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## **Standard Bank supports local charity to help Africa**

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Standard Bank has helped a local charity take another step towards their goal of building a community centre in South Africa by donating money raised at their recent 'Breakfast on the Braai' event.

John Coyle, Managing Director, Standard Bank, Isle of Man, commented: "We are very much part of Island life and it is important to the Bank and our staff that we are able to be part of the community. We fully support Balla Africa's goal to build a community centre in South Africa and it is a pleasure to be able to donate £309.60 towards the overall total. This amount was raised from the Braai we held to mark South African Freedom day in April, which was attended by our Directors and staff. Standard Bank matched the donations made by staff during this morning event."

Balla Africa was formed in July 2008 so that people from the Isle of Man could help raise money to support orphaned AIDS children and other people affected by HIV/AIDS in the Pretoria West part of South Africa. In the short term, the charity is also supporting the potato foundation which aims to support forgotten or neglected children in South Africa.

Johan Loubser, Founder and Chairman of the charity said: "Our goal is to raise £75,000 for the new community centre and we are now over half way towards our total. We are extremely grateful that Standard Bank and their staff have given us the money raised at their Braai. I know that Standard Bank is proud of its South African heritage and it is fantastic that they are able to give something back from here."

Johan is also a teacher at Ballakermeen High School and in July he will be travelling with 52 pupils and staff to complete voluntary work in Pretoria and to visit an orphanage. The next big fundraising event will be in April 2010 with a sponsored walk for 1,000 people.

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**NOTES TO EDITOR**

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Further details of the Braai event held in April are available upon request.

The photograph shows (Left to Right) John Coyle and Johan Loubser with some pupils from BHS.

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