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Statement*

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## CEO'S REPORT

### Pierre Johannessen

I am very proud and honored to present this inaugural Annual Report on behalf of the Big Bang Ballers. This has been our first official year conducting activities around the world, and I am privileged to be able to recount this incredible journey we have all been on.

When first founded in November 2007, none of us foresaw that within 2 short years we would be using basketball to fight youth poverty and social disadvantage in 9 countries around the world. Our little side project in the back streets of Dhaka, Bangladesh, has evolved from a simple pickup game to a schedule of programs and activities carefully honed to create young leaders and develop the capacity of local communities to care for and improve themselves. This report contains explanations of all of our programs, to which we continue to add and improve every day.

In our first year of official operations, we have catered to over 10,000 young boys and girls, run camps, tournaments and fundraisers in 9 countries, delivered books, toys, school supplies, uniforms, shoes and clothing to 20 schools and orphanages, earned international recognition for our expertise not only in motivating young people but also in imparting valuable life skills such as conflict resolution, problem solving and teamwork, as well as continuing to provide the invaluable opportunity for the most disadvantaged kids in the world to just be kids.

Of course, we have not been without challenges and difficulties, struggles and even tragedy. I draw great strength from the knowledge that as an organization, as a team, as a family, we have pulled through each testing situation with more resolve and more awareness of what the task at hand may be, better prepared to tackle it and move forward.

I continue to be humbled by the incredible support this organization receives from its volunteer base. Not one of our Board Members or Directors receive financial compensation, yet they log many hours in service to the Big Bangs without question or complaint, ably supported by some 80 volunteers around the world who continue to work towards our shared goals.

This has been a busy, productive, whirlwind of a year; I have no doubt it is but one of many to come.

Team Is Everything.

Pierre Johannessen  
CEO  
Big Bang Ballers



## BIG BANGS MEMBERSHIP 2009 – 2010

### Board Members

Chief Executive Officer -	Pierre Johannessen
Secretary -	Ingmar Wagner
Treasurer -	Ian Woodburn
Board Member -	Brian Familiar
Board Member -	Jaleh Johannessen
Board Member -	Julien Kerdoncuf
Board Member -	Rodrigue Monfort
Board Member -	Jeff Knowles
Board Member -	Asiful Islam
Board Member -	Junad Chowdhury
Board Member -	Raja Siddique



### Additional Members

Member -	Rieuk Gass
Member -	MacArthur Fryz
Member -	Pranishka Nayagar
Member -	Dean Brown

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### AUDIT REPORT BIG BANG BALLERS LIMITED

I have audited the attached financial statements of the association for the year ended 30 June 2010. It has been conducted with adequate scope for me to express an unqualified opinion. In my opinion:

- a) The financial statements of the association are properly drawn up:  
  
so as to give the true and fair view of the matters required by subsection 72(2) of the Act to be dealt with in the accounts for the financial year reported on;  
  
in accordance with proper accounting standards.
- b) proper accounting and other records have been kept by the association.
- c) the audit was conducted in accordance with the rules of the association.



Allen Vong  
Executive Partner  
05 November 2010

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## Big Bang Ballers limited Balance Sheet As of June 30, 2010

	<u>Jun 30, 10</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Chequing/Savings	
Westpac Bank 032-719-41-2600	1,654.96
Total Chequing/Savings	<u>1,654.96</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>1,654.96</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>1,654.96</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	<b><u>0.00</u></b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>1,654.96</u></b>
<b>EQUITY</b>	
Net Income	1,654.96
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b><u>1,654.96</u></b>

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## Big Bang Ballers limited Profit & Loss July 2009 through June 2010

	<u>Jul '09 - Jun 10</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>	
Income	
Fees Received	9,620.00
Gifts & Donations Income	16,159.29
Interest Received	5.18
Reimbursed Expenses	1,200.00
Sponsorship income	750.00
Total Income	<u>27,734.47</u>
Expense	
Bank Service Charges	19.00
Basketball Player fees	4,650.00
Camp Expenses -Basket Ball	407.03
Entertainment	248.60
Gifts and Donations	550.00
Hire Fee -Basketball Court	4,341.00
Insurance	713.00
Licenses and Permits	2,001.00
Travel Expenses	
National Travel	985.00
Oversea Travel	7,150.00
Total Travel Expenses	<u>8,135.00</u>
Uniforms	5,014.88
Total Expense	<u>26,079.51</u>
Net Ordinary Income	1,654.96
<b>Net Income</b>	<b><u>1,654.96</u></b>

## OUR STORY

The BIG BANG BALLERS, also known as BIG BANGS and the B(STAR)B's, is an international NGO, using the game of basketball to tackle youth poverty and social disadvantage.

We are registering in Australia as a Not-For-Profit Company, bound by the governance and rules of the Commonwealth of Australia in our dealings with other companies, organisations and Countries.

We are not seeking to replace other NGOs; we understand the immense task that NGOs undertake, and further value their experience and expertise in delivering aid and running programs targeting poverty from a variety of angles. Our goal, rather, is to provide an outlet for those children least able to be children. We seek to remove the inevitable divides between classes and social groups, and instead teach the importance and value of teamwork, as well as the incredible and often surprising benefits that sports has as a unifying and motivating element in an otherwise divided and unmotivated world.

We share our love and respect for the game and its teachings with all the kids we serve; we teach responsibility, loyalty, hard work and dedication, trust in each other and above all, respect towards others and pride in oneself.

We furthermore use the game to motivate young people to further their education, look after their health, support their own communities and become masters of their own fates.

Most of all, we let kids be kids.

### **Mission Statement:**

- To use the game of basketball to unite children and their communities, overcoming social barriers and stigmas.
- To support the work of NGOs and Charities through events, funding and awareness campaigns.
- To use the game of basketball to promote healthy lifestyle choices.
- To use the game of basketball to encourage the values of the Big Bangs.

### **Vision:**

- For children able to be children, with hope and courage and a sense of self worth, responsibility to each other and their



A big part of our camps is to create a sense of team and unity amongst all the kids; it is often surprising to those who have not really looked for it to see just how little sense of community younger generations may feel, especially in a society which is so family-orientated.

By playing games and running drills where the kids have to rely on each other, and making sure to encourage everyone, not just winners, we are setting up not only a precedent for how the kids interact in the future, but also ensuring that everyone sees the value of just having fun, encouraging each other and competing in a friendly, fair atmosphere.





community, and most of all with the capacity to dream big and reach for their goals no matter the obstacles.

**Values:**

- Teamwork.
- Loyalty.
- Sense of Self.
- Sense of Community.
- Responsibility to Yourself and Others.
- Hard Work and Dedication.
- Healthy, responsible lifestyle choices.
- Acceptance of other's beliefs and values.

**Goals:**

- Overcome social divides.
- Develop future leaders.
- Teach children to lead healthy, constructive, hopeful lives.



## COUNTRY REPORTS

### Australia

#### Overview

This first year of the Big Bangs in Australia has seen a good progression of our administrative and policy procedures, with both our registration as a not-for-profit company and opening of bank accounts completed. There does however remain some work to be done regarding our status as a Gift-Recipient from the Australian Tax Office, which will allow the Big Bangs to provide tax deductions to donors. The Big Bangs Australia Committee will also be looking into creating new bank accounts so that funds received and disbursed in other active countries can be more closely monitored by our Treasurer and our annual Auditor.

This first year has been blessed quite a few successes. We launched the organization with the help of The Hub Productions, who generously created a short promotional video for us, and ended the financial year with a further fundraiser graciously organized by Tongue & Groove, a restaurant in Canberra City. Support such as this from local businesses has been constant, for which we are very grateful.

This year we have been able to run basketball camps for the St Vincent De Paul Society and Camp Quality, both of whom have requested an annual camp, such was the positive response.

In anticipation of the Midnight Basketball program we will be running next financial year, the Big Bangs in Australia have also been giving their time and expertise to the Midnight Basketball program in Queanbeyan further serving some 50 to 80 children per week,

We have also been able to run several tournaments to raise funds for various activities, comprising of 3x3, men's, women's and mixed tournaments. Attendance has been sporadic at best. While some tournaments attract 15+ teams, others attract only 6 or 7. This will be an issue to improve on in the coming year.

In Australia we have been trialing the sponsorship of teams and individuals. As at the end of financial year 09-10 we have sponsored 6 individuals in our Big Bangs teams, as well as the Sudanese-Australian Eagles, the A.C.T. Special Olympics basketball team, and a young basketballer in conjunction with the Canberra Players League, who plays in the A.C.T. under 16's team. The results have been mixed; while the individuals we sponsor are required to do community work with the Big Bangs, the time between opportunities is too great to have any meaningful impact on the young players. This is a part of our program we will have to closely re-examine before continuing.



The biggest part of the year has been the 1<sup>st</sup> Big Bangs International Tour, which this year took the team to the Philippines to establish our committee there and teach our local teams how to run camps and represent the organization. It was a very moving, very successful Tour, and a great start to this new tradition.

Overall this has been a successful year for the Big Bangs in Australia, and we look forward to even more success in the future.

### Activities In 2009-2010

- CEO Sleepout – 17 June 2010 – raised \$2,010.00 for St Vincent De Paul
- Big Bangs Basketball Camp – 8 May 2010
- Charity 5x5 Tournament – 1 May 2010
- Charity Mixed 5x5 Tournament – 21 April 2010
- Australian-Sudanese Tournament – 21 December 2009 – provided uniforms and cash sponsorship of the team
- Philippines Tour – 19 September 2010
- CPL Charity 3x3 Tournament – 13 September 2010
- UBL Charity 3x3 Tournament – 12 September 2010
- Big Bang Ballers Launch – 17 July 2009

### Tournaments Competed

Canberra Classic – Champions

### Children Served In-Country

2009 – 2010: 350+



## Bangladesh

### Overview

Bangladesh has a very special place in the hearts of the Big Bangs, as it is the birthplace of our small organization.

In this financial year the Big Bangs have been working hard to develop the administrative capabilities of the local Basketball Federation, as part of our commitment to ensuring local institutions are supported and encouraged to develop to their full potential. This dedication has resulted in the return, after a 5 year absence, of the Bangladesh Premier League basketball tournament, in which the Big Bangs are soon to field a team. Congratulations to the entire committee for their support of this initiative.

This year saw the very first Big Bangs Basketball League, played on a renovated outdoor court with the Big Bangs insignia, and the interaction between embassy teams, foreign teams and locals in the very first league of its type in the country. The League was a spectacular success, with the social barriers between cultures and classes being dropped by all involved. Congratulations to all involved.



The sponsorship of local teams continues, with the “Small Bangs” demonstrating not only great skill, motivation and teamwork on the court, but perhaps more importantly off the court as well, with participation in most fundraising or charitable activities organized by the Big Bangs.

The Big Bangs continue to support local school and charities, particularly the Jaago Foundation, Bottomly Orphanage and the Home for Hope, providing shoes, funds, blankets and school supplies.

The annual Big Bangs reunion is planned for mid 2011, with several camps being prepared for around the country.

### Activities In 2009-2010

- Sponsorship of Premier Division team – 19 May 2010
- Charity u-17 League – March 2010
- Charity School Tournament – March 2010
- Basketball Camp – January 2010
- Kicks for Kids – 2 October 2009
- Big Bangs All-Star Game – 14 July 2009
- Big Bangs Jaago Tour – 1 July 2009

### Tournaments Competed

- Big Bangs Basketball League
- Aftershocks Tournament

## Children Served In-Country

2009 – 2010: 3,500+

### Philippines

#### Overview

On 19 September 2009, five members from the Australian contingent of Big Bangs departed on a whirlwind tour of the Philippines. While the main objective of the tour was to spread the word of Big Bangs, run our programs and share the values we hold so dear, we were also aiming to establish a group of dedicated and like-minded people to form our in-country committee. The primary goal of the committee was to carry on the work of the Big Bang Ballers and oversee all programs to ensure that not only were they effective and relevant to the children they served but also sustainable. When we arrived, to say we were surprised is an understatement. Little did we know that not only was the committee already partially formed, thanks to our contact Mary-Joan Abitago-Clavite, but that their enthusiasm, determination, passion, honesty, commitment, and love of the game of basketball was clear in the eyes of the visiting members of Big Bangs.



What a start that was and what a tremendous first year it has been for Big Bangs Philippines. It is so humbling to think just how far we have come in the past 12 months. It seemed not long ago that the idea of starting our programs and activities in the Philippines was just an idea shared over a quiet evening in the city of Canberra. Now look at us. As Country Director of the Philippines, I am both privileged and proud to announce that the achievements by our in-country committee in our first year have been nothing short of inspirational. The following report covers the activities of Big Bang Philippines for the past 12 months.

#### Forming the committee

While the initial formation of the committee was easy enough it was certainly a steep learning curve for all those involved. In a country where 33 percent of the population live below the poverty line earning less than \$1.25/day, there has never been a shortage of NGOs operating in the Philippines. However, many of those NGOs operate only within the major cities of Cebu and Manila. Big Bangs would be operating from the small town of Bayug, Iligan City in Mindanao, within the Visayas region of the Philippines targeting areas where traditional NGOs held little to no presence but where poverty was rampant and considered part of everyday life. It is within this context that the Big Bangs Philippines Committee has been making a difference in the lives of so many.

#### School Camps

For those fortunate enough to have experienced the school camps that Big Bangs run will know that it is one of the most rewarding and fun-filled experience you can have. The



committee has been very busy from the very start running schools camps across Iligan City. So far over 4,000 kids have participated in the camps with many more planned for the remainder of the year.

We attempt to engage every single child. Think about the effort it takes to make eye contact with over 4,000 kids.

### Activities In 2009-2010

- Orphanage Christmas Party – 20 December 2009
- Orphanage Camp – 21 September 2009
- Rapid Action Basketball – 21 September 2009
- Philippines Tour – 19 September 2009
- Outreach program – 15 July 2009
- Sponsorship of Iligan Medical Center College Men's Basketball team
- Sponsorship of Iligan Medical Center College Girls Volleyball team
- Sponsorship of Iligan City East High School
- Sponsorship of Iligan City East Elementary School
- Sponsorship of Iligan City East Central School
- Sponsorship of JLB Basketball Team

### Tournaments Competed

- Kiwalan Invitational – Runner-Up
- Luinab Invitational - Champions
- Tubod Tournament – Runner-Up
- MSU-IIT Invitational - Champions

### Children Served In-Country

- 2009 – 2010: 4,000+

At first the kids were shy, and so were we. As I said, nothing can really prepare you for what we were about to go through. Pierre took the lead and painted a vivid picture of the energy that we needed in order to accomplish everything we set out to achieve; run-and-gun enthusiasm with plenty of smiles, there was simply no other way.

In truth, the next 6 hours were a blur. Warm-ups, team building exercises, dribbling games, shooting practice and skills sessions. The kids sprinted, jumped, stretched, bounced and played.

Most importantly, and best of all, they smiled. It made me smile also, both inside and out. It was a humbling experience and something I have come to consider a blessing. I've found my calling. – Brian Familiar





## Afghanistan

This year the Big Bangs have been raising funds in order to build a basketball court in Kabul, in partnership with Skateistan. Construction on the court will begin early next financial year, with funds being allocated for an early 2011 Tour of the facility, as well as the running of several camps in-country.

## Nepal

The Big Bangs have donated over 500 books and 100 toys to schools in Nepal through our visiting Big Bangs members. Currently there are plans to visit Nepal in mid 2011 to run camps at our partner schools.

## Papua New Guinea

Plans for this country have only just begun, with a potential visit and camps to be run in March 2011.

## France

Big Bangs France has made quite an impact in terms of fundraising and developing a name within the basketball community and the media, with 1 fundraiser held so far and a Big Bangs sponsored team taking out a major local championship. Big Bangs France looks to become our home base in Europe in the coming years.

## Canada

Through a partnership with a Canadian-based health organization working in Africa, Big Bangs Canada is set to begin their fundraising and awareness campaigns in early 2011.

## India

Several partnerships have been developing in this critical part of the world, with a potential start to activities in mid 2011.

## Pakistan

Big Bangs Pakistan was slow to begin and slow to progress, however after running a successful tournament and raising awareness of our programs through the local community, there will be renewed focus on this country in 2011.

## Iran

Talks are in the very preliminary stages for a potential late-2011 visit to Iran in order to run camps and tournaments within the capital, Tehran. As a blooming basketball culture emerges, the time is right for the introduction of our community-based programs.

## USA

A National Tour is being planned for November – December 2011.

## Uganda

In partnership with a Canadian-based organization, Big Bangs look to head to Uganda in February or March 2011.



## Mauritius

The Government of Mauritius is currently negotiating with the Big Bangs on a program across several districts to be run in early March 2011,





## PROGRAMS

- **Basketball Camps**  
Aimed at young people with little to no basketball background, these camps allow for the development of “team spirit” within participants, a sense of community and belonging, as well as developing basic social interaction skills.
- **Basketball Skills Camps**  
Aimed at those with some basketball experience, builds on the concepts of the Basketball Camps by adding skills elements and Intermediate to Advanced basketball strategy.
- **School / Orphanage Camps**  
Aimed at particular communities, builds on our Basketball Camps by adding the element of school / group unity, learning to rely on one another for support and developing young leaders.
- **School Community Building**  
Our school community building program is the foundation of our programs in new countries. It allows us firstly to develop the sense of community and belonging necessary in order to lay the foundations for further community-minded activities and programs, often initiated by the students themselves. More elaborate than School Camps, these involve in-class tuition as well.
- **Local Community Building**  
This program allows the students who have completed the School Community Building Program to increase their awareness of their local community and begin to make contributions towards its well-being. Involves interaction with local NGOs and not-for-profits.
- **Rapid Action Basketball**  
Involves preparing “emergency packs” and distributing within areas not reached by traditional NGOs. Involves quick, unplanned community interaction. Used primarily to shock our younger members into an awareness of their local surroundings and the issues and difficulties faced by those less fortunate.
- **Basketball Tournaments**  
Our primary source of funding, as it allows our younger members to take responsibility for actively raising awareness of our activities, promoting the event and running it in order to secure the funds necessary to continue our programs. Builds the capacity of local youth to take initiative and show leadership skills.
- **Kicks for Kids**  
Our shoe collection and distribution program. Primarily involves purchasing shoes from local suppliers, however in certain situations we will ship shoes directly to the needy areas.
- **Sponsorship Program**  
Involves not only financial support, but in-kind support as well. This varies according to the need; to date we have built rooms, provided school supplies and books, bought sporting supplies and provided clothing, shoes and basic supplies.
- **Court Building Program**  
By either shipping in or preferably sourcing local supplies, we build a court in order to run our activities and provide an outlet for young people in the affected area.



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