

THE POWER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

\$ 1 can buy school supplies: Pencils and paper.

\$ 5 can buy 3 text books

\$10 can buy a school bag and books that a child in Africa desperately needs.

\$20 can buy a school bag, text books and supplies.

\$ 50 can buy school uniform, textbooks and supplies for a needy student.

\$150 can pay tuition for one academic term thus providing a chance of a lifetime to a less fortunate student.

\$500 can pay tuition for a complete school year thus helping a poor girl realize her full potential and making a life long difference.

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Nobody makes a greater mistake than he who does nothing because he believes he could only do little!
- Edmund Burke

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The power to make a lasting positive difference in the lives of the under-privileged is in our own hands. Support us to advance their growth as independent citizens who will make a positive contribution to the world.

We believe that it takes a 'village' to raise a child! Whoever does a little favor to a child, brings blessings to her/himself



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*The Power to Make a
Lasting Difference
Is Within Us*



Significance social change emanates from the action we take today. Please be part of the movement to help children help themselves.

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About Us

Links Africa is a non-profit organization founded to contribute to efforts addressing challenges facing girls from underprivileged families in Africa. We are focused on increasing access to quality secondary school education - our motivation emanates from recognition of the important role women play in families. We believe that if girls are left behind, all other economic, social and political goals would never be fully achieved as a woman is the nucleus of the family.

Links Africa concurs with research that reveals how poverty condemns poor girls to death. After they drop out of school, they are either forced to marry elderly men in order to settle family debts; or get pregnant out of wed-lock thus producing poorer families; or join commercial sex industry where they are likely to contract HIV/AIDS and die at a tender ages. Without the most needed intervention to alleviate poverty, the option these poor girls have is just ultimate death.

Mission

We advocate positive social change by facilitating access to educational opportunities for girls in order to bridge the gender and knowledge gaps. Links Africa realizes the growing importance of education in development as the world increasingly functions as a knowledge-based society.

Vision

Links Africa envisions a world where education is a Human Right of all regardless of race, gender, religion or socio-economic status.

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED

Sponsor a Child

Links Africa facilitates a sponsorship program that is direct, personal and hands-on. As a sponsor, you can choose from the following options:

- **Direct Sponsorship:** Links Africa working in collaboration with participating schools maintains a database of needy students. Since there are three terms in an academic year, you can choose to sponsor a child for a complete year or term.
- **Links Africa Award:** You can choose to contribute to this merit based award that is offered to the best performing students as an incentive to encourage excellence.



Fight Against Female Genital Mutilation (FGM)

Links Africa advocates against outdated cultural practices such as FGM that make girls vulnerable to physical, psychological, and mental abuse. We also educate girls against early or forced marriages, sex trafficking, and child labor, which forces girls to drop out of school - Education is the key to the realization of human dignity.

Resource Center

Information is power! Links Africa manages a resource center that provides books, magazines, access to computer, basic computer training, counseling, and academic guidance services to needy children.

Mentoring Program

Links Africa facilitates mentors - mentees- relationship with students from an under-privileged family in Africa. We maximize the use of information technology including cellular phones, text messaging, and the Internet to achieve effective mentoring of students separated thousands of miles from the mentor.

RESULT & IMPACT

Listen to the Children

Rollaine, 14, says, "My sponsor has been so wonderful to me. Her help has made it possible for me to be in school. I just feel she helps me out a lot. Today, I would still be in the village not knowing what my future holds. I write letters to her and she writes to me. She likes to know how I am doing in school and I tell her everything about school and my family. She tells me about America and I tell my friends about the greatness of her country."

Jackline, 20, says, "Though I feel odd sitting in class with students who are about four years younger, I appreciate the support and the opportunity to be back to school. I know I can dare to dream again. With an education I know the sky will be the limit for me. That is why I'm working very hard in order to excel and gain admission to the best University. Peter, my benefactor, has become like family to me. There is no sweeter thing than to know someone cares that much. My family too appreciates the help I get from this Good Samaritan. We pray for him all the time"

Lillian, 16, says, "I have no idea where I would be today! My sponsor has made a big difference in my life. I am the best student in my class. I'm working hard to gain admission to college. In future, I would like to work with the government and support my family. I know this will happen because my sponsor is there for me. I will be the first girl from my entire village to attend college. I will not let anything stop my dreams. Thank you my sponsor. Thank you for thinking about me from a country far away from Africa"

Good News!

Last year, more than 15 girls got the opportunity to attend school through donations from people like you. However, research shows millions of children are STILL out of school due to poverty, FGM, forced marriages, or child labor. **Please help make a difference today!**