

Candidate Organization: Christ's Hope International
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Brief Organization History

Christ's Hope International is working towards an AIDS-free world. Our work is to assist people in danger of contracting HIV, those suffering from AIDS, their caregivers, and at-risk children whose families have been dramatically impacted by AIDS. Because of social stigma, these people are truly the poorest of the poor in Africa. Children who are orphaned often become abandoned by surviving family members to institutional orphanages. They are often forced to leave school or take on deplorable work in order to survive. Above all these children have no means of learning how to survive without the effect of AIDS and therefore, the terrible cycle of the disease continues to affect future generations.



Our Strategy

Our organization's focus is to care for the AIDS affected orphaned and vulnerable child. We help those who are abandoned, neglected, and lack family support by facilitating children to live with extended and foster families in their community over orphanages. Christ's Hope supports these children through our Ministry CarePoint model that holistically serves the children multiple times each week and provides home monitoring and support.

Through the Ministry CarePoint children receive: Physical Care, Social Care: life-skills, Spiritual Care, Emotional Care, and Academics Support



Project Background:

Location: Urban slum area of Mwanza, Tanzania (on Lake Victoria)

Time of year: Any time

Description of Projects:

1. Backpack Program: Provide each child in the Ministry CarePoints a backpack containing school uniform, shoes, school supplies, and hygiene packs.
2. Fund School fees: \$175 per child

3. Business to Business resource and development symposium for business and young adults. This is a great opportunity for Rotarians from both Tanzania and the USA to share their business and organization models, as well as experience with one another and teenage and college students for inspiration and learning. (think Ted's talk).
4. Work project. We have a variety of hands on repair, paint, and maintenance projects that the team can be an important part of.

Has this type of project been completed before: Yes

Christ's Hope has been working with AIDS affected orphaned and vulnerable children for over twelve years in Africa. Through our experience we have developed this model of care that promotes family preservation over orphanages and also demonstrates strong positive results with far more cost efficiency.

Needs and Goals:

Christ's Hope has developed several funding channels to sustain the Ministry CarePoint model in order to reach some of the millions of very vulnerable children in Africa. Academic costs are one of the larger costs within our model that has critical impact and long-term benefits for the children in our program. Numerous studies have confirmed that the further children are able to progress in school, the lower the odds of their contracting HIV and AIDS in addition to increased odds of moving out of poverty. The correlations are from a number of factors, but education is one of the important pillars to eradicating AIDS. A majority of the children in our program would not be afforded the opportunity to go to school without assistance.

The most recent statistics are approximately 3500 men, women, and children die each day because of AIDS; another 4800 become infected with HIV virus...every day. AIDS Leaves in its wake an estimated 2000 children every day to become orphaned and vulnerable and in adversity.

Goals are to assist the local community:

1. For AIDS affected orphaned and vulnerable children to attend and excel in school.
2. U.S. Rotary club(s) partner with the local Mwanza Rotary club and children in our program to help with the packing and distribution of 100+ backpacks.
3. Educate hygiene and health information. This has Reduce many common hygiene related diseases...worms, ring worms, chiggers, dysentery, polio, typhoid, malaria.
4. Inspire, inform, and educate on a variety of business and organizational best practices. A wonderful opportunity to engage local and international discussions that can help promote and generate opportunities.

Potential Impact:

Children are empowered to live with families, go to school, grow in emotional and physical health, greatly reduce the risk of contracting HIV and AIDS, and have opportunity to be raised out of poverty.

Is this project sustainable in the long term? Yes

Our Ministry CarePoint model is staffed with indigenous men and women who are passionate about their continuing work. Through continuing training and development, Christ's Hope continues to refine and administer the best care and service that has resulted in encouraging outcomes.

Traverse Bay Sunrise Rotary Club

How will Traverse Bay Sunrise Rotarians be involved? (i.e. what kind of work or tasks will members have the opportunity to do? Are there accommodations for different levels of mobility)

One of the most important things our Rotary club brings is the opportunity of influence, relationship, and insight. Working together with the local Rotarians in Mwanza and the children in our program, we will pack and distribute backpacks to children in the Ministry CarePoint. Further, the team will also have opportunity to develop relationships with the children through tutoring, teaching, and interactive activities.

The other great opportunity is for the team to be part of a business to business symposium. Exchanging ideas, challenges, experiences, and opportunities together with African leaders, but also with young people who are eager to learn and explore new ideas and gain a vision for a world outside their own.

Is there a possibility for future involvement, please explain:

Definitely! Our hopes are that the relationships forged and the work started could be expanded and built upon. We have served in this community since 2007 and have a many established relationships with schools, businesses, and government.

Lodging and ground transportation summary. Also explain how you would handle 50-100 people.

We have two of our own walled and gated facilities near each other along Lake Victoria that can house up to 20 people. In addition, there are nice quality hotels within 5 minutes that can accommodate larger groups. We have a 15 passenger van for transport. Also, we have good relationships with local transport companies that will accommodate larger teams.

What are the safety and/or logistic concerns? The team would be accompanied at all time by our local staff. Tanzania is a stable multi ethnic and religious country, with a democratically elected government. Generally security is good in Tanzania. Christ's Hope has a defined and developed crisis management plan in place and takes great strides to make each team experience as safe and pleasant as possible.

Our office in Mwanza, Tanzania is two hours from the gates of the Serengeti National Park, one of the greatest safari adventures available on earth! This would be included in the team experience. We use a very reliable safari company that we have had a long experience with.

Final Comments:

Christ's Hope International is thrilled to partner with Rotary International. Your key mission areas of goodwill, health, education, and poverty alleviation are all addressed by the work of Christ's Hope.

And, Rotary's areas of focus in disease prevention, basic education and literacy, and economic development are clearly the goals of our work as well. We hope you will consider partnering with us and look forward to sharing more details on how Rotary can become a catalyst to serve some of these least assisted people in the world including AIDS orphans in the poorest communities. Thank you for your consideration!

Trip Details:

Approximately 10 days (can be longer)

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| In country cost for food, lodging, transportation, and 2 day, 1 night safari | \$1230 |
| Approximate flight costs- international – Traverse City to Dar salaam | \$1500 |
| Approximate in-country flights: Dar to Mwanza | <u>\$ 120</u> |
| Total Approximate cost: | \$2750 |

Project Costs

Backpack for kids:

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| a. Uniforms & shoes | \$60 |
| b. Hygiene packs | \$25 |
| c. Backpack & school supplies | <u>\$15</u> |
| | \$100 per child |

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| d. School fees | \$175 |
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| Total | \$275 |
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| Total team and project cost per person:* | \$3025 |
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*Through working with the foundation, Rotarians cost could be reduced by 1/3 -1/2.