

the
face to face
aids project

2011 project catalog





Villagers escort F2F into Kang'oma Village in Malawi.

projects in malawi

Education for Orphans

By funding a scholarship grant, you give a child who has already suffered a serious hardship the opportunity to grow into a responsible and effective community member. Our scholarships go to orphans and vulnerable children, many from AIDS households. By giving them access to school and experiences in community service through youth group programs, their painful past experiences can become sources of strength and compassion.



Memory Chisite has studied especially hard so she can someday help other Malawians who face extreme hardships.

Secondary School Scholarships

Cost: \$350/student

Location: Malawi

Cover a year of secondary school expenses for a child facing severe hardship. Your grant covers books, school materials, and transportation; uniforms and living costs will be provided as needed. You'll receive updates on your student.

University Scholarships

Cost: \$4,000/student

Location: Various universities

Many orphans who love school can only dream of going to university. We counsel these high-achievers in careers in community development, as we believe they're particularly well-suited to become outstanding leaders in their communities. Your donation covers a year's education and living expenses for one student.

choose your project

Each year, the Face-to-Face AIDS Project (F2F) relies on private donations to fund a variety of unique, innovative programs that strengthen the ability of communities to care for their own. Read on to learn about our ongoing projects in Cambodia and Malawi, two of the poorest countries in the world. You can help us improve the lives of vulnerable individuals through projects that create self-sustaining, long-lasting change for the better. Here's how:

- 1 Decide to give.** Our programs are funded by donors like you, who believe that holistic, practical projects can create long-lasting change.
- 2 Choose how your gift will be used.** Browse the catalog and tell us the project(s) that interest you, or mail us the "help us help others" insert. This is the beginning of a conversation between you and F2F. If someone else has already funded your project, we'll talk about what other projects might appeal to you.
- 3 Stay involved.** When you fund a F2F project, we want you to see the impact you're having in the world. We'll let you know when your grant will be implemented, and send you updates on the progress of the project. We encourage you to stay involved, and to get to know the people and the community you're helping.



Four teens in the F2F orphan scholarship program prepare for a mock debate on the best ways that education can be used to help the community.

Harnessing the potential of Youth Groups

Youth Groups are an effective, economical way to teach young people about subjects relevant to their lives, especially if they don't have the time or money to attend regular school. Through volunteer programs, Youth Groups can also provide young people with the opportunity to see that they have the power to improve their communities — an experience that equips them to grow into leadership roles.

Formation of a New Youth Group

Cost: \$3,000

Location: Chadika CBO, Chadika village

Your donation not only creates a new youth group with a mission to learn and then educate others about HIV and health issues, it also nurtures leadership skills and a sense of community responsibility in its youths. Located in the impoverished, rural village of Chadika.

Support an Established Youth Group

Cost: \$3,000

Location: Tilerane CBO, Kang'oma village

The Kang'oma Youth Group is made up of largely uneducated boys and girls who receive ongoing education about HIV and other diseases. They then use that knowledge to educate their community about safer sex, testing for HIV, stigma and discrimination, and treatment. In just its first year, the Kang'oma Youth Group educated thousands of people about AIDS, which resulted in hundreds of villagers getting tested for HIV.



The Kang'oma Youth Group performs a play about HIV for their village.



Youth at Chadika greeting visitors with song and dance.

Youth Group for HIV+ Children

Cost: \$5,000

Location: Tilerane Orphan Care Center, Lilongwe

This special fund supports the Malawi Ticket to Success program, which enables HIV+ youth to live healthier, happier lives by thoroughly understanding HIV/AIDS. While the Youth Group focuses on developing confidence, leadership, compassion, and outreach skills for the members, attention is also directed toward educating their guardians.

Model Education Program for Youth Groups

Cost: \$8,000 (2-year project)

Location: F2F AIDS Project in Malawi

Your donation will support setting up a program so that qualified educators can work with our rural Youth Groups. Topics to be covered include basic reading, writing, and math skills, as well as family planning, human rights, and cultural heritage. This program will also include creating a handbook of best practices for educating a Youth Group, boosting basic education levels in a village, and making a village self-sustaining.



Participants in Kang'oma village's cooperative garden for HIV-positive households.

Building Sustainable Communities

You can help make impoverished rural villages in Malawi better places to live — not through charitable handouts, but through projects that educate villages to be more self-reliant, and committed to caring for all the members of their community.

F2F allocates your donations in this category among the following communities, where we've formed strong, trusting relationships with local chiefs and community leaders who are dedicated to transparency and accountability:

- **Mchenga:** Located on the outskirts of Lilongwe, Mchenga has a vibrant local community-based organization dedicated to caring for the hundreds of households in a district where food is scarce and disease and poverty are widespread.
- **Chadika:** The rural community of Chadika is known for engaging all residents in every project — village chiefs, community leaders, heads of families, and its youth. Focused on fiscal transparency and responsibility, Chadika was awarded a certificate for its outstanding work against corruption.
- **Kan'goma:** Kang'oma has become a model community, attracting visitors from across Malawi who come to witness the innovative food-security, youth group, and knowledge-exchange programs that have proven successful here. Through judicious use of small grants, Kang'oma experiments with innovative, sustainable projects.

Cooperative Gardens for Food Security

Cost: \$2,250

This program reduces the risk of food shortage and malnutrition for households affected by HIV and extreme poverty. Cooperative gardens are grown on land donated by village leaders; entrepreneurship and collective work combine to produce best harvests.

Sustainable Tree and Plant Nursery

Cost: \$2,000

Help a village develop sustainable tree and plant nurseries that preserve water in their existing food-security gardens, as well as provide fruit and income to the community.

Home-Based Healthcare Training

Cost: \$2,500

This grant educates a selected group of residents in basic home-based healthcare; they then provide much-needed, accessible, and affordable services to fellow villagers.

Bicycles and Ambulance Bicycles

Cost: \$500 for one ambulance bicycle or 3 regular bicycles

Ambulance bicycles facilitate emergency healthcare services in areas where medical assistance is difficult to reach. Regular bicycles provide quicker and more effective community communications and are shared by groups of people.

On-the-Ground Project Monitoring and Evaluation

Cost: Requesting donations of \$250 or more

Local F2F staff take on this often neglected but crucially important task of allocating, monitoring, and evaluating projects that help communities become sustainable.



Villagers in Chadika raise their hands if they have had malaria in the past year. F2F supports Chadika's holistic efforts in fighting poverty and diseases such as malaria.

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Buddhist monks and nuns act as educators in F2F's Cambodia programs. Here, a monk visits an impoverished AIDS household near the great temples of Angkor.

The Joy of Learning as the Goal

In Cambodia, F2F takes children too poor to attend public school and offers them absolutely free education. At the same time, we encourage parents and guardians to see that having their children remain in school is good for the family in the long run. Rather than selecting only the best students with top grades, our goal is to instill a joy of learning and discovery and a sense of responsibility in each child.



A scholarship has given Tan Rokiyas, 13, the opportunity to develop a love of reading.

Basic School Scholarships

Cost: \$250/student **Locations:** Battambang, Phnom Penh, Siem Reap

Your donation covers a year of primary school expenses for a child who has been orphaned or faces other severe hardship. Also included are school materials, transportation fees, uniforms, and supplemental food as needed. You'll receive information on how your grantee is progressing in school; if you wish, you and the student can correspond with each other.

A Teacher of Orphans

Cost: \$1,200

Location: Battambang, Phnom Penh

Your donation ensures that F2F students in Battambang and Phnom Penh benefit from qualified, dedicated teachers. F2F works with teachers who are committed to nurturing these impoverished children so that they are able and ready to enter public school. This grant covers one teacher's salary for one year.

School Materials and Uniforms

Cost: \$1,500

Location: Battambang, Phnom Penh

Besides ensuring that a classroom of children who attend special schools for orphans and vulnerable children have quality uniforms, your donation covers basic supplies such as exercise books and pencils. Also included are bicycles, to be shared and used by children who must commute long distances to school.

Adopt a School for Impoverished Children

Cost: \$8,600, Battambang; or \$12,500, Phnom Penh

Make a huge difference in the lives of hundreds by covering all expenses for one of two special schools. By adopting this project, you'll give over 40 children the chance to experience the joys and potentials of learning, as well as an opportunity to break the cycle of poverty. This grant covers total costs of a school for one year.



F2F students in Phnom Penh learn the English words for colors and shapes in the process of making fierce newspaper samurai hats.



Staff and beneficiaries at the SCC*F2F Community Center in Battambang in January 2011 celebrate the end of a hugely successful first year.

The Effectiveness of Community Centers

In Cambodia, F2F community centers in impoverished neighborhoods act as the foundation to help thousands of people care for themselves and each other. Staffed by local monks, nuns, teachers, and volunteers, these centers use the Buddhist principle of compassion as the basis for a wide variety of programs aimed at improving lives.

Sewing as a Way Out of Poverty

Cost: \$8,400 (one year) **Location:** Battambang

More than just vocational training, this unique sewing program also teaches orphaned girls and women suffering from HIV and poverty to manage finances, operate home businesses, and to assist similarly affected women in their community.

Developing Long-Term, Sustainable Projects

Cost: \$4,000 **Location:** Battambang

This grant covers one coordinator who is responsible for constructing innovative, long-term, sustainable programs at the SCC*F2F Community Centre in Battambang. This coordinator is in charge of ensuring that all programs have components which consider the lasting effects on participants and the community.

Supporting a Remarkable Community Center

Cost: Requesting donations of \$250 or more **Location:** Battambang

This grant will help the enormously successful SCC*F2F Community Centre in Battambang continue to expand and thrive. The Centre has become a hub of the community, helping hundreds of impoverished children and adults help themselves and each other.

Become a Founding Donor of the Siem Reap Community Center

Cost: \$100,000 total; accepting donations of \$1,000, \$2,500, \$10,000, \$25,000

Location: Siem Reap

Become a founding donor of a new community center that will help transform the impoverished community surrounding the ancient temples of Angkor in Siem Reap! The Center will offer a range of activities aimed at giving at-risk individuals the ability to lead better lives while strengthening their community ties. Programs will include a school for vulnerable children; vocational training; classes in traditional arts; healthcare and meditation; and long-term financial planning. Founding donors will be honored with special recognition at the Center, scheduled to open in 2012.



The temples of Siem Reap, left, draw hordes of international tourists—yet the community surrounding them remains among the poorest in Cambodia, top.



Vocational Skills Training for HIV+ Cambodians

Cost: \$3,000

Location:
Battambang

This program not only provides income-generating skills for HIV+ people, it also provides a safe haven from stigma and discrimination. Crafts offered include jewelry and beading, varnishing, and hairstyling.

Women at the Community Centre in Battambang learn skills such as craft-making and hairstyling.

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If your project is still available, we'll reserve it for you, and send you more information about your new project. We'll also let you know how soon your grant can be implemented, and when you can expect your first update on your project.

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