



ANNUAL REPORT 2012- 2013

*Big Bang Ballers Annual Report and Financial
Statement*

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CEO'S REPORT

Pierre Johannessen

Basketball is a game of numbers. How many points did you score, how many defensive stops did you get; how many second-chance opportunities were capitalized upon, how many opportunities did we create.

Numbers help a team understand their contribution, their emphasis, their worth, their areas upon which to improve or expand.

So we cap this 4th year of operations with some numbers.

Our expenditure on Administrative items is down to 1% of total expenditure.

Our fundraising activities now yield almost 70% of our income.

Our total volunteer base is hovering around the 80 mark, with still not a single member of the Big Bang Ballers receiving a salary or drawing funds from the pool donated by each and every one of our supporters around the world.

From every measurable marker, we are growing and expanding while still remaining true to our core values and the grassroots level action for which we have become both known and respected.

I am so very pleased to see the continued development of the Uganda program, the introduction of the Nepal program, as well as the incredible emergence of the Senegal program, and welcome all of our new brothers and sisters to this incredible family.

I would also like to extend a very sincere congratulations to our Ambassador Coach Brett Brown, who as at time of publishing will be the new Head Coach of the NBA's Philadelphia 76ers. This is a monumental and well-deserved achievement for a man who truly represents the Big Bangs way of life.

It's been another long, hard year, filled with wonderful experiences, successes, lessons and achievements, and I am, as always, truly humbled and grateful for the opportunity to be a part of it.

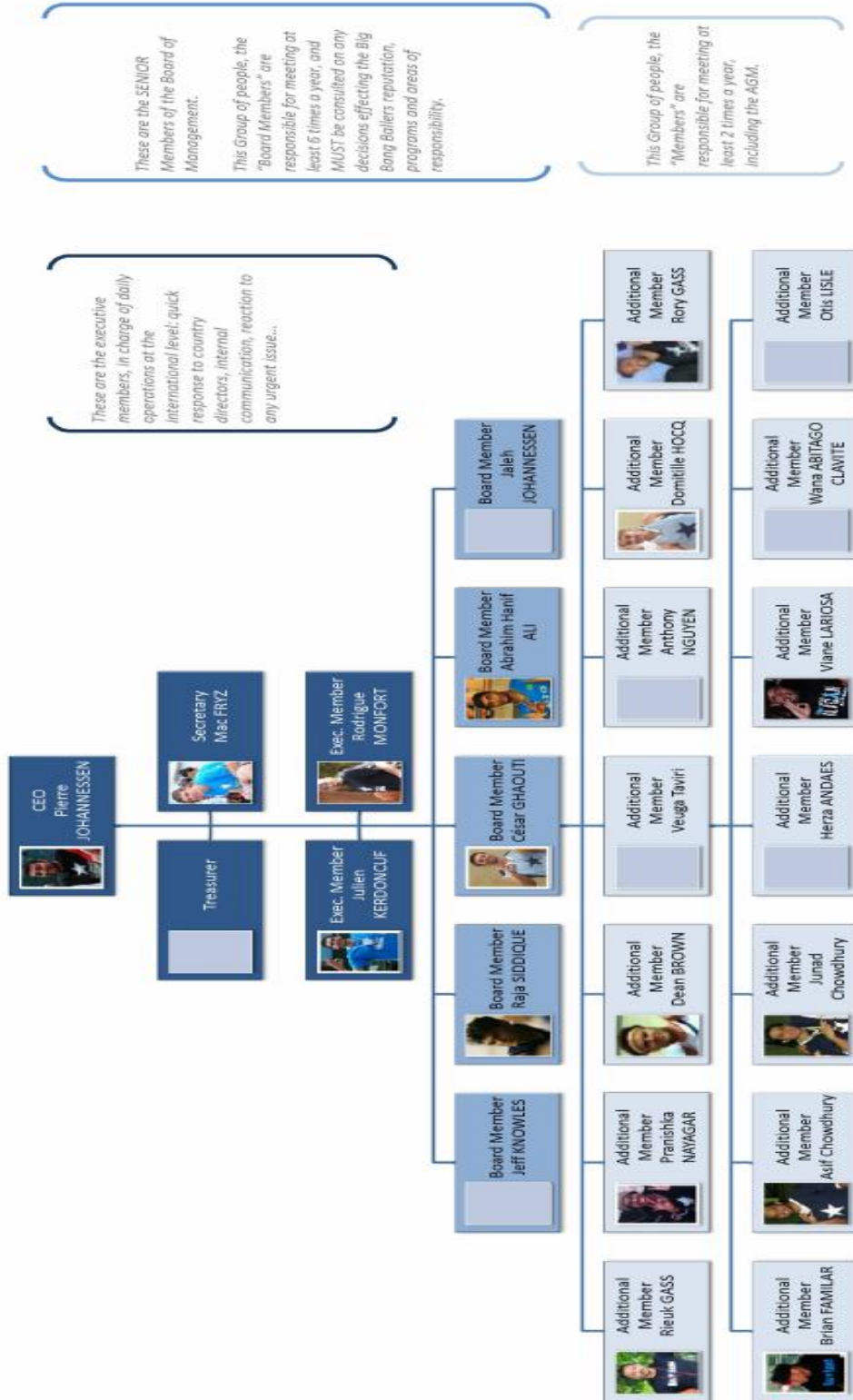
My Team Is Strong.

Pierre Johannessen
CEO
Big Bang Ballers



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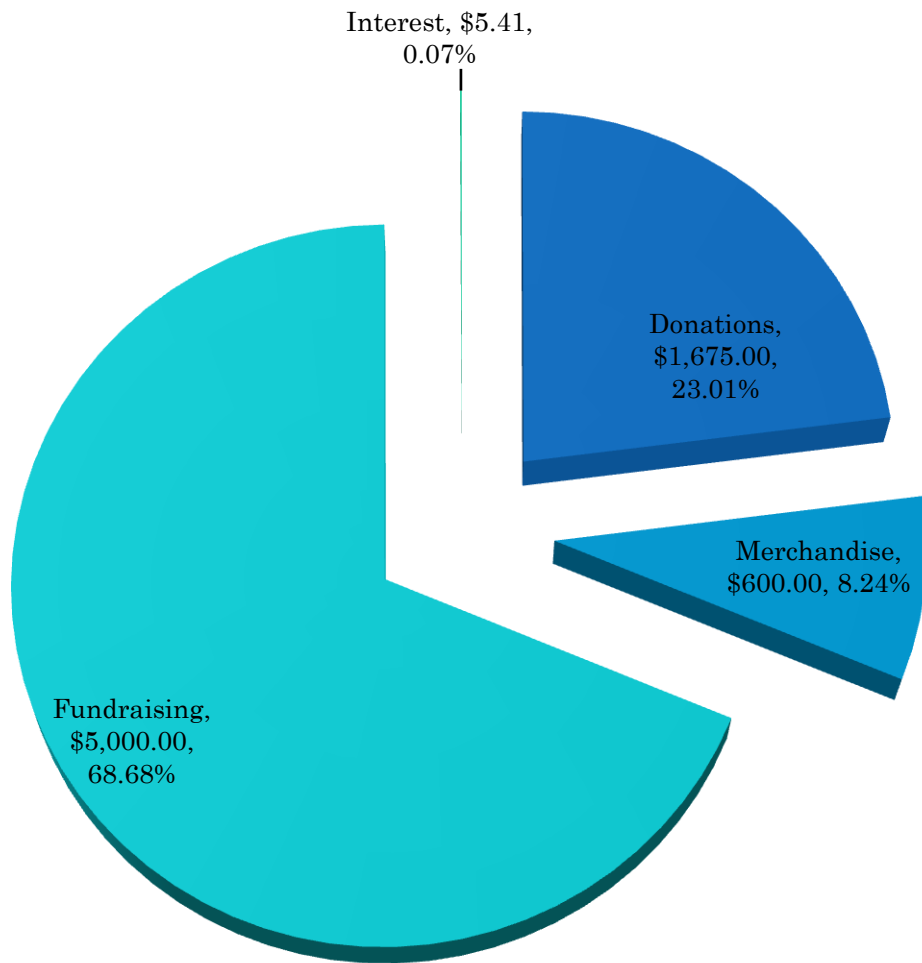


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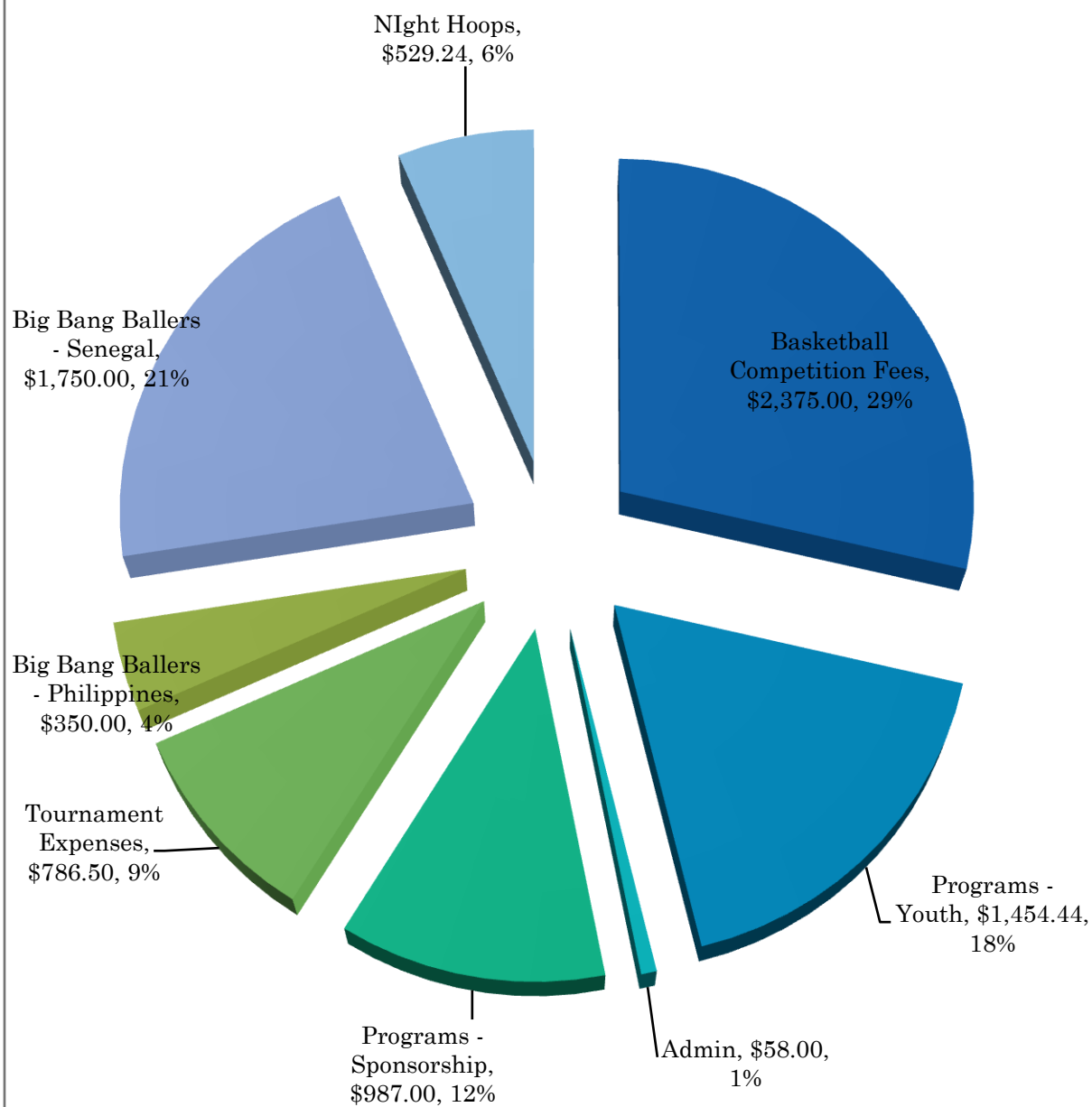
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Income 2012 - 2013



Expenditure 2012 - 2013



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.



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.



Vision:

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



PROGRAMS

The Big Bang Ballers focus all their projects around a central team in every country in which we work. We don't believe in parachute development; our teams are comprised of locals as well as foreign volunteers, with the bulk of projects and programs being run by local youth themselves.

We provide young people with the tools and environment they need to inspire positive, proactive change. We aim to provide an outlet for those children least able to be children, be it in a slum, in a neighbourhood, on an inner-city street. 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.

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Our primary program, the Big Bangs Team, includes the following modules:

- Teamwork
- Setting and Achieving Goals
- Self-Reliance & Team Building
- Communication
- Orphanage Support Program
- School Support Program
- Stay In School Program

Other programs currently are:

SCHOOL COMMUNITY BUILDING

Our school community building program is the foundation of our programs in new target 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.

How the program works

For a period of 4 days, students are run through team-building and community involvement exercises:

Day 1: 4 to 6 hours, depending on number of students

Kids are put into teams, run through drills.

Teams are continuously mixed and changed, in order to develop a sense of duty



to “team” rather than individuals.

Exercises are mixed, allowing those less physically able to participate and make a positive contribution.

Big Bangs teams run simultaneous team-building side-activities inclusive of positive reinforcement in order to accentuate the natural team building process.

Day 2: 3 to 5 hours, depending on number of students.

Kids are run through conflict resolution and problem solving tasks. This is removed from the basketball process in order to show how transportable the lessons learnt previously can be off the court.

Big Bangs staff run through problems and scenarios in order to tackle the common misconceptions and issues young people all experience.

We also deal with issues such as respect, tolerance, sense of duty and sense of self.

As with previous day’s activities, the kids are continuously mixed and matched in order to develop the sense of community.

Day 3: 4 to 6 hours, depending on number of students.

The kids are again run through the same activities as day 1, however this time they are presented with more leadership opportunities. The lessons learned in the first 2 days are more readily retained when students take the initiative themselves to contribute towards the activities.

Day 4: 4 hours.

This is the culmination of the program, where the school students all congregate together to go over what they have learnt in the last 3 days. As a stepping stone towards our Local Community Building Program, this day allows for students to reinforce the new skills they have learned and also to put some of it into practice with each other.

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.

How the program works

For a period of 3 days, students are encouraged and supported in identifying the needs of their local communities and finding ways to positively impact them.

Day 1:

Students identify what their local community looks like. Is it a mixed race community, are there minorities? What are the central issues of concern in that area? Traditionally this is the most difficult day; students are often reluctant to see that certain negatives may have been directly caused by them; anti-social behavior, drugs and alcohol, violence. As part of the exercise, we take our time to identify what it is that is causing those negative effects, and what could potentially be of use to make the situation better. It is at this point that we begin to discuss the Big Bangs motto: “all it takes is a small spark to create something wonderful”. We show the students how small steps can have giant



consequences for the good.

We identify places where the students can be of help; orphanages, aged-care homes, cleaning streets, parks, community areas, calling for a truce between gangs, discouraging alcohol abuse, starting a fundraising campaign, etc.

Day 2:

Day 2 is spent creating the program that the students want to pursue; the responsibility for gathering resources and developing links to opportunities is placed on their shoulders. If we trust our youth, they invariably surprise us with their aptitude. Big Bangs will of course be supervising and providing support where required.

Day 3:

This is the implementation day, where the students complete the projects they discussed and planned for in days 1 and 2.

DEVELOPING YOUTH INITIATIVES

This is the culmination of the previous 2 programs.

Day 1:

Students from all 3 schools are brought together to discuss what they did and how they did it. This serves not only as a point of comparison for the students, but also shows them the similarities between their populations and their methods of achieving their goals.

Students are then challenged on a grander scale. What can they do, as 3 schools together, to make their local communities better in the long run. This is often the most intense part of our programs, requiring a lot of supervision and guidance from the Big Bangs. From these discussions, the students then develop a series of ideas for how to make their plans happen.

Day 2:

This is the planning and resources day, where the ideas of day 1 take shape.

Day 3:

This is the implementation day for the programs.

Day 4:

This day is crucial for the students to be able to evaluate their successes and/or failures, and to, perhaps most importantly, develop their plan for future such events on their own. Now that they understand their own potential, the students will be able to take full responsibility for their own communities.

Days 5, 6 and 7

Basketball. Schools are given a day of basketball camps each as a reward for their hard work over the course of the programs.

TOURNAMENTS & LEAGUES



The Big Bang Ballers run charity tournaments and Leagues in order to fundraise for their local and international activities, as well as for special programs and causes as deemed appropriate by local committees.

Tournaments are organized and run by both in-country committees and local volunteers, inclusive of local interns. Volunteers learn and practice a variety of skills, from time and people management to problem-solving, conflict resolution and dealing with 3rd parties.

Local businesses that would have an interest in supporting the program and promoting their business or organization are approached to support our tournaments. Depending on the country and committee, we develop different levels of sponsorship to maximize revenue while matching the sponsor with a strong promotional opportunity.

Some areas of sponsorship include:

Advertising in the tournament program/roster sheet

Sponsorship of each court or event

Advertise on the photo backdrop

Have a team photo area that has advertisers' logos.

Photos and stories of the event will appear in media outlets.

While we do not charge admission for spectators, donations are strongly encouraged.

Depending on the tournament, we also sell food and beverages.

We work with local T-shirt printers, who we first evaluate to ensure are not sweatshops, to design tournament T-shirts to provide to participants and to sell.

TEAM SPONSORSHIPS

Each country committee has the opportunity to sponsor 1 to 3 external teams per year. Sponsorships should only be distributed if teams meet the following criteria:

- The team shows a genuine need for financial support
- The team, inclusive of all players, coaches and management agree to and sign Big Bang Ballers Code of Conduct
- The team commits to 20 hours volunteer work with the Big Bang Ballers in-country

Sponsorships allow the committees to both encourage and enable participation in basketball by a variety of players, as well as spreading the message of the Big Bang Ballers. Where possible, teams should demonstrate a commitment to the values and ethics of the organization prior to sponsorship.



INDIVIDUAL SPONSORSHIPS

Country committees can nominate up to 5 people per financial year to be eligible for individual sponsorships from the Big Bang Ballers. Sponsorships are often taken up in partnership with other organizations in order to complement existing corporate giving programs. Individuals must meet the following criteria:

- The individual shows a genuine need for financial support
- The individual must agree to and sign Big Bang Ballers Code of Conduct
- The individual commits to 40 hours volunteer work with the Big Bang Ballers in-country.

BASKETBALL CAMPS

SKILLS CAMPS

Either 1 or 2 days, focus is on the technical aspects of basketball. Aimed at medium to advanced players, with teamwork, open-ness and positive attitude taught hand in hand with basketball fundamentals, drills and plays.

KIDS CAMPS

Usually only 1 day in duration, Kids Camps focus on having fun and learning to trust and depend on each other in a positive way, using basketball and the associated skills it teaches to encourage both a healthy lifestyle and an awareness and appreciation for the people around us.

LEADERSHIP CAMPS

This is an advanced camp, either 1 or 2 days. Focus is on developing the capacity of participants to become leaders within their own communities. We teach:

- Developing yourself and your teams to maximize their strengths and enhance the community around you
- Develop confidence and awareness of self-worth and the value of those around you
- Motivate your team with effective performance measurement
- Integrate your leadership responsibilities, competencies and behaviors into your role
- Understand and support the complementary skills and styles of your team
- Eliminate barriers and miscommunications that block teamwork

BUILD A COURT



Our build-a-court program targets communities which may benefit from the development of a basketball court in for local kids to both participate in the sport and provide a venue for Big Bang Ballers camps and events.

Courts are provided free of charge; funding is entirely up to individual country programs.

INTERNSHIPS

Young adults from 16 to 21 are eligible to take up the opportunity to obtain first hand experience in the field of international development and community work through our internship program.

The duration of internships is no longer than 1 month, and the position is unpaid.

Interns assist the country programs with their work in representing and advancing our activities in the our program countries.

Successful candidates will undertake the following duties:

- Assist members of the marketing team in organising promotional and fundraising activities
- Organising and assisting with meetings including preparing minutes as required
- Preparing briefing, reports and correspondence
- Writing articles for the newsletter and website
- Assist with information management including maintenance of website, databases and contact lists
- Research international or development issues
- Undertaking administrative duties and other duties as required

Qualifications required:

- Possess background or interest in international development, community work and/or communications
- Ideal candidate will either currently be in secondary or tertiary studies or have graduated within 18 months
- Knowledge of the Big Bang Ballers
- Talented, highly motivated and committed to the goals of the Big Bang Ballers;
- Good communicators with excellent oral and written communication skills
- Strategic thinkers and practical problem-solvers
- Team players with initiative and good organisational skills
- Very flexible, adaptable and resourceful
- Enthusiasm and drive to learn

Our internships provide skills young adults can use as an avenue for employment and to develop the skills they need to become more independent. Through the internship, they are taught confidence in putting forward a position, as well as building professionalism, workplace skills, personal accountability and developing the frame of mind to make the transition to mature life.



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As with any other Big Bang Ballers program, internships provide participants with new skills, challenge their existing skills, show them how achievable seemingly complicated and difficult tasks can be.

Where possible, partnerships with local businesses should be sought so that interns can also work at a paid place of employment during the month to balance both their experiences and provide them with work references and a source of income.



CROSS-COURT PROGRAM, GENDER

This is a barrier-breaking program, to be used in communities where social interaction between girls and boys is limited. Employing the same concepts and framework as our skills or kids camps, depending on skill level, the Cross-Court program allows the different genders to see the similarities between each other, and allows social interaction in a safe, socially secure way.

This program brings together kids of all backgrounds community centres, clubs, churches and other youth groups located in target areas basketball games, social interaction and community relations discussions. Activities occur in a structured, fun, and inclusive environment.

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SENIOR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Young adults aged 18 through 25 who have served as Small Bangs or Big Bangs are given the opportunity to be coaches to the organization's younger participants, while receiving thorough training in both basketball and mentorship.



SPECIAL OLYMPICS PROGRAM

The Big bangs sponsor Special Olympics ACT, providing uniforms and financial contributions yearly the basketball program. As part of the Special Olympics Program, we provide a free basketball session aimed at intellectually disabled children in our target areas. As well as teaching basketball skills and having a lot of fun, we aim to:

- Build self-esteem
- Teach respect of self, team mates and officials
- Build trust
- Promote social inclusion
- Develop teamwork skills
- Provide exercise and promote an active lifestyle

As part of this program, skills and kids camps for young people with disabilities are run with support from dedicated disability support organizations.

WELCOME HOME PROGRAM

For many, basketball is their first experience of organised team sport in their adopted country. By providing a socially inclusive environment, the Big Bangs are promoting interaction, understanding and respect between new migrants and local communities. This program has proven to be very effective in removing barriers for young people by providing them with transportation to and from games, uniforms, coaching and equipment.

The Welcome Home program provides coaching for teams supported by the program free of charge, as well as assisting participants with associated financial expenses, such as registration fees, uniforms and equipment.

NIGHT HOOPS

Night Hoops is a packed Saturday night where kids can be in a safe environment, be fed healthy, well, almost always healthy, food, and enjoy the game of basketball.

Open to everyone 16 to 21, Night Hoops offers both coaching and teaching for those new to the game, as well as a mini-tournament for the more experienced kids.

Counselors, legal professionals and all kinds of experts will be on hand to provide advice for anyone that needs help with any aspect of their young lives, from dealing with jobs and authority figures, to simple help on where to find answers about pressing questions.

We are providing a supportive, relaxed evening full of life-skills and problem-solving techniques, balanced by a healthy dose of sports and teamwork, for a period of 5 to 8 weeks at a time.



Through a combination of basketball tournaments and life skills workshops, we aim to offer an experience that provides young people with a safe, healthy and positive environment at times when they may be vulnerable to harmful and anti-social behavior.

By working together with local stakeholders, businesses, government, and individuals can provide constructive alternatives for the young men and women at risk of drug, crime, and gang-related activity. Night Hoops keeps kids off the streets, teaches them self-discipline, and gives them an opportunity to make a positive change in their lives.

Some of our workshops;

- Employment Opportunities
- Interpersonal Relationships
- Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Conflict Resolution
- Know The Law, Know Your Rights
- Higher Education
- How To Apply For College

YOUTH JUSTICE PROGRAM

A modified version of our Skills Camp, over the course of 8 weeks, focus is on the technical aspects of basketball as well as developing the capacity of incarcerated youth to identify positive, effective solutions in both their social interactions and ability to deal with emotional and physical stress. Aimed at all levels of players, with teamwork, openness and positive attitude taught hand in hand with basketball fundamentals, drills and plays.

A “zero-tolerance” method is used to enforce discipline and positive conduct, with great emphasis on both the collective good and the individual’s responsibility to the group.



COUNTRY REPORTS

AUSTRALIA

It's been a busy year again for Australia!

Our recurring events now include:

1. Bimberi Youth Justice Program

Currently in its second year, this immensely successful program sees the Big Bangs head in to Bimberi and use the game of basketball to teach the program participants about teamwork, developing social skills, overcoming conflict and barriers and developing a sense of worth.

For most of the kids involved, it's a rare opportunity to interact with other youths their age who are neither impressed by nor intimidated by their crimes.

Our Youth Justice Program produces measurable results; decreased aggression, increased capacity to deal with conflict, greater ability to work with others and interact confidently and effectively.

2. Night Hoops

Our popular Night Hoops program has garnered quite a large amount of attention recently, including an invitation to play with Members and Senators of the Australian Parliament at the Parliament House basketball courts.

We are now averaging about 60 participants a night, with the Hyatt Hotel Canberra generously providing the catering.

We are also now seeing up to 30 girls attend per session, with wonderful support from Lindsay White. We will be looking to sponsor these lovely ladies in their basketball pursuits in the future, in both the u14 and u16 divisions and others, if required.

Night Hoops was also the recipient of a Grant:

\$48,850 Slam Dunk for Canberra Youth

Acclaimed Canberra based multicultural youth program the Big Bang Ballers have today received \$48,850 from the Gillard Labor Government to boost their popular Night Hoops program.

Announcing the new funding as part of the Government's Diversity and Social Cohesion Program at a visit to the Belconnen Basketball Stadium, Minister for Multicultural Affairs, Senator Kate Lundy, explained Night



Hoops is a popular program that engages migrant youth and youth at risk in basketball games, developing both basketball and life skills in a fun and safe environment.

“The Night Hoops program provides a safe and fun environment to develop mutual respect and lasting friendships,” Senator Lundy said.

“Night Hoops brings Canberra youth from all walks of life together, using the game of basketball. With the great guidance of the Big Bang team, these kids not only develop their basketball skills, they build on their life skills.

“This funding will enable the Big Bang Ballers to do what they do best – to coach and teach people who are new to the game, while also delivering workshops on racism and stereotypes.

“I’ve always said that sport acts as an enabler in bringing people of diversity together.

“This creative idea through the use of a basketball program serves to engage young people from vastly different backgrounds through the common interest of basketball.”

The Big Bang Ballers work closely with impoverished communities in other nations such as Afghanistan, Nepal and Uganda, where they work with some of the world’s most disadvantaged children, to create a sense of self worth and purpose. The Big Bang Ballers project is one of 60 successful applications under the 2013 14 Diversity and Social Cohesion Program, which will begin providing grants totalling \$2.8 million from 1 July 2013.

3. Santa Is A Baller

Yet another successful year of our worldwide tournament, Santa Is A Baller, was held at Canberra Grammar School, with over \$500 in donations received.

4. Cocktail Fundraiser at Tongue & Groove

Our sincere thanks again to Tongue & Groove, whose event netted us several thousand dollars in donations!

In addition, we are currently fielding a team in the local Men’s Social Competition, with plans to extend to the State League next season.



SENEGAL

Senegal is a new country for the Big Bangs in 2012-2013. Two main events can be underlined.

November 2012 : First Big Bang Tournament in Senegal.

In association with a local basketball school, lead by former captain of women national team Anne Marie Dioh, the Big Bangs organized a basketball tournament, three on three. Around 50 people, including 35 players, participated.



Even though it could have been better in terms of turn out, it was the first opportunity to introduce the Big Bangs in Senegal.

Players seemed to enjoy their day and called for this kind of events to be repeated.

Budget wise, the costs of the tournament (50 000 XOF or around 75 EUR) were supported by T shirts sales (40 000 XOF or around 60 EUR) and country director's personal donation.

June 2013 : Senegal week.

International and local Big Bangs participated in this fifth Big Bang week after Bangladesh, Philippines, Uganda and Nepal. 1200+ kids participated in Big Bang activities including street children, students from communautary schools and rural children.

For the very first time, a film maker, member of Big Bangs France, joined the team and produced a movie about this event.

Thanks to generous private and public donors, all camps related expenses as well as individual costs have been covered for all the members. It enabled some of the members to participate fully for the entire week.

As a follow up of this week, Ousmane, Big Bang representative for Senegal, will be sponsored to run Big Bangs activities in the coming year.

Total expenses represented 4 353 490 XOF or 6637 EUR covered by private donations through crowd-funding, Embassy of Luxembourg, Grenoble City Council and regional fundings.

Follow up :

Senegal shelters a first experience with Ousmane's sponsorship over a year. Ousmane, as Big Bang representative in Senegal, will be receiving 75 EUR per month split into 60 EUR for his personal costs and 15 EUR for projets. Two events



each month should be organized to ensure the funding. These activities will start in November 2013.



UGANDA

In March 2012, the Big Bangs undertook their first Tour of Uganda.

Our hosts were the Ottawa-based Friends of the Ugandan Child (FOUC), which since 2007 has been working in partnership with the local community-based organization Care for Your Life (CFYL) in the village of Kamengo.

FOUC and CFYL programs are dedicated to supporting emerging young leaders, promoting academic achievement and innovation, raising awareness about HIV, and promoting collaboration between different sectors of the community including community-based organizations, educational institutions, local authorities and faith-based organizations. Key objectives include strengthening the capacity of community members and orphans and vulnerable children to better manage the daily challenges they face and to increase the number of orphans and vulnerable children in Kamengo who receive educational and psychosocial support through the Kamengo Education Fund.

CFYL is essentially a school/home for kids in Kamengo, a small village in the Mpigi district, Uganda. Access is by vehicle along partially paved roads some 2 hours outside Kampala. Over 150 children form the CFYL community, all of whom receive educational scholarships. In addition, 5,000 people access the water pumps on site and 80 youth use the computer center and library. Medical missions at CFYL involve 3,500 patients per mission.

As part of our Tour, the Big Bang Ballers provided 2 sets of basketball uniforms, 200 t-shirts, almost 30 pairs of shoes and several basketballs to the male and female basketball teams of the CFYL community, as well as financial aid for both the teams and the CFYL centre itself.

Rodrigue and Pierre spent a week training the boys and girls teams, developing not only the basketball skills of the kids, but also emphasizing teamwork, valuing the skills and talents of team-mates, developing leadership skills as well as becoming more aware of the responsibility one has to the “team”.

At the conclusion of the week, Rod and Pierre helped the teams hold both a men’s and women’s tournament, attended by teams from the local area as well as Kampala.



FRANCE

Introduction

In May 2012, the Big*Bangs France shifted towards a new model with 3 main working directions :

- **Promoting social integration and animating the local life through sports events, charity events and the use of urban culture;**
- **Facilitating access to physical activities for all with special regards to education and public health issues;**
- **Leading youth projects at an international level, tackle youth poverty and social disadvantage through sports and education worldwide.**

Thanks to public funding, the french association was able to hire an employee to keep on developing activities in France as well as abroad. This part-time job combined with the effort of many volunteers have largely contributed to the growing number of actions for 2012-2013.

On a financial basis, the hiring of a part time staff allowed the budget to rise from 9,116 € (13,035 AUD) in 2011 (last full year, 2012 being only a 6 months exercise) to over 35,000€ (50,000 AUD) for 2012/2013.

Those who supported the Big*Bangs France in 2012/2013 :

Grenoble Metropole	Alpes-	3500€ (5,005 AUD)	General Grant
MCAE		10000€ (14,300 AUD)	Loan
City of Grenoble		1000€ (1,430 AUD)	Special grant for Summer League
Conseil général		1000€ (1,430 AUD)	Project Senegal
City of SMH		690€ (987 AUD)	Project Civil Rights movement
Fondation mutuel	Crédit	500€ (715 AUD)	Private donation (Bank)



Private Donations	3965€ (5,670 AUD)	Project Senegal
Embassy of Grand Duché du Luxembourg	1800€ (2,574 AUD)	Project Senegal

2012/2013 : EVENTS

The Big*Bangs France participated and contributed to numerous projects and actions in 2012/2013:

MULTI-SPORTS TOURNAMENT ON CAMPUS, SEPTEMBER 2012

First event on campus, 40 students were brought together to play different team sports (Volleyball, Handball and Basketball) during the same day ! The objectives were really down to earth : hiring new volunteers to help out later in the year. This years edition was a success, a few new members joined the team and everybody spent a good time together.

WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT AT THE YMCA, OCTOBER 2012

In Villeurbanne (near Lyon), 250 kids and adults tried to contribute to the attempt to shoot over 5 millions hoops worldwide, on a single day ! The **Big*Bangs** were there to help out organize the event and propose little games and contests. Just after a whole afternoon shooting, laughing and running around, two professional players from l'ASVEL (ProA) came to us. This first meeting was very fruitful and opened a opportunity for a partnership with the legendary club of l'ASVEL.





CHRISTMAS CHARITY TOURNAMENT, DECEMBER 22ND, 2012

Together with the City of Grenoble and the local Basketball Club, this years Christmas Tournament brought together more than 120 players ready to play for charity. With DJ Rizeum playing good old christmas hiphop Songs, the shooting skills contest and dunking contest were real showoffs.

ADAPTED BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT IN EYBENS, MARCH 9TH

This time, the **Big*Bangs** were partner of Eybens Sport Adapté, an organization working with mentally disabled people and promoting access to sports for all. The original of this tournament is that mentally disabled people play together with other players in mixed teams. No space for difference, 80 players dribbling side by side for the same purpose : enjoying their day and contributing to the **Big*Bangs** projects.



PARTNERSHIP WITH PROFESSIONAL TEAM ASVEL,
APRIL 19TH 2013

Thanks to our meeting with the players in Villeurbanne, the Big*Bangs were able to be the official partner of one of the best teams in France. The game versus Strasbourg was the occasion to show 6000 people who the Big*Bangs are. We were able to sell out more than 100 tickets, 30% of the sellings were donated to us by the franchise. Players wore Big*Bangs Tee-shirts for the warm-up and some of our volunteers were given the chance to participate in a small contest during a timeout. At the end of the game, Players were interviewed, filmed and photographed by our official filmmaker Nabil !

PROJECT "GIRLS ALL TOGETHER", SPRING 2013

Because we noticed that girls were underrepresented at our tournaments and in sports in general, we decided to build a project dedicated only to girls. We intervened twice in a youth structure and initiated about 20 girls to basketball. In this kind of disadvantaged neighborhoods, girls are often let aside when sports are on the program. A tournament has also been organized with about 30 women, this program will definitely grow next year: more girls will benefit from it and the tournament should bring together at least 100 players !

PROJECT
EXPOSITION ON
CIVIL RIGHTS
MOVEMENT AND
BASKETBALL,
MAY 2013



For the first year, the **Big*Bangs** France worked with 20 kids from a school near Grenoble. For a few hours, the kids worked on the topic of the civil rights movement linked to basketball.

Malcom X, Martin Luther King, Rosa Parks and Kareem Abdul Jabbar were the main characters of this projects along with the kids. Six big Banners were produced and are now following the **Big*bangs** crew wherever they go. Basketball and education match pretty well together!

SUMMER LEAGUE 2013, JUNE 2013

This year's Summerleague took place in four different locations around Grenoble, every friday evning of June :

- The first 3 on 3 tournament of the summer session has been organized in grenoble, the day theme was Senegal and e were able to collect 300€ for the upcoming trip
- Second meeting was in St Egreve, lots of players came to try to qualify their teams for the last friday. The topic of the day was "Basketball in a wheelchair", challenges and contest were all organized in wheelchairs !
- The third day was under the sign of the Civil Rights Movements and an overall Old School Style. HookShot contests and oldfashioned shorts were on. Finals, dunking and shooting contest as well as the All Star Game (Best players of the 3 tournaments), all took place on June 21st. Great Success, lots of players, the next step is a bigger involvement of the local young players in order for them to organize the tournament exactly the way they dream it.

QUEST LYONNAIS BASKET 3*3 TOURNAMENT, JUNE 9TH, 2013

Now that the Big*Bangs are growing, the goal is to initiate something new in the 2nd biggest city of France : Lyon. For this sake, the Big*Bangs were invited on a 3 on 3 tournament in this area, some of our vounteer organized and animated the tournament. This was the occasion to present the Big*Bangs to the inhabitants of

Lyon
future
the

and to recruit
volunteer for
french
Big*Bangs
Family.



INTERNATIONAL YOUTH TOURNAMENT/SAINT
EGRÈVE, JUNE 2013

In charge of the intercultural aspect of this event, the Big*Bangs had to facilitate the exchanges between young people from France, Switzerland and Albania. Thanks to our Network, we were also able to recruit Victor Samnick a professional player from Roanne to be the ambassador of the Tournament

SENEGAL WEEK, JUNE 14TH TO 22ND 2013

This project was the first one really co-organized by the french, Australian and Senegalese Branch of the Big*Bangs. Together, the Big Bang Ballers were able to collect more than 6000€ in order to finance this trip to Senegal, the camps with over 1200 kids and lots of Balls, shoes, shirts, etc.

Our local partners :

- **Village Pilote**, reintegrating street-children, www.villagepilote.org
- **YMCA Sibassor**, youth movement, yve-laurent@live.fr
- **Espoir enfant Diofior**, School and hosting structure for kids, www.espoirenfantdiofior.com
- **Les Gones de Mbours**, Day shelter for street-kids, www.lesgonessdembour.com



PASSE TON SMILE

From January to August 2013, Morgan and Anthony travelled throughout Asia with one mission : share their smile and discover people. Supported by the **Big*Bangs**, they went through ten countries and spent some time with the **Big*Bangs** Philippines to play with the kids and bring some material support.



NEPAL

Tours are always jam-packed for the Big Bang Ballers, however the Nepal Tour 2012 in September blew the roof off of the definition of “busy”!

Before we get into the details, a HUGE shout-out to our photographers, the legendary Mike Schreiber and the wonderful Riaz Lalla!

The Tour kicked off with a friendly game against local Nepalese ballers. While we would love to blame our loss on the fact that our main Team was unable to make the Tour, the fact is that these guys can ball! Great game, great vibe, lots of love on the day.

To follow up the game, the Big Bang Ballers held both a men’s and women’s 3×3 Tournament at the National Stadium to bring together local ballers and set the seeds for Big Bang Ballers – Nepal. The day was a resounding success, with several girls’ teams showing the boys just how talented girls are, and many, many ballers learning more about the Big Bangs and what we do in-country.

Next came a full-day camp at Heartland Children’s Academy. The Heartland Children’s Academy (HCA) is a fast growing, internationally supported school providing co-educational classes from Nursery, Lower Kindergarten, Upper Kindergarten, Primary and Secondary to class Ten, with over 330 students enrolled and over 30 staff members. HCA is supported by GDG, CLCR Australia and managed by CLCR Nepal and its global partners from the UK, New Zealand and Australia.

Most of the Big Bang Ballers who attended this Tour were Tour Rookies; the Heartland kids could not have been a better introduction to how the Big Bangs do things! Check out the pics on the Big Bang Ballers – Nepal facebook site; you’ll be smiling for hours!

Our next camp was to be held at the Sailung school. As a school we have supported with books and toys in the past, we were quite keen on making the long trek there. After a full day of driving and many hours of trekking through mountains and jungle, the team finally made it into the community around midnight. Ask any of the team members about the trek, it’s a story which has to be told in person.

The Big Bangs held several mini-camps throughout the day for all the kids in the school, as well as donating a laptop and books care of Big Bang Ballers – France. Make sure to check out the pictures, it was a blessing and an honour to be ballin on top of the world with such fantastic kids!

On return to Kathmandu, the Big Bang Ballers made a special visit to the HCC Orphanage, cooking for the kids and taking part in games and activities and donating shirts and cash. Reports from the day are incredibly inspiring to all of us here at Big Bang Ballers International.



A highlight of the Tour was meeting Anuradha Koirala. Ms. Anuradha Koirala is the Founder and Executive Director of Maiti Nepal. Born in Nepal and former English teacher, Ms. Koirala started Maiti Nepal in a small house in Kathmandu with her own savings. Today she is a widely recognized activist and lecturer who has dedicated her life to combating the sexual exploitation of women and children. Her accomplishments have been recognized through numerous awards. Her work is often dangerous and requires great personal sacrifice.

It's with great pride that we now call Ms Koirala a Big Bang Baller. Our Team Is Strong.



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