At the Riyah Foundation, it is our firm belief that all children deserve a chance to get a quality education, as it is the best way for them to realize their true potential. Our goal is to:
- Provide children with the opportunity to learn and develop, so they can
  1) Provide food and shelter for themselves and their family
  2) Grow up to be an integral and healthy part of their communities
- Provide children with educational tools and opportunities that
  1) Help them to get a job and survive
  2) Inspire them to become independent thinkers and future leaders

Liberia Needs Education

Liberia is a country where adults have an average of 2.5 years of schooling, and the 2017 literacy rate for adults ages 15-24 (meaning they can write and read a simple complete sentence about themselves) was 45%. More than half of primary-school-age children are currently not in school, and this percentage increases dramatically in secondary school. Of the 48% of Liberian children who are in school in primary grades, 65% of boys and 73% of girls drop out by grade 5. And the net enrollment for secondary school is only 34%. There are many children who want to attend school, but are unable to do so because of a lack of money, supplies, or transportation, or because they are trapped in a family situation in which they have to work or watch children while others work. With no hope of ever being able to live a better life and no way to discover or participate in a world outside of the poverty they were born into, these children have no alternative but to either roam the streets or work in the fields to earn a living.

14 year old Madusu comes from a family that was devastated by the deadly Ebola virus. Her father contracted the virus first. Although he got well, her mother and brother didn’t survive. Her father is currently jobless, and Madusu is currently living with a family member who can’t afford to send her to school.

The Riyah Foundation gets these children in school by providing:
- Tuition
- Uniforms
- Shoes
- School supplies

About Us

Riyah means care. And that is what we do. The Riyah Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization working to provide basic healthcare, education and food to people who are deprived of these necessities. Our primary goal is to work for the people of Liberia, as it is among the poorest countries in the world, living conditions are deteriorating daily, and the need for help is immediate and pressing. The country and people are close to our hearts, and we strongly desire to bring education and improve the quality of life for those who live there.

Changing Lives One Child At A Time

In September 2018, Riyah foundation enrolled and is maintaining support for 15 students in school. Although their ages range from 5 to 15 years of age, this was the first time most of them who have ever attended school. Those who had previously attended school had been forced to drop out because their families could no longer afford to pay their school fees.