

The Julia Burke Foundation Annual Newsletter 2010

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MAKING AN IMPACT IN ZAMBIA

The Julia Burke Infirmary & Terranova

In the sun-baked, rural village of Mazabuka, Zambia, the first baby born at The Julia Burke Infirmary is thriving, thanks to the continued support of this new local clinic. The two houses built last year, as part of the clinic, now provide lodging for a medical officer and an Environmental Specialist, whose job it is to improve the living conditions of the local people. With the combined efforts of these health professionals, and the support of The Julia Burke Foundation, disease has dropped significantly in the area, through improved sanitation, water supplies, and hygiene. The clinic is now treating as many as 800 people a month, which has an incredible impact on the lives of those in the local community. Recently, a woman whose foot was burned badly in a cooking accident needed to travel only a few hundred yards to receive treatment, whereas one year ago she would have limped and struggled along a road for up to five hours before reaching a clinic.

Without textbooks or electricity, several students at the Terranova school in Mazabuka stay late into the afternoon, sitting at sturdy wooden desks in the cool dim of the classroom, busily copying notes from a teacher's manual so that they may follow along during class the next day. "I think that is pretty good dedication to learning," said George Dietz, Assistant Principal for the Woodward Academy, the Terranova school's sponsoring "sister school" in Atlanta, Georgia. To further promote this dedication, construction

Right: First baby born at The Julia Burke infirmary
Below: Construction begins on the new science facility



began this year on a new science facility that The Julia Burke Foundation is funding for the Terranova school. The window and door frames have been constructed onsite and the large African bricks have been purchased locally, while many of the masons have children at the school—literally a community-building effort. The science classrooms will have steel roofs, as well as electrical systems and running water.

For more information, visit www.WoodwardAcademy.edu

JULIA BURKE INFIRMARY



PAYING IT FORWARD IN THE WORKFORCE

STUDENTS RISING ABOVE

For low-income Bay Area high school students overcoming poverty, homelessness, and neglect, the dream of a college education can seem like a fairytale. But as one student explained, "Students Rising Above is my Cinderella Story to college."

The organization Students Rising Above (SRA) provides, "the mentoring support, financial assistance, and employment skills to be successful in school and in life." This year, 46 students—the largest class ever—embark on the journey into and through

college, under the guidance and support of SRA. With a 90% graduation success rate, SRA participants earn college diplomas at two to three times the national average for low-income, first generation students.

While the prime focus of SRA will remain on assisting "students and graduates and their impact on their communities," the organization currently finds itself in an evolutionary period, with plans to expand their scope to assist participants in post graduation activities such as career assessment and networking. Aiding students in the transition from education to the workforce is a significant next step, especially when considering that according to SRA findings, the US faces a "10 million person skilled employee shortfall in the near future." Lynne Martin, executive director of SRA, says, "you can attribute our ability to serve more students as a result of the support we receive from The Julia Burke Foundation. Their belief in the potential of our students sends a powerful message to our kids, and reminds us that when these students succeed, we all benefit."

For more information, visit: www.studentsrisingabove.org

SRA- Off to College Retreat



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LETTER from the PRESIDENT

This past year has brought many changes to the Foundation. Like so many other organizations and families, we have adapted to the new fiscal reality in which we find ourselves. Also, like so many others, we continue to move forward by being creative and flexible with our limited resources to meet our goals. I invite you to read all the articles in this newsletter prepared by our Newsletter Editor Karen Stockton, under the direction of our Executive Director, Joy Johnson. Especially as the Thanksgiving



and holiday seasons approach, you will see that we all have many reasons to be grateful for the wonderful work being done by such amazingly effective organizations -- at home, nationally and internationally. Julia's passing twelve years ago has "passed the torch" of her interests and we hope at this Foundation named in her honor to keep it burning brightly.

Marilyn Burke



that reflect character, discipline, kindness, integrity and passion. In supporting such development, the Foundation helps others to take the "next step" in continuing the impact and legacy that Julia began. Such philanthropy can be defined as the active effort to promote human welfare, and yet this definition encompasses only part of the goal of the Foundation. Philanthropy as practiced by The Julia Burke Foundation includes the additional objective of promoting and effecting substantive change.

As you read this newsletter, please join me in congratulating the grantees and recipients in not only the diversity of the programs, and their success in finding solutions to sustain humankind, but in helping to pass the "person of substance" torch. I know Julia is proud of the work that continues in her memory.

Joy Johnson

NEW SATELLITE OFFICE IN KONA, HAWAII!!

The Foundation now has an official satellite office in the Kuakini Tower Building in downtown Kona. The Foundation's Executive Director, Joy Johnson, lives in Kona, and now has a wonderful working environment.

The office is complete with everything needed to conduct Foundation business. With the walls painted soft lavender and with the added dark purple rugs, complete with photos of Marilyn in Sri Lanka at a mine site, a thank you photo of the villagers of Nagorno Karabakh, a Guatemalan woman weaving photo, a purple sunset watercolor, and a lovely photograph of Julia, the office makes a personal statement of the Foundation's work.

If you ever find yourself on the Big Island of Hawaii, please feel free to stop by and "talk story"!

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LETTER from the EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

My first full year as Executive Director of The Julia Burke Foundation has been a remarkable journey. While sometimes I had a familiar, well-worn path to follow, at other times I created my own route, and this resulted in a new appreciation of the goals and accomplishments of the Foundation.

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A COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITIES - THE HALO TRUST

One of the most insidious and violent legacies of war, unexploded landmines prey on vulnerable farmers and villagers in some of the world's poorest communities. For this reason, The Julia Burke Foundation continues its generous support of The HALO Trust, the largest humanitarian landmine clearance organization in the world, specializing in the removal of the hazardous debris of war.

Prince Harry Visits HALO

This summer, Prince Harry, following in the footsteps of his mother, Princess Diana, spent two days visiting minefields in Mozambique that are being cleared by The HALO Trust. His visit focused on the impact of mines on the civilian population, and he met villagers and amputees who shared their stories and fears about the remaining mines in villages around the Cahora Bassa dam in Tete Province. The mines in this region continue to prevent crop farming and livestock grazing in one of the world's poorest communities. Of the visit, Guy Willoughby, Chief Executive of HALO, said, "HALO is delighted that Prince Harry has come out to support us in this quest to clear Mozambique of mines – a task we could complete in the next four years. By being with us in the field, and even personally destroying mines, he has learned something of the dirty, boring, dangerous work that HALO's 7,700 staff undertake, day-in, day-out, in the World's most mine-impacted countries."

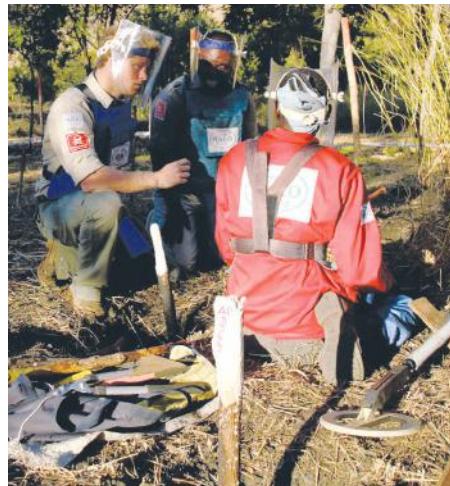
Update on Demining in Nagorno Karabakh

This year marked the 10th anniversary of The HALO Trust's efforts to rid Nagorno-Karabakh Republic of landmines and unexploded

Prince Harry, right, with deminer.



ordnance. At a celebration marking this achievement, Baroness Caroline Cox, a vice-speaker of the British House of Lords, offered praise for HALO's mission, and at a meeting with regional and local politicians, she characterized the demining effort as "humanitarian, rather than political." The HALO Trust in Nagorno Karabakh is currently funded by The United States Agency for International



Left: Prince Harry learning demining techniques.

Development (USAID), The United Kingdom's Department for International Development (DFID) and The Julia Burke Foundation. Of this support, Kurt Chesko, Vice President of (East Coast) HALO USA, said, "The HALO Trust is extremely grateful for the role that The Julia Burke Foundation has played in supporting HALO's work in Nagorno Karabakh—we could not have achieved this milestone without your generosity."

Baroness Cox speaking at the HALO 10th Anniversary event in Nagorno-Karabakh, with JBF logo displayed on the left.

A demining team in Nagorno-Karabakh clears a villager's garden of buried cluster munitions, wearing "I am a Julia person" JBF shirts!



As of July this year, Julia Burke Foundation teams in Nagorno Karabakh have already achieved these remarkable feats:

- 107 Anti-Personnel landmines destroyed.
- 17 Anti-Tank landmines destroyed.
- 64 cluster munitions destroyed.
- 348 other explosive remnants of war (ERW) found and destroyed.
- 69 acres of minefields cleared.
- 724 acres of battle areas cleared of surface UXO and Cluster Munitions.
- 24 acres of battle areas cleared of sub-surface Cluster Munitions.

Unfortunately, poverty and severe conditions have led people to plough and cultivate dangerous areas that are littered with mines. This has resulted in large numbers of accidents, giving Nagorno Karabakh one of the highest per capita human accident rates in the world. HALO, in partnership with The Julia Burke Foundation, has already cleared nearly 80% of minefields and about 70% of the area contaminated by cluster munitions in Nagorno Karabakh.

For more information, please contact HALO USA toll free: [1 \(877\) HALOUS](tel:1877HALOUS) or visit their website at www.HaloUsa.org



WOMEN OF WORDS WOMEN'S DEBATE INSTITUTE

What goes best with toasted marshmallows on a northwest beachside campout? Chocolate, graham crackers, and debate of course! This year broke the record for number of camp attendees at the annual Women's Debate Institute (WDI), held in Port Townsend, Washington. Sarah Glaser, Director of Finances for the Institute, explains, "Attending a summer camp gives students a huge advantage, not only because of the skills and knowledge they gain, but also from the friendships, connections, and excitement they take into the beginning of the debate season." This year the winner of the 2010 National Debate Tournament (Carly Wunderlich from

Michigan State) was on staff, and the keynote speaker was Kate Shuster, winner of the 1996 NDT, and founder of the Middle School Public Debate Program. She gave an incredible keynote address at the opening banquet, discussing her travels with debate to the Middle East and Africa.

With support from The Julia Burke Foundation, which provided scholarships and travel stipends for students to attend the WDI this year, this unique camp continues in its mission to increase the number of girls and women who debate in high school

and college. One scholarship student expressed her gratitude as follows: "You will never know how much this experience has influenced my debate and life style. THANK YOU so much!

You keep the women's debate community alive!"

For more information, visit www.womensdebateinstitute.org

Women's Debate Institute participants in Port Townsend, WA



CAPITOL DEBATE

From its beginning, Capitol Debate has sought to spark interest in debate at the local level through the allure of national travel. Now in its fifth year, the nonprofit organization has established Howard County, Maryland, as a hotbed for powerful young debaters. At the Novice National Debate Championship at Woodward Academy in Atlanta, Capitol Debate team members Madeleine Houck and Michael Koo took home the national title as co-champions, along with the team of Jake Dillon and Andrew Wang of Mount Hebron High, also of Howard County. In addition, Houck was awarded the honor of top Novice Speaker, while a student from another Howard County school won for top Junior Varsity speaker. "It is a rare feat for one school district to win both prestigious awards in the same year," said Ron Bratt, CEO and founder of Capitol Debate. Proud of the accomplishments of Howard County debaters, Bratt exclaims, "With 72 teams in both Novice and JV division, Howard County had top speaker in both divisions! Thanks for your support of our teams!"

For more information, visit www.Capitol-Debate.com

TELL YOUR FAMILY YOUR WISHES!



Take pride in your decision to become an organ donor and communicate this choice to your loved ones. Your decision can save the lives of eight people and enhance the lives of 50 more. With those kinds of odds, Julia said, "That is a no-brainer!"

Sign up online:

www.donatelifecalifornia.org

To become an organ donor today.

**The College
Preparatory School
2010**



**“Julia Burke
Debater of the Year”**

Justin Mardjuki

**THE AMERICAN
DEBATE
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College
Nationals**

“The Julia Burke Award”;
Recipient: Cameron Norris;
School: Vanderbilt University;
Designated Charity: Seymour
High School Band Boosters.



**OPENING DOORS
TO DEBATE BAUDL**

BAUDL participants read aloud together



This August, young people from across the Bay Area gathered together for a week of education and uplift in the Bay Area Urban Debate League's (BAUDL) Third Annual Summer Institute. Made possible through support from The Julia Burke Foundation, this event brought students from public schools in Oakland and San Francisco together with top debate



**THE JULIA BURKE
AWARDS FOR DEBATE**

The Julia Burke debate awards recognize the spirit and character of young debaters at both the local and national level. This year's award recipients demonstrate the compassion and dedication for which Julia was admired, and are recognized as young people of substance.

Misael Gonzalez, the National Tournament of Champions winner of the “The Julia Burke Flame for Character and Excellence,” met President Obama in July of this year, as part of the top team in the Chicago Debate League. “Speaking to the President of the United States about our debate arguments, and actually engaging him in a discussion about public policy, was an extraordinary, unforgettable experience,” said Gonzalez.

For nomination details, please visit our website at www.JuliaBurkeFoundation.org

educators from around the country to delve into the most pressing issues of the day. This summer institute was the largest and most successful in the history of BAUDL. More than 50 students participated, researching, writing original arguments, and above all debating issues from school dress codes to the war in Afghanistan.

On Friday, the final day of the Institute, the debaters showed up early to prepare for the tournament, the climax of their efforts over the week. Many had never debated before in their lives, but all represented themselves wonderfully, arguing positions with grace and style in three intense rounds of debate. After the event, the debaters let loose and celebrated in a triumphant award ceremony. One debater from Skyline High was so moved by his award that he surprised the crowd with a backflip!

“The Julia Burke Foundation has done so much to advance the mission of the Bay Area Urban Debate League; ...one of the things we never question, is that we would not have achieved anywhere near the success we have seen in the past two years without your support,” said Dmitri Seals, Interim Director for BAUDL.

For more information, visit www.baudl.org

MAKING MAGICAL MUSIC GENERATIONS IN JAZZ



"Magical, inspiring, humbling, vibrant, and of course, über-musical!" This is how Randi Pines, Director of Scholarships and Financial Aid for the Generations in Jazz Foundation, describes this year's Lafayette Summer Music Workshop for jazz musicians. The Julia Burke Foundation supported students from around the country with scholarships for attendance at this year's weeklong camp. "We are so very grateful to all of you at the Julia Burke Foundation for being so faithful to our cause, and for making so many dreams come true," said Pines.

The curriculum at camp included master class, two combo rehearsals, a theory class, a pullout student/teacher jam, and electives. And new this year was a Teaching Fellowship Program where five budding professionals and educators from New York came out and taught classes, and then performed in their own combo. Another exciting contribution came from jazz pianist and composer Michael Wolff, who attended the Workshop voluntarily for several days, accompanying

jazz vocalists and playing with the faculty. In the words of one scholarship student: "Thank you for an unforgettable week. During the Workshop I gained so much knowledge that I will keep with me throughout my life."

For more information, visit www.GenerationsInJazz.org and www.stanleymusic.org



Lafayette Summer Music Workshop participants

BRING IT INTO FOCUS MINDFUL SCHOOLS

Mindfulness teaches the skills of purposeful awareness, and can be applied to our experiences, thoughts, and emotions through sustained attention without reaction. A teen learning these techniques recently credited mindfulness with saving him from a dangerous situation: "I was sitting in a party with my friend. Two guys come over to us and they want to fight. You know what I did? I'm sittin' in the party doin' a body scan [mindfulness technique]. That's right a body scan. I breathed. Then I walked out of the party."

The vision of Mindful Schools is that mindfulness training becomes an intricate component of education as a whole, as a required course within teacher credentialing programs, integrated into daily classroom curriculum, and available to parents, thus allowing mindfulness to reach the entire community. With support from The Julia Burke Foundation, Mindful Schools has served 8,500 students in 34 schools, 70% of which are low income. Additionally, mindfulness trainings have reached up to 1200 educators, parents, and professionals, and through them, thousands more children.

In the fall of 2009, Mindful Schools conducted a research project which included a measure of Executive Function in students—essentially a collection of cognitive abilities of the brain. Students with low Executive Function are the ones who have a harder time following instructions, thinking abstractly, and focusing on necessary

information. The study showed that just five weeks of mindfulness training created large improvements in Executive Function, and that these gains were maintained three months later!

For more information, visit www.parkdayschool.org or www.mindfulschools.org

Students participate in a Mindfulness exercise





Salome and children

CREDIT THE COOK NAMASTEDIRECT

Though recent floods have brought mud cascading into the living space of Salome's small, tin-roofed home on a hillside in Guatemala, she remains upbeat and beams with pride over her accounting notebook, explaining, "I have been selling so much that I filled this one out completely and need a new notebook!" Clients like Salome—who started a catering business—receive personal business mentorship and financial literacy training, along with a microcredit loan, from the organization NamasteDirect, in order to increase economic opportunities for women and alleviate poverty in Guatemala. "The Julia Burke Foundation [has been] instrumental in enabling us to respond to the needs of our clients and the changing climate of microcredit," said Kristin Houk, President and CEO of NamasteDirect.

Clients in Guatemala have responded incredibly well to the microcredit program, and Namaste anticipates further success through this powerful combination of services. Current studies show that entrepreneurs participating in the Namaste program experience an average of 6% growth monthly during the first 9 months of participation. Salome has now been in business, catering simple lunches for locals, for over a year. Initially, she bought small amounts of raw materials, afraid that she would have too many leftovers and too many expenses. Now, she is able to buy ingredients in bulk, and speaks excitedly of the future. One day she hopes to own a full service restaurant. For now, with guidance from NamasteDirect and support from The Julia Burke Foundation, Salome feeds the locals and improves the financial stability of her large family.

For more information, visit www.Namaste-Direct.org

ROUND ROBIN

On February 10-11, 2010, The College Preparatory School Debate Team, with support from the Julia Burke Endowment, hosted the Ninth Annual California Round Robin for policy debate. The event brought twelve of the nation's top debate teams to Oakland, CA from as far as Tennessee, Illinois, Texas, and Minnesota to debate whether the federal government should increase social services to people living in poverty in the United States. This event is unique in the world of high school Policy Debate because topic experts critique the final round, which is a public debate. After the debate, the debaters, critics, and audience members engage in a freewheeling and highly educational discussion about the debate and the debate topic.

The final round featured a debate between Zane Waxman & Michael Maerowitz of Brophy College Prep in Arizona and Alex Miles & Rishee Batra of St. Mark's School in Texas. The final round critics were Jodie Berger—Regional Counsel at Legal Services of Northern California, Jane Gilbert Mauldon—Associate Professor at the Goldman School of Public Policy at the University of California at Berkeley, and Michael J. Austin— Milton and Florence Krenz Mack Distinguished Professor of Nonprofit Management in the School of Social Welfare at the University of California at Berkeley.

For more information, email Lexy@college-prep.org



Photo by: Tim Humphrey

CONGRATULATIONS to the NEWPORT AQUATIC CREW TEAM

The Newport Aquatic Center was this year's recipient of the Julia Burke Trophy. The trophy is presented by the Oakland Strokes rowing club, at the U.S. Southwest Regional Junior Championships to the winning junior varsity eight-man boat.

For more information, visit www.OaklandStrokes.org

Memorial Walk 2010

The meeting place for our Memorial Walk and Reunion will be INDOORS at:

San Pablo Reservoir Recreation Area Visitor Center
7301 San Pablo Dam Road
El Sobrante, CA 94803

We will have talented musicians, refreshments, and sweeping views of the reservoir in our new venue. There will be a great opportunity to visit in a heated facility and an easy walk of less than a mile. There is plenty of complimentary parking. We cannot wait to share our new location with you! This is not a fundraiser but a reunion, a chance for everyone to catch up and visit.

Printable directions are available on our website at
www.JuliaBurkeFoundation.org

Clockwise
from top:
Some of the
family and
friends



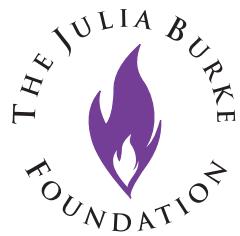
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2010 | SAN PABLO RESERVOIR VISITOR CENTER | 9:00 AM–10:30 AM



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“Life is no ‘brief candle’ to me. It is a sort of splendid torch which I have got hold of for a moment, and I want to make it burn as brightly as possible before handing it on to future generations.”

George Bernard Shaw From Julia’s book of favorite quotations.



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