



UMOJA ORPHANAGE KENYA

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Triumphant Tasting

A Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Tasting Event was held at the Duporth Tavern, Maroochydore on September 27.

90 guests enjoyed wines from **Purple Palate** and delicious cheeses and chocolates from **Mayfield Chocolates** and **Norco Natural Food Store**.

The silent auction and raffles raised over \$2000. This money has helped fund the water tower, 5000 litre water tank and water pump. This infrastructure is invaluable to the future of the orphanage project.



It was a lovely experience to catch up with a childhood friend of mine from Charleville, Carol-Anne—we hadn't seen each other for 35 years. My mother's friend Gwen and her daughter also attended. Thank you to all of my friends new acquaintances from the Sunshine Coast who came along to support us. Sorry I didn't get a lot of time to chat to you all, but I truly treasure all of your support.

The Umoja team give a huge thank you to Liza Westgate and Geoff Zielke for all their help organising the event—we couldn't have done it without you. A huge amount of preparation went into ensuring this event was a success. Thank you everyone for a fantastic evening raising awareness and funds for our orphanage project.

Check out our Facebook page www.facebook.com/umojakenya for a complete list of sponsors and some great photos from the evening.

- Wine, Cheese & Chocolate Tasting Night
- Mamma's Nest Markets
- Bundy Beerfestabull
- Vintage Hollywood Gala Dinner Dance
- Katie's Kilimanjaro Climb
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THE FUNDRAISING CONTINUES...

After returning from the Maroochydore Fundraiser, the next day was Mamma's Nest Markets selling tickets in a *Finding Nemo* painting (won by Peita Sauer, Bundaberg). We met many lovely people and had a great day raising over \$500! Peita's little girl Brooklyn is most happy with her new friends.



From Mumma's Nest to Bundy Beerfest

The Umoja team were out and about for the **Bundaberg Beerfestabull** at Innes Park on September 21. We raffled a bottle of rare, special edition Bundy Black Rum and we couldn't write out the tickets for the buyers fast enough. Congratulations to local police officer Ryan Thompson, the winner of our Bundy Black Raffle. All money raised from the raffle will go towards funding our first children's home, which will house up to ten children.

Full credit to the organisers from Innes Park Country Club, as it was a fabulous weekend of music and professional bull riding. We hope it keeps getting bigger and better with more bands and more people. The next Beerfestabull will be held on October 12, 2013.

Team Umoja had a great time spreading the word to locals and visitors to the area — including another person I haven't seen in 37 years! Thank you to you all for your enthusiasm and support.





Bundaberg Takes a Step Back in Time to Vintage Hollywood

Our first Vintage Hollywood Gala Dinner Dance was a huge success.

On October 13, 90 guests dressed in their vintage best to enjoy a great night out to support our Raise the Roof appeal.



Stepping back in time to Vintage Hollywood



Simone Nicole—Cabaret entertainer from the Gold Coast -the lady with the magic voice



Pete Knight (Brass Monkeys), Matt Barker, and the Electric Banana band doing what they do best for Umoja



VIP's arriving on the red carpet



A big thank you to **Picture Perfect** and **Across the Waves Sports Club** who made the room look dazzling and provided a fantastic two-course meal. We were humbled by the generosity of Simone Nicole, cabaret entertainer from the Gold Coast; Pete from the Brass Monkeys; Matt Barker from The Bucketseats; and the Electric Banana for donating their time to perform at our event. Their performances were total crowd pleasers. Check out our Facebook page for more pictures from the night.

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The night was such a success that we are doing it all again next year on August 2, 2013 at the Civic Centre. A massive thank you to all of the Umoja Team and our extra helpers for all your preparation and help on the night. **Together we achieve the extraordinary.**



Katie's Kiliminjaro Climb for Kenyan Kids

Once again in this newsletter we want to alert you to the generosity of another fundraising volunteer. Bundaberg teacher **Katie Trulson** is climbing Mt. Kiliminjaro in Tanzania and raising funds for Umoja in the lead up to her climb. Mt. Kiliminjaro is no easy feat. Kiliminjaro is not only the highest mountain in Africa but also it is one of the biggest volcanoes on Earth! It covers an approximate area of 388,500 hectares and has 3 peaks, Kibo, (the highest), Mwenzi, and Shira Ridge.

While Katie is undertaking a huge personal challenge, her climb is also a public mission; she hopes to learn more about herself and to raise money for Umoja Orphanage Kenya. She is one of the many people who undertake sponsored climbs of Mt Kili every year to raise awareness of charitable organisations. Katie is passionate about helping disadvantaged children in Africa and hopes to raise awareness of the huge needs of orphaned and vulnerable children that exist in the third-world. Unlike Australia, the underprivileged do not receive the same level of support from the government. By supporting Katie's climb you are assisting Umoja to help break the cycle of poverty in Kenya.

You can donate now at

<http://umojahome.com/kenya/katies-kiliminjaro-climb-for-kenyan-kids/>



MEETING SAM CHILDERS: "MACHINE GUN PREACHER"

Umoja Team members and my mum went to see Sam speak in Bundaberg on the 28th October, and were delighted that we could ask him some questions about his journey. What started out small has grown into many orphanages with Sam saving hundreds of children's lives from Kony's recruitment for child soldiers.

If you haven't seen the movie, do yourself a favour and see his inspirational story. Sam's orphanages are in the Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda.

Sam is a man with so much passion for helping the children of Africa. He motivates us to achieve the extraordinary.

Upcoming Fundraising Events for 2012

- ⇒ **Full Driveway Service**—Caltex Service Station, Walker Street Bundaberg on November 3, 2012 from 10am to 2pm.
- ⇒ **Charity Golf Day**— Coral Cove Golf Club 16th December, 2012
- ⇒ **Katie's Kiliminjaro Climb for Kenyan Kids**—sponsor Katie today!

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- ⇒ **Christmas Raffle**—contact info@umojahome.com for your tickets: \$2 a ticket or 3 for \$5