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Nelson Mandela - Born July 18, 1918

Nelson Mandela, President For Life of The African National Congress, was born near Umtata in the Transkei region of South Africa. Son of a Tembu chief, he was educated at Fort Hare College and later received his law degree from the University of Witwatersrand. Mandela joined the A.N.C. in 1944 and helped to organize the A.N.C. Youth League. Mandela was national volunteer-in-chief of the 1952 Defiance Campaign, a civil disobedience movement challenging the laws of white supremacy. Mandela was acquitted in the Treason Trial of 1956-60. After organizing a three-day stay at home protest, he went underground to help in the A.N.C.'s formation of its armed branch. He was captured in 1963, tried and sentenced to life in prison and remains there today.

## M A N D E L L A

Mandella, Please believe  
this truth to which we, your friends  
do cleave,  
that this earth will not allow  
You and yours to be swallowed up  
without God's promise and Holy vow  
That one day He will fill your cup!

For not one of us is truly free  
while the innocent languish in captivity  
By your heroism, we are born again  
and again  
to vindicate the pan of warriors like  
you, young and old  
who will one day make for all to see,  
our victory unfold!

So let us then shout out for joy  
for the future South African girl and  
boy  
who will surely proudly live  
Because of the gift of your life that  
you freely give.

By Catherine Barnes

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OPENING LIBATION.....Van Elliott Williams  
Co-Founder, Friends of SOMAFCO

WELCOME.....Dr. Molefi Asante, Chairperson  
African American Studies  
Temple University

VIDEO TAPE PRESENTATION.....

Winnie and Nelson Mandela

GODFREY SITHOLE.....Representative  
African National Congress

POEM, "MANDELA".....Catherine Barnes

SOLIDARITY WITH SOUTH AFRICAN WORKERS.....  
Bernie Dinkin  
Labor Against Apartheid

REPORT FROM THE FRONTLINE STATES.....

Jerry Herman - A.F.S.C. Southern Africa Program

\*\*MUSICAL SELECTION\*\*

SOUTH AFRICA AND THE 1988 ELECTION.....  
Tony Monteiro, Sociologist - Temple Univ.

SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.....  
Catherine Blunt, Chairperson, M.L.K. Anti-  
Apartheid Coalition

\* POETRY \* - Catherine Barnes

TOWARD A SISTER CITY PROGRAM.....  
Van Elliott Williams

CLOSING REMARKS.....Dr. Clement T. Keto  
Department African American Studies

\*\*MUSICAL SELECTION\*\*

\* CLOSING LIBATION \*

REFRESHMENTS AND SOCIALIZING \*\*

## FRIENDS OF SOMAFCO - 1987 - 1988 ACTIVITIES

JUNE 1987 - ORGANIZING MEETING

AUGUST 1987 - SALUTE TO SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN

NOVEMBER 1987 - INCORPORATED AS NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION - FIRST COLLECTION  
FOR SOLOMON MAHLANGU SCHOOL

APRIL 1988 - FUND RAISER

FRIENDS OF SOMAFCO HAS HELD FIFTEEN MEMBERSHIP  
MEETINGS IN 1987-88. SIXTEEN PRESENTATIONS  
HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND  
COMMUNITY GROUPS DESCRIBING THE SOLOMON  
MAHLANGU FREEDOM COLLEGES DURING THE YEAR.

### Toward A Sister City Program

## What Is A Sister City?

When an American community of whatever size or character joins with a community in another nation to learn more about the other and to develop friendly and meaningful exchanges, the two may propose a formal affiliation. The ideal affiliation involves a large number of citizens and organizations in both communities engaged in continuing projects of mutual interest.

This interchange helps to further international understanding at all levels of the community on a continuing long-term basis. Within the program cities and their citizens exchange people, ideas and culture in a variety of educational institutional, municipal, professional, technical and youth projects.

## Why Have A Sister City?

A Sister City program helps the citizens of both communities become directly involved in international relations in unique and rewarding exchanges which benefit everyone. It enables all who participate to:

- Exchange ideas and develop friendship with their counterparts in another culture on a direct personal basis.
- Establish an identity as members of the family of man involved in the constructive process of building world peace.
- Better understand their own community by interpreting their way of life to the people of another culture.

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR SOMAFCO

Children's Books  
Games  
Sports Equipment  
Pens  
Pencils, erasers  
Paper - lined & unlined, letter & legal size  
notebooks  
staplers  
staples  
markers  
paper clips  
scotch tape  
construction paper  
tracing paper  
chalk  
crayons  
colored pencils  
building blocks  
puppets  
crepe paper, scissors, rulers, compass  
pipe cleaners, protractors, craft materials  
paints & paint brushes  
plastic plates, plastic cups, plastic utensils  
beads  
yarn  
musical instruments  
paper cutters  
hole punchers  
tools  
linoleum blocks  
spray paint  
cameras  
stuffed animals  
toys  
calculators, batteries, clocks,  
canvas, ink, cardboard, oak tag  
shoes, towels, underwear, sewing materials  
new or used clothing for infants, toddlers,  
young girls, boys and adolescents  
\*\*\*FUNDS FOR SHIPPING EXPENSE\*\*\*  
ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN EXCELLENT CONDITION  
For More Info Call- 215-848-1806, 215-769-3157

\*\*\*\*\*OPENING LIBATION\*\*\*\*\*

Libator: We call upon our ancestors far and  
near, Father of our Fathers  
Audience: Mother of Our Mothers  
Libator: To Render Mercy  
Audience: To Bear Witness  
Libator: To the Liberation and Victory of  
our People  
Audience: Forever!  
Libator: It is done! (Libator Pours Water...)

\*\*\*\*\* CLOSING LIBATION \*\*\*\*\*

Libator: We call upon the spirits of our  
children  
Audience: And their children  
Libator: To witness what we have done  
Audience: ...And who we are  
Libator: ...To learn strength from us  
Audience: ...And truth from us  
Libator: ...And be not afraid as we are not  
afraid  
Audience: ...And come forth for you have been  
counted  
Libator: ...It is Done!

\* SEVEN HARAMBES \*

# A PHILOSOPHY FOR FRIENDS OF SOMAFCO \*\*\*

## AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. To organize: A person to person friendship support group promoting cooperation and inter solidarity between various organizations in the United States for the liberation and freedom for Namibia and South Africa.
2. To institute: A family exchange program between African Americans and Africans, such as: students, teachers, family members and community.
3. To provide: A source of information to facilitate travel to the Continent building bridges, enabling African-Americans to have easy access to Africa and for Africans to come to the United States.
4. To advocate and promote: Development assistance appropriate to a resource rich labor intensive economy; initiating programs advancing appropriate technology and small business development at home and abroad.
5. To establish: An independent African Cultural and Media Center providing socio-cultural activities and business and technical information sources.

Prepared by Van Elliott Williams

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