

IYV Fundraising Dinner 2nd November 2001

His Excellence Dr. Sam Nicoma, The President of the Republic of Namibia addressed the Fundraising Dinner for International Year of Volunteers at the Parliament restaurant in Windhoek on the 2nd November 2001.

His Excellence Dr. Sam Nujoma, The President of the Republic of Namibia emphasised that the time has come to turn volunteers into a social force to fight against poverty, alcohol and drug abuse, natural disasters, environment degradation, and the HIV/AIDS pandemic and to take care of our children orphans and child-headed families. The President reminded the diners of the important role volunteers play on the welfare and progress of all nations.

President Nujoma appealed to all citizens, businesses, community groups and leaders at all levels to encourage the spirit of volunteerism and make a meaningful contribution to establish a strong culture of volunteerism. Auction and Pledges was done. His Excellence Dr. Sam Nujoma, The President of the Republic of Namibia opened the pledges and donation with N\$ 5000.00 from the Nujoma family and most of the attendees follow suit. The total amount of pledges was N\$ 18557.00.

He also urged the IYV National Committee to continue following up on their commitments by developing strategies and programmes that encourage citizens to participate in these activities. He said Namibia was a home to many volunteers from all over the world adding that Africa had long and distinguished history of giving and volunteering.

The National IYV Patron Madame Loine Geingos the wife of the Prime Minister Hon. Hage Geingob also delivered a speech at this occasion.

The event was attended well by the Attorney General, Hon. Pendukeni Imvula Itana ambassadors, High Commissioners, senior government officials, dignitaries, Volunteer Sending Agencies, Private Sector, Religions organisations, Ms. Jacqui Badcock UN Resident Representative and NGOs.

UNAM Choir entertained the quest with their cultural songs at the event.

At this occasion volunteers were recognised for their services and they were Mr. Mick Gibbons from VSO currently with KAYEC - Khomas Region, David Simaneka Mangundu from Ehnana Art Training Centre - Ohangwena Region, Vezuva Mbapaha from Millennium Youth Project - Otjozondjupa Region and Ms. Willemina Afrikaner from Moria Grace Shelter for orphans and street kids - Khomas Region.

