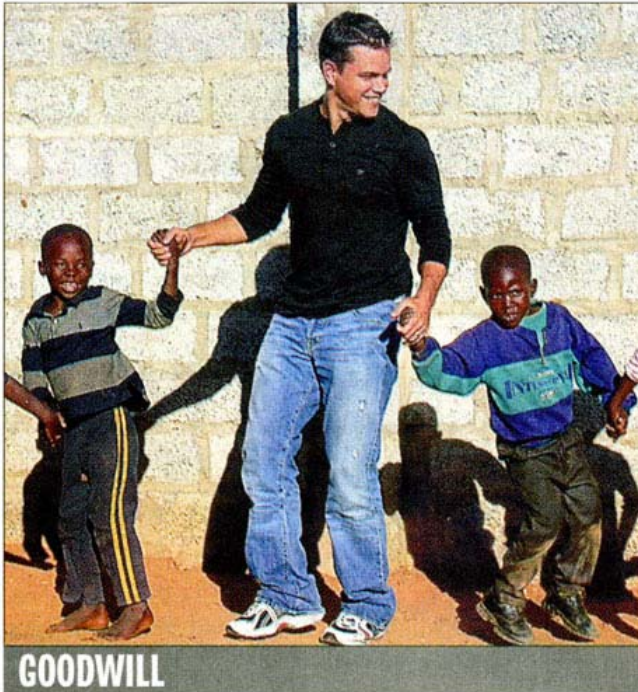


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## **DAMON IS TORONTO-BOUND**

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# Damon to host T.O. gala

BY GAYLE MacDONALD

In May, Matt Damon spent about a week in Zambia as the guest of two anti-poverty/AIDS advocacy groups. The Oscar-winning actor was there to learn about the plight of the more than one billion who live on less than a dollar a day.

Yesterday, it was announced that Damon is taking on a new cause — vulnerable children. And the father of seven-week-old daughter Isabella will arrive in Toronto on Sept. 10 to host the second annual benefit gala One X One, which in 2005 raised \$1.3-million for needy children. As MC, Damon will be joined on stage at the Carlu by the Grammy Award-winner John Legend and Juno prize takers Raine Maida and Chantal Kreviazuk. The event, hosted last year by Kate Hudson, will coincide with the opening weekend of the Toronto International Film Festival.

"I'm looking forward to attending this year's One X One event to share my personal experiences from a recent trip I took to Africa and to learn more about how we can all make a difference in the fight against poverty in one of the world's most beautiful lands," Damon said in a release.

Founded by Joelle Berdugo Adler, One X One distributed funds last year to charities such as War Child Canada, Right to Play, Boys & Girls Clubs of Canada, Child Find and the African Children's Choir.

Damon's trip to Africa early in May was through DATA (debt AIDS trade Africa) and ONE: The Campaign to Make Poverty History. The actor, who shared a screenplay Oscar with Ben Affleck for *Good Will Hunting*, is now a spokesman for the groups, along with *Ocean's 13* pals Brad Pitt and George Clooney.

Besides currently shooting the third *Ocean's* sequel, Damon and Pitt may rub shoulders in Toronto as well. Pitt, who stars in Mexican di-

