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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

The Brookwood Partnership provides contract catering services to 85 independent schools in London and the South East. The company is privately owned by three founding Partners and has been operating for 13 years.

Eighteen months ago we decided that we wanted to unite all our catering teams to achieve a common fundraising goal and I spent a huge amount of time talking to various charity organisations trying to decide which charity to support. It was extremely important to us to select an organisation that we could work closely with and one with whom our fundraising efforts would show immediate tangible results and one which are teams would relate to.

Build Africa stood out from all the other charities we spoke to. The project to build a school that could be ours was very appealing, the amount of money that we needed to raise to achieve success felt achievable and the people involved in the charity were approachable. All in all I felt we could work with Build Africa and we have never looked back. We agreed that we would build a school in Bunyama in the Masindi district, one of the poorest areas of West Uganda.

The Build Africa Team was with us at the launch and communication of the project at our annual Managers' Conference. They gave presentations, provided DVD's that we used to present to our teams, they sent thank you letters once the money started to come in, they gave detailed progress reports and supported us in every possible way to achieve the common goal.

We gave ourselves a target to complete our school within a year. I self-funded a trip in July and was accompanied by two fantastic Build Africa employees to Uganda where we visited various schools, including ours, which was under construction. I was able to take photographs and film the progress being made and communicate this back to my teams in the UK. We made a very moving, emotional video which you are able to see on our website [www.brookwood-ptnrs.com](http://www.brookwood-ptnrs.com).

In November of this year we achieved our target. We are going to continue to work with Build Africa during 2010 to build a further classroom block in Bunyama and we will also be visiting Uganda again to report progress and gain further understanding of the region and its needs.

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I cannot recommend Build Africa strongly enough. They are professional, passionate, hard working, focused, good humoured and great fun to work with. Their communication with us has always been fantastic; they have helped in every possible way and given us their complete support. They have totally exceeded all our expectations of working with a charitable organisation and we have made some lifelong friends, as well as helping hundreds of children receive the education they so deserve.

I am happy, should you require any further information, to talk with you in person and can be contacted on the number below.

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