



Chariots of Destiny Organization

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To all members of the **Chariots of Destiny Organization (COD)**

As we get into the second month of 2009, it seems like it was only last month that we officially launched and registered the Chariots of Destiny Organization. We've looked back at our achievements for the last year and entered into a new term, with a new management committee, new commitments, set goals and started off with enthusiasm.

We are proud to have started the year with the launch of our redesigned and more interactive website. The website contains updated and revised information on our projects including pictures in the photo gallery and a transport survey that we are working on as we look forward to launching our *Smooth Ride Project*. Members are encouraged to give us their suggestions, ideas and feedback on the website.

Despite the challenges we faced at the beginning of 2008, we ended the year peacefully and successfully having achieved a number of our goals. Amongst other events COD participated at the World Remembrance Day for road crash victims that took place on the 16th of November 2008 at the Kenya International Conference Center Nairobi. COD joined with the Association of Safe International Road Travel (ASIRT), the Red Cross Association and other organizations to mark this annual event. The former president of Kenya Daniel Arap Moi was the guest of honor at the event and members of COD were privileged to have him visit our stand and sign the Make Roads Safe petition. Please visit our website for details and pictures of the event.

Last year we also were privileged to have two members of COD including the Executive Director Casey Mareng travel to the USA to represent COD at several conferences and events. The members amongst other events got to speak and participate at the SafeKids International Organizations 20th anniversary event held in Washington, DC and also met with members of Congress on Capitol Hill and discussed the global Make Roads Safe campaign. COD were humbled and grateful to the USA COD team members that provided continuous support! To read more details on the COD trip to the USA please visit www.chariotsofdestiny.org

This month COD has launched a project titled "*Adopt a Chair*" to provide wheelchairs to the less fortunate in rural areas! Members are encouraged to adopt a chair/s which will be distributed to the less fortunate that have to rely on well-wishers to provide some sort of mobility. The COD website provides all the information on this project and how you can be a part of this great initiative!

Following the UN General Assembly Road Safety debate that took place on the 31st of March 2008, there shall be a governmental conference in Moscow in November 2009 to discuss a Decade of Action for road safety with the aim to reduce the projected increase in road deaths by 50% by 2020. With the number of people killed or injured on our Kenyan roads it is time for us to take action! We invite you to participate in the Decade of Action 2010-2020 awareness campaign. The dates and venue for the campaign and how you can participate can be found on the website.

We shall introduce a member section in our next newsletter where members can write articles or any information that they would like to share with our growing number of members. To be involved or to give us feedback on our newsletters please write to newsletter@chariotsofdestiny.org and we will respond as soon as possible.

We thank you for your support thus far and we encourage you all to become active members of this organization as we aim to make a positive difference *One Step at a Time!* I wish you all a safe, peaceful and prosperous year ahead!

Kind Regards,

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