



An Evening to Experience Africa and Change Lives One Bike at a Time

In partnership with the nonprofit, ACIRFA (a.ker.fa), Denver locals to host an evening that will focus on providing transportation, mobility and hope to those in need in southern Africa.

DENVER, COLORADO, January 2010 – Local bike enthusiasts, bike shops and businesses are teaming up with ACIRFA (a.ker.fa) to change lives one bike at a time at an event to be held at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science on Saturday, February 27, 2010 from 6:00 – 10:00pm. It will be an evening of bamboo bicycles, African art, music and dance by the Pan Africa Ensemble, hors d'ouvres and cocktails to benefit the work that ACIRFA is doing throughout southern Africa.

ACIRFA (a.ker.fa) is overcoming a mindset of poverty with their program designed to provide access to transportation and mobility by establishing sustainable bicycle businesses in southern Africa. These businesses are able to employ locals and introduce an array of products including: bicycles, bike ambulances, bike trailers and bicycle spare parts. By offering a hand-up instead of a handout, ACIRFA is providing solutions to the lack of reliable transportation and limited access to job opportunity.

The first bicycle social enterprise in Zambia, called Zambikes, has distributed more than 2,500 bicycles and 650 bicycle ambulance trailers since 2007. Even more, they have created jobs and saved hundreds of lives in the local communities and villages. Zambikes has also gained great recognition in the BBC and NPR for the bamboo bicycle that they will begin exporting in 2010.

Hosted by Eric Dunn and Lyn Simon the evening's event, "Africa: One Bike at a Time," will be a night to change lives by sharing in the hope and power of turning Africa around one bike at a time...

To sign up for the event (tickets are \$75 per person, \$25 for children under 13, and can be purchased online) or to get more information about ACIRFA (a.ker.fa), go to www.abikes.org.

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