority however, live with their families, although in such vulnerable circumstances that they are in danger of going on the streets – a fate that this program works to prevent. We include as many out-of-school children as possible. Some have since enrolled in a school, and many others still wish to; we work to re-integrate those youth in community schools.