**SAVE HOMELESS GIRLS FROM POVERTY**

**Kayayei - homeless girls porter** have become painful reminders to Ghanaians that outmoded traditions and customs are human tragedies, especially for girls. Kayayei are mostly teenage girls from the northern parts of Ghana who run to Accra, to avoid being sold off into marriage or witch-hunted or to look for greener pastures. Because they are homeless and clueless, they get raped, enslaved, beaten up, forced into prostitution and/or molested in horrible ways. With a funding of **US$25,550,** Totally Youth will be able to train 120 Kayayei (18 – 22 year olds), in batches of 15 as professional domestic Assistants, annually.

**The Kayayei** will be in transitional internship at Totally Youth where they will have hands-on practical training in housekeeping, cooking, cleaning, washing and babysitting. We will also build their capacity in personal relations, work ethics, personal hygiene and money management. They will go through medical checks to ensure that they have no communicable diseases, allergies and/or addictions. They will qualify as professional Domestic Assistants who can provide paid services including housekeeping, cooking, cleaning, washing and babysitting. We will place them through direct advertising and stringent interview of prospective companies, organizations and households. We will monitor their progress to ensure that employers are treating them properly. Placements will be based on Service Level Agreements to protect their rights and ensure their safety. With timely support, the project will be self-sustaining in 2 years, since employers will pay placement fees.

**Totally Youth** is a tax-exempt not-for-profit NGO licensed to conduct business in the areas of programme management, incubation, internship, placement, capacity building, advocacy, mentoring and counseling. We will train 15 Kayayei, every 6 weeks. Domestic Assistants are in very high demand and turnover is very high due to lack of professionally trained assistants. Potential employers include the hospitality industry, donor community, pensioners and working families with children. We already have in place the facilities and most of the tools and equipment for the training. We however need **US$25,550** to cover the following:

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| **FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR A YEAR** | | |
| **ITEM** | **AMOUNT US$** | **COMMENT** |
| MEALS | 3,600.00 | For 120 Kayayei |
| CLOTHING | 3,000.00 | For 120 Kayayei |
| PERSONAL HYGIENE | 7,200.00 | For 120 Kayayei |
| CAMPING ITEMS | 750.00 | One-off purchases for use by Kayayei |
| TRAINING CONSUMABLES | 2,000.00 | For 120 Kayayei |
| TRAINER’S ALLOWANCE | 4,000.00 | For one trainer for 8 training batches |
| TOOLS AND APPLIANCES | 2,000.00 | One-off purchases for training |
| CAMP SITE REHABILITATION | 3,000.00 | One-off cost |
| **TOTAL** | **US$25,550.00** |  |