

African Leaders of Tomorrow

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Dear Friends,

The time has come to ask you to give to our project helping orphans in Africa . I have been hesitant to ask until now because we had not received charitable status from the Federal Government. After a year in operation charities can apply for the right to give tax receipts. We did apply and received our tax number in July. So you can now deduct your donation at tax time.

As most of you know by now, our project is called African Leaders of Tomorrow (ALOFT)and it grew out of my daughter Randal's trips to Tanzania to volunteer in AIDS orphanages (the children have lost their parents to AIDS). My brother Vern and I visited her there in 2007, and the three of us decided to start an organization to help these children to have a brighter future. We incorporated as a society in Dec. 2009 and we are now sponsoring eleven children. They range in age from 10 to 19 and their names are Keyfa, Steven, Joseph, Angel, Fortunatus, Robbie, Jonas, Winifreda, Karim, Cecilia, and Ivan. They live and attend school around the town of Moshi Tanzania or in the city of Mwanza Tanzania.

We have two programs : the orphan support program, which provides basic needs like food, shelter, clothing, and school supplies ; and our scholarship program, which provides scholarships to pursue higher education.

Why should you give to charity ?

Of course a whole lot could be and has been said about this, but basically most of us know that we are fabulously wealthy compared to most of the people in the world. Our choices are to go out for dinner or not while their struggle is to find enough food to keep them alive. Most of us realize this is not right and that we have an obligation to help other human beings in need, if only to keep our sense of guilt under control.

Why should you give to this project ?

1. You can trust us. We are people you know, for many of you we are family, and you can pick up the phone and call us. We are not some big faceless organization you have trouble connecting with or feeling a part of.
2. Every dollar you donate to ALOFT goes directly to help kids. Our administrative costs are small and my brother and I cover those .
3. We are not just feeding people for today. We are helping create a brighter future by developing the leaders of tomorrow.

Will you help us ?

The best thing for any charity is to have faithful supporters who will give monthly. We are asking those who are able to support our children by giving \$75 a month. I myself give \$200 a month at this point, though last year I gave a total of \$5500.

If you cannot give at that level, consider \$40. For those less able to give, of course we will gratefully accept any and all donations. Those with children might want to teach compassion for others by helping their children to donate regularly.

Thanks so much if you decide to help.

In closing, let me add that it was going to Africa that inspired us to start this work. I am going to Tanzania again in the fall to help Randal with some of the work. All our travel is done at our own expense, not using ALOFT funds. It occurs to me that some of you might be interested, at some point in the future, in combining an African safari holiday with seeing what the children's needs are there. We would be delighted to help you do that. If this interests you, send me an email at: blyndunn@gmail.com.

Our website is still under construction, but there is a photo gallery at our website address : <http://africanleadersoftomorrow.org/>. Please have a look.

How to donate :

The ALOFT website (above) has two links for giving electronically. Just click on one and follow the instructions. If you prefer the old-fashioned way, send a cheque, or a series of post-dated cheques, made out to African Leaders of Tomorrow to the following address :

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Thank you for your generosity,

Lyn Dunn