



Miss Africa USA 2008-2009 Nyasha Zimucha and Nicola Breytenbach

SOUTH AFRICAN-BORN model Nicola Breytenbach, who currently lives and works in New York with her husband Benjamin Steiner, recently co-chaired a charity fundraising event in New York for the godfather of hip-hop, Russel Simmons' Diamond Empowerment Fund (DEF). Funds were raised in aid of the Community And Individual Development Association (CIDA City Campus) in Johannesburg, South Africa. The event also served as the official launch of 'Africa's Angels', a new ambassador programme for the DEF – where Nicola was named the first 'Angel'. Each Africa Angel will be selected for their compassion and commitment to the DEF's mission in support of the organisation's vision to help africans help Africa through education that empowers and provides tangible skills to help build lives. Says Nicola: "I recently visited CIDA Campus in Johannesburg, South Africa and was blown away by what I saw. What has been accomplished by

CIDA with the support of DEF is unbelievable – a free university at which students can obtain recognised degrees, together with accommodation and a totally unique approach to education. It's truly inspiring to see what the vision of a few can accomplish."



**Above: LL Cool J, Nicola, Russell Simmons and David Blaine
Right: Nicola, David Blaine and Nicola's husband Ben**

