



# AS4AK

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**Pat Wilkins of "BASICS" cutting the ribbon with the Australian High Commissioner in Ghana, Rt. Honourable Mr Billy Williams**

## Building Begins

There has been great excitement in Accra Ghana as the new BASICS Safe Haven is now fast becoming a reality.

The land was purchased last year and a few weeks ago the Australian High Commissioner in Ghana cut the ribbon to signify the breaking of the ground on the new site ready for building to begin.

The new facility will allow Pat Wilkens who runs the BASICS Safe Haven to help many more vulnerable and at risk children teaching them important life skills and encouraging them to continue their education. With ongoing support from the centre these

children will become future leaders and contributing members of society.

The media was present at the ribbon cutting ceremony and it was mentioned several times that Dorinda Hafner and her Adelaide supporters had with their financial support assisted in helping BASICS take the first step in this important project.

To all AS4AK members a BIG Thank You. As you will see from the photos everyone is delighted and without your assistance this development may not have happened for several years.





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## Tax Deductibility

The Board continue to work with the government on making your donations tax deductible and hope this status will be granted in the near future.

## Fundraising

Australian Sponsorship 4 African Kids would love to hear from you if you have any suggestions on ways to continue with fundraising.

Maybe you could organise a casual day at work or put a collection tin in your lunch room. Remember every cent raised helps support a child living in poverty and facing a bleak future.

**Please call Helen on 0408 822 601 if you have any ideas or can help in any way.**



## Akwaaba... Welcome

On **Sunday April 18th** Australian Sponsorship 4 African Kids will hold its major fundraiser for this year.

Merilyn and Tim Kuchel have kindly offered to open their beautiful Carey Gully Garden in Stirling for members of the public to visit with all proceeds for the day going to AS4AK.

Throughout the day there will be many things happening. Dorinda will conduct cooking demonstrations, the African Children's Choir will perform and African Drummers will entertain visitors with their upbeat music.

Throughout the day, morning and afternoon tea will be served along with home made cakes and biscuits or if you prefer try some delicious African Yellowbird soup and corn bread.

A group of dedicated volunteers have spent many hours making exquisite hand made craft items while others have been busy making jams, chutneys and all those delicious winter goodies.

Please encourage your family, friends and work colleagues to come along and support this major fundraiser for AS4AK, it will be an exciting fun day for everyone.