

# Gift Catalog

AFCA'S GUIDE TO HAND-PICKED, SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS



# **J O B   C R E A T I O N   P A C K S**

## **BEE PACKAGE**

Ongoing trainings, a bee hive, a bee suit, and the sales of honey are all part of this sweet package per family.

Cost: \$250

## **GOAT PACKAGE**

A water filter, a solar lamp, a female goat (you get to name her!), training, seeds, and garden tools make up this package. Cost per family: \$250

## **RICE PADDY PACKAGE**

HIV+ moms have found good work in the rice paddy project! They earn a good living which enables them to keep kids in school and to eat well. Cost of seeding for a year: \$4500. Share of Rice Package: \$375

## **GARDEN PACKAGE**

HIV+ women manage a large community garden that feeds orphaned and school children while providing them with a fair wage. Cost: one year of salaries \$3,840  
Share of Garden Package: \$320

## **SISAL**

HIV+ widowed mothers are hired to work at our sisal project in Kenya. There, they receive fair pay for their work and elderly women also earn a living through making rope. Share of Sisal Project: \$500

## **TAILORING**

From tailoring shops to sewing groups, women learn to sew by hand and on sewing machines. They make beautiful items, such as dresses, belts, backpacks and skirts, as well as practical items such as school uniforms and pad kits. Support a woman today to receive a year of training for \$200





# EDUCATIONAL GIFTS

## SCHOOL FEES

School fees are impossible for many children to afford. With your help, those who can't afford it can still go to school. Cost for a child per year: \$75

## SCHOOL LUNCHES

A nutritious lunch, complete with veggies, fruit, a protein (eggs, fish, beans, and/or peanut butter) will help keep young bellies full so they can learn more. Cost: \$20 per month per child

## TEACHER SALARIES

Educators need a salary and we'd like to keep the teachers who currently work with our children as they are so very good. Our kids outperform those in local, public schools! Cost: \$375 per month  
Share of Teacher Salaries: \$50

## SCHOOL BOOKS

Do you know that public schools don't usually mean "free"? Children are expected to go to school with \$44 worth of books, an incredible sum! Today, you can make sure kiddos have what they need. Cost: \$44 for a set of school books

## SCHOOL KITS

A school kit with pencils, pens, notebooks, scissors, ruler, glue, file folders, and colored pencils help students with items they could never afford but which are required. Cost: \$20



# KITS

## PAD KIT

Can you believe that it is biology that keeps many girls out of school? When no supplies are available for period protection, girls miss 3-5 days of school per month! Provide a reusable pad kit so a girl can stay in school. Cost: \$30

## MATERNITY KIT

Plastic sheeting, a razor to cut the umbilical cord and string to tie the cord, gloves, soap, and baby blankets make up this kit, keeping those helping with a birth safe from blood that might be contaminated with HIV or other viruses. Cost: \$25

## BABY KIT

We make sure babies go home dressed in clean clothes, with cloth diapers, sweater, hat, booties, and a couple soft layette blankets. This is a dream for moms who would normally wrap their baby in plastic or newspaper for the walk home. Cost: \$35

## THE 40 FOOT KIT

Sponsor the shipping and delivery of a 40' container of medical and educational supplies to serve children and their families. Thousands of lives are impacted! Cost: \$15,000. Share of a container: \$150

## WATER FILTER KIT

A good water filter kit makes the difference between water borne illnesses such as diarrhea, cholera and typhoid and a healthy life. Purchase one today for a family. Cost: \$70







a long drop toilet (loo) built using both ecobricks and regular blocks.

A solar lamp, water filter and hand-washing station are all part of the LooLove package.

Cost per latrine: \$275

In the Matopos region of Zimbabwe, local volunteers identified families infected or affected with HIV/AIDS who lack a toilet. This means that these families are defecating and urinating in the tall grasses or forests surrounding their homes. AFCA builds long drop toilets (loos) using recycled materials, providing the families with decent and safe toilets.

Various issues arise from people defecating and urinating in the open:

1. Diseases including diarrhea, typhoid, dysentery, and intestinal worm infections increase, exacerbating stunting and death
2. Women and girls unable to access a toilet for their personal hygiene while menstruating can contract infections and diseases
3. Women and girls often resort to relieving themselves at night to avoid being seen by male family members or neighbors. This leads to sexual violence and rape in many cases.

The use of good, decent toilets will have many benefits for the recipient families including: the reduction of the spread of intestinal worms, schistosomiasis, typhoid, cholera, and trachoma, which are the cause of much suffering. They will promote dignity and boost safety, particularly for women and girls. Water sources will not be contaminated by fecal matter, meaning that families will have cleaner water sources for drinking and irrigation of fields. We expect to see better health all around!

## TREE PROJECT

Research has shown that the Matabeleland South and North Provinces of Zimbabwe have the highest incidences of malnourished children in the whole South African Development Community Region. This is due to the combination of erratic rainfall, poverty and the high rates of HIV/AIDS. In a survey conducted by AFCA partner Green Island Vision, it was established that over 50% of the pupils at six schools are orphans, most as a result of HIV/AIDS.

In an attempt to combat poverty, support families impacted by HIV/AIDS and conserve threatened indigenous trees, AFCA is supporting a combined indigenous/exotic/fruit tree project in the Umzingwane and Matobo Districts by planting and distributing 50,000 trees over five years.

The objectives are to:

- Cultivate indigenous trees for distribution in school and communal gardens.
- Cultivate fruit trees (mango, avocado, citrus) for distribution to families and schools for food and for honey production
- Cultivate trees that provide medicinal benefit to humans and livestock
- Create employment/financial opportunities for vulnerable and HIV/AIDS-impacted families.
- Cultivate species of fast-growing exotic trees which will provide substitutional use for fuelwood, building materials, tool handles and traditional medicines, in order to protect and conserve indigenous trees
- Teach the value of sustainable harvesting

Share of Tree Project: \$150

Yearly cost: \$15,000







## UNDESIGNATED

Keeping the lights on has a cost to it, as well. Salaries, phones, postage, warehouse space, and so much more is all part of the expenses we incur monthly and yearly but which is rarely addressed. We need both the designated project funds and the undesignated funds which help us tell our stories, raise awareness and encourage donorship.

AFCA runs a lean and (not) mean machine - it is run by people who love the mission of what we do. We don't do this work for the glory or for a large salary - we do it for the children we serve and because we know that what we do is valuable and life-changing. We keep our overhead down in different ways: we buy the cheapest tickets when visiting our programs. We sleep in offices, in inexpensive guesthouses or with friends while in Africa. We eat what all the local people eat and keep things simple. We work from our homes and, in fact, world headquarters is located in our Executive Director's house. We consistently spend 94% of all donations directly into our programs!

Help us keep the lights on with a gift to our undesignated funds account.

## OUR STATEMENT

The American Foundation for Children with AIDS (AFCA) is a non-profit organization providing critical comprehensive services to infected and affected HIV+ children and their caregivers.

Our programs are efficient, promoting self-reliance and sustainability. Since 2005, in collaboration with our in-country partners, we have served tens of thousands of families in some of the most underserved and marginalized communities in Africa. Our areas of impact include: medical support, livelihoods, sustainable food solutions, educational support and emergency relief.

Currently, AFCA is transforming lives in Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.



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