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## SOUTHERN AFRICAN COMMUNITY USA (SACU) GRANTED 501 (3) (C) NON-PROFIT STATUS!

SACU is now a tax exempt organization

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Southern African Community USA is proud to announce it is now officially a public charity with tax-exempt status under Section 501(c) (3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code. Contributions donated to SACU are fully tax-deductible retroactive to October 22, 2013. SACU became a registered non-profit organization in October of 2013. It had since been working towards getting this designation, "Obtaining 501(c) (3) status is a major milestone for SACU" remarked Executive Director and Founder Rachel Ngiwete.

SACU is now eligible to apply for government and foundation grants, which will further broaden its access to resources and strengthen its ability to serve the Southern African Community. Co-Founder and Marketing Director, Sitinga Kachipande remarked, "It will open many doors for us to expand our fundraising activities which help us meet our goals for the community."

Supporting its mission to unite Southern Africans and increase the visibility of the Southern African community in the USA, SACU recently hosted its second annual reunion weekend. During this four day event, Southern Africans gathered in the Washington D.C. area to attend two trailblazing events. Southern African Fashion Show and Southern African Professionals Networking Breakfast were included in addition to the Family Picnic and Flag Party held at its inaugural weekend in 2013. SACU is planning to host other events over the next few months that will build community amongst Southern Africans and keep this community in the public eye. The recent new tax designation will help SACU better serve its community.

The SACU (EID) is 46-3236467. The IRS letter granting SACU its 501(c) (3) tax-exempt status is available upon request. Donation and sponsorship inquiries can be sent to info@southernafricancommunity.org.

### **About Southern African Community USA (SACU):**

Southern African Community USA, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit with a mission is to unite Southern African communities in the USA and to raise the visibility of Southern African communities. SACU hosts a series of events throughout the year, including sporting competitions, picnics, networking events, and fashion shows that are focused on this underrepresented region of the continent. It also works on community outreach and advocacy for issues concerning Southern Africans. The organization represents Africans from the countries of Angola, Botswana, Democratic Republic of Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Tanzania, Mauritius, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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