



"REFLECTIONS: A Benefit for NextAid" at Levende Lounge San Francisco, CA, on March 5, 2008

NextAid, a Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization committed to developing and implementing sustainable solutions to the challenges facing African children, is the beneficiary of "REFLECTIONS: A Benefit for NextAid" on Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at one of San Francisco's most popular restaurant-lounges, **Levende Lounge**. Join a dedicated group of world changers at this meaningful event where guests will enjoy a delicious three-course prix fixe dinner for \$35, which includes a donation to NextAid, and the after-party. Wine is half-off. The night features music by San Francisco's favorite local dj's, including sounds from Africa, a special performance by singer Marissa Guzman, dancing, and a raffle of items donated by local businesses. Dinner is available from 6 pm until 10 pm. The after party begins at 9:00 p.m. and goes until 2 pm. for a minimum donation of \$10. Levende Lounge is located at 1710 Mission Street (@ Duboce), San Francisco, CA 94103. For dinner reservations, please call the restaurant at 415-864-5585. For more information, please visit www.levendesf.com or www.nextaid.org/events-upcoming.htm.

Performers at the REFLECTIONS benefit on March 5th include **DJ Seven** with vocals by **Marissa Guzman, Paul Guido, Adnan Sharif, Fil Latorre, DJ Amber**, and presenting **Brendon Boden** of South Africa's **AFROdesiaMP3.com**. This Africa music site features a platform to expose local African artists and ensure that sales proceeds are delivered directly to them. Promotional support is being provided by Nitevibe and SF Station.

Proceeds from REFLECTIONS will go towards NextAid's pilot project: an ecological children's center in Dennilton, South Africa that will serve as a safe home for 50 children orphaned by AIDS, a multipurpose center for the greater community and a learning center for best practices for other projects throughout Africa. To date, eight buildings and supporting structures are completed on-site including the Wert Terry Music and Performance Center; an outdoor energy-efficient kitchen and seating area; two earthbag offices; composting toilets; the guard's house; a tool shed; the Internet café and "tuck" shop; and a children's home. **Sonni Micocci**, a **NextAid volunteer** who traveled to Africa to volunteer her time and skills as a therapist, will host this special event to raise money for this community that she fell in love with in Dennilton.

San Francisco's house music community has always shown collective support for NextAid. Every year, NextAid produces a 14-hour benefit event at **Café Cocomo** (**next event is June 8th**) with many of the city's DJs and promoters. The event has brought in over \$20,000 toward the building of the Wert Terry Music and Performance Center, which was completed last year.

About Levende Lounge and Restaurant

Levende Lounge and Restaurant is pioneering San Francisco's restaurant/nightlife culture. Levende offers a sophisticated and comfortable establishment where innovative cuisine, warm ambiance and state-of-the-art sound merge to form a stylish entertainment atmosphere. Levende Lounge is the winner of multiple "Best of Citysearch" awards in 10 categories: "Best Lounge," "Best Bar Food," "Best Signature Drinks," "Best After-Work Bar," "Best Bloody Mary," "Best 30+ Singles Scene," "Best Singles Scene," "Best Conversation Bar," "Best Exotic Drinks" and "Best See and Be Seen."

About NextAid

NextAid is a Los Angeles-based nonprofit organization committed to developing and implementing innovative solutions to the challenges facing African children. NextAid's mission is to promote community-driven, environmentally sustainable, economically and socially empowering responses to the AIDS orphan pandemic. NextAid collaborates with individuals, businesses and nonprofits to produce creative, culturally rich, awareness-raising projects and music events involving technology, the arts, public education projects, and volunteer opportunities. For more information, please visit www.nextaid.org.

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