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MEDIA ALERT

***Be the change* Botswana Orphan fundraising concert on 20 June 2009**

On 20 June this fundraising concert is the final hurrah for the project team raising funds to provide food, education, health and care for orphaned children of Botswana.

Parsons Brinckerhoff QLD Director Michael Kerry applauded their efforts.

“The team has persevered in the tough economic climate to raise over \$32,000 – not to mention they’ve sourced approximately \$130,000 in material donations and in-kind support.

“This is the team’s last dash to raise over \$20,000 to fund bricks and furniture for the dormitories,” said Mr Kerry.

On 21 June the team leaves for Thamaga in Botswana to build the orphanage.

Project coordinator Ryan Williams was born in Botswana and has seen the poor quality of life of children orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

“With this work we can show these kids that life is worth living.

“We’re aiming to share our skills and knowledge with the local tradespeople and community – and leave a lasting, positive legacy.”

Queensland University of Technology students have designed the orphanage which includes a school and a bakery to financially sustain the project.

Students and lecturers from QUT will help build the orphanage and teach building skills to Thamaga locals so they can continue construction after the team has left Botswana.

Be the change will headline indie rockers Fatis Valour, who supported Matt Corby on the Australian Idol Winners Journey National Tour and headlined Easterfest ‘08, along with artists Andy Taylor, Caitlin Turner and others.

When:	7.00pm on Saturday 20 June
Where:	Logan Entertainment Centre 170 Wembley Road, Logan Central
Cost:	\$25 at the door

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