

AfricAid

AfricAid is a nonprofit organization that supports girls' education in Africa in order to provide young women with the opportunity to shape their own lives and the futures of their communities.



Working to provide African girls with educational opportunities

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AfricAid envisions a future in which all African girls have access to high-quality educational opportunities that empower them to identify needs in their own communities and take action to address them.

AfricAid's origins date back to 1996, when its founder, Ashley Shuyler, traveled to Tanzania with her family at the age of 11 and saw first-hand the enormous educational needs that exist there. Determined to find a way to help, she formed AfricAid, which gained its nonprofit status in 2001, and which has since raised over \$650,000 in its efforts to help support the educational needs of girls in Africa.

Since 2001, AfricAid has provided educational opportunities for thousands of students in nine schools across northern Tanzania. Specifically, AfricAid has provided over 200 secondary school scholarships, built classrooms at three overcrowded schools, started a school lunch program, provided computers for vocational training, and supplied over \$100,000-worth of textbooks, school supplies, and other classroom materials to needy Tanzanian schools. Most recently, AfricAid has expanded its reach to establish an innovative, countrywide teacher training initiative that will drastically improve the quality of teaching in Tanzanian classrooms over the course of the next five years.



Headquartered in Golden, Colorado, AfricAid has received rapidly-increasing support and publicity for its work in promoting awareness of the educational needs of girls in Africa. Through unique and creative fundraising efforts, including a climb of Mt. Kilimanjaro in 2003, the work of



AfricAid Clubs throughout the country, and its unique AfricAid Kids' Team concept, AfricAid has dramatically expanded its reach in recent years. As AfricAid continues to grow, it will focus its efforts on creating a new and important leadership training initiative for girls across Africa.

AfricAid also believes that we in the United States have a responsibility to help build a culture of service learning and service activities among the youth of America. As a result, AfricAid promotes the work of the AfricAid Kids' Team and the AfricAid Clubs that have been formed in schools throughout the country, including Utah, Georgia, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Wisconsin, Pennsylvania and Colorado. Most recently, AfricAid has developed the "Changemakers" Service Learning Curriculum project, a curriculum for elementary school teachers in the United States that can be used to help teach young children the value and satisfaction that comes from developing life-long habits of serving, giving and caring.

All of AfricAid's efforts are dedicated to the truth that one person or one child can make a difference in this world.