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Dear ubuMelwane followers,

Another hero in our neighbourhood has shown his mettle and organised an event, the proceeds of which went to the Amakhaya ngoku housing fund. He is Jamie McLaren Lachman, shortly completing his DPhil at Oxford University. Besides his academic achievements Jamie is a powerful singer and song-writer. He organised a tribute concert for the late Pete Seeger - a global icon of protest songs, including 'We shall overcome'. The full house at the Slow Life Café in Muizenberg were enthralled with his performance.

Jamie raised money for three good causes and Amakhaya, one of them, received R1,500.00 from the proceeds this week.

At last we can say that we care also when foreign donors ask whether local people make efforts to raise funds for AN.

Here is a short story about Jamie:

Jamie McLaren Lachman is a professional storyteller, banjo player, singer/songwriter, actor, and clown. Born in South Africa and raised in the United States, Jamie has performed around the world including the USA, Canada, UK, Lebanon, Ethiopia, Haiti, Zimbabwe, Swaziland, Lesotho, and South Africa. 19 years ago, Jamie hitchhiked up the Hudson River to meet his musical and creative inspiration, Pete Seeger. Over the next years, he spent many a week with Pete learning how to play the banjo, chop wood to work songs, and tap maple syrup. This began a journey that has been one of song, story, and humour through the hills of Appalachia to rural communities throughout Southern Africa with Clowns Without Borders South Africa.

Thank you Jamie for setting another example. We wish you well with the presentation of your thesis!

Kind regards,

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