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We would like to wish the Board Members, the Staff and friends of **SWAGAA** a very Happy New Year and continued commitment in the fight against the abuse of women and children.

WE WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS OF STAFF:

CLARE DART

We are grateful, once again, to the Australian Volunteers International, for their support of **SWAGAA**. We welcome Clare who arrived in the country late last year. Clare will be with **SWAGAA** for the next two years as the Program Advisor - Legal. Her main objective is to strengthen the Capacity of **SWAGAA's** Legal Unit. With her academic qualifications (LL B (Hons) & LL M - Human Rights) coupled with her vast experience in working on Domestic Violence both in Australia and London, we have no doubt that when she leaves the country in two years, **SWAGAA's** legal unit will be very strong.

JOAN 'SPHIWE' BESSEY FROM NEWFOUNDLAND, CANADA.

Canadian Crossroads International (CCI) in partnership with **SWAGAA** has kindly sponsored 'Sphiwe' for a three month stay in Swaziland. She is spending the time in Manzini designing a website and training **SWAGAA** staff to maintain the website in the future.

The website will document **SWAGAA's** achievements in the past 17 years. In addition it will look forward to our changing future, focus on our outcomes as well as highlight our new programs such as the prevention initiative. The website will also include the needs of our funders, partners and beneficiaries. Other ad hoc duties include networking all **SWAGAA** computers, installing anti-virus software and establishing consistent internet access.

Sphiwe wishes to say '*ngiyabonga*' to the staff for a warm welcome to a magnificent country.

PARTNERSHIPS

1a. SWAGAA/ CANADIAN CROSSROAD INTERNATIONAL (CCI)

SWAGAA's Director has renewed the partnership with CCI for the next five years. This partnership will also support South to South Partnerships. This year **SWAGAA** will also be working with the Girl Child Network in Zimbabwe which is under the leadership of Betty Makoni.

b. PREVENTION MANUAL

This manual will be an updated training manual for counsellors.

2. SWAGAA/AUSAID

DATABASE

Through the support of AUSAID, **SWAGAA** is currently building a large database as part of a Monitoring and Evaluation project.

FAREWELLS

PHIWA MALIMA

It is on a sad note that we announce the departure of Phiwa Malima who has been with **SWAGAA** for the past six years. Phiwa joined **SWAGAA** in 2000 as a volunteer and in 2001 she became the first Programme Officer for the support group project. She later became the Program Officer for Counselling. Phiwa has contributed immensely to the growth of the counselling department and her leadership will be greatly missed. We would like to wish her all the best in her new endeavours and have no doubt that she will continue to lift **SWAGAA's** flag high.

JACQUELINE GORDON

It is amazing how time flies. In mid March, Jac will be competing her 2 year placement with **SWAGAA**. Jac arrived through the Australian Volunteer International (AVI) and in a very short time made a huge impact on **SWAGAA**.

She has the following message for the **SWAGAA** family

*" I have enjoyed my time both with **SWAGAA** and in Swaziland in general a great deal and will miss both considerably. It has been an amazingly challenging and rewarding role. I will be taking several months to travel in Southern Africa and then East and North Africa on my return to Australia. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for there incredible support during my placement – especially the staff of **SWAGAA**, the Director Nonhlanhla and Angus. My placement could not have been the success that it has been without them. Until my next visit to Swaziland, Sala kahle"*

We would all like to thank her so much for her commitment to **SWAGAA** and wish her every success in the future.

THANKYOU

SWAGAA is grateful to both the Local and International Funders who have continued to support the work of the organization. Without your support we could not have made so much impact to the lives of so many Swazis. We would like to thank PACT, CCI, NERCHA, UNIFEM, UNDP, AUSAID, Engenderhealth, UNICEF, Kindernothlfe and the Swaziland Government, also:

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The Sparrows – Mhlume

FORTHCOMING EVENT

1. The 7th Annual Breakfast will be held at the Malkerns Country Club on Thursday 15th March 2007 at 8.30am. Guest Speaker: Ms Chinwe Dike UNDP Res. Rep.
2. **CATCH A FIRE** will be shown at the Royal Swazi Sun Convention Centre at 7.30pm on Wednesday 21st March, 2007. True story written by Shawn Slovo daughter of Joe Slovo.



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