



## African Community Volunteer Sites

### **Africare, Inc.**

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Africare is dedicated to improving the quality of life in rural Africa through the development of water resources, increased food production, health services, and refugee assistance. The organization currently operates more than 220 programs, including refugee programs in East, southern, and Francophone Africa, and many development education programs in the United States

### **Africa Faith and Justice Network**

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The Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN) is a community of advocates for responsible U.S. relations with Africa. AFJN stresses issues of peace building, human rights and social justice that tie directly into Catholic social teaching. AFJN works closely with Catholic missionary congregations and numerous Africa-focused coalitions of all persuasions to advocate for USA economic and political policies that will benefit Africa's poor majority, facilitate an end to armed conflict, establish equitable trade and investment with Africa and promote sustainable development.

### **Arlington Academy of Hope (AAH)**

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AAH is a volunteer, non-profit organization based in the United States that helps children in rural Uganda to reach their full potential. By creating model schools and clinics, AAH provides education and healthcare programs, local development opportunities, and community outreach to improve the quality of life and transform poor villages into self-sustaining communities.

### **Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. (ECDC)**

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ECDC has been serving refugees and immigrants from diverse cultural backgrounds while maintaining a focus on African newcomers. ECDC has a proven track record of developing and implementing culturally-sensitive and linguistically-appropriate socio-economic development programs and services that respond to the changing needs of African and other newcomers. Since its inception, ECDC has served hundreds of thousands newcomers

achieve self-sufficiency and maneuver their way through the many systems of American society to become active and productive members of society.

### **Immigration and Refugee Services of America (IRSA)**

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IRSA is a nonsectarian organization with 76-year history of service to refugees, immigrants, and others in migration. Thirty-four community-based affiliates, and a field office, located throughout the U.S. provide refugee resettlement, immigration counseling, and other supportive services meant to ease the burden of transition both for the newcomers and the communities receiving them. Agencies provide asylum representation and advocate on behalf of the rights of immigrants and refugees. The U.S. Committee for Refugees and Refugee Voices are programs of IRSA.

### **Refugee Council U.S.A.**

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A coalition of U.S. nongovernmental organizations focused on refugee protection, which began its operations in January 2000, Refugee Council USA provides advocacy on issues affecting the protection and rights of refugees and displaced persons in the United States and worldwide. Particular concerns include: adherence to international standards of refugee rights, promotion of the right to asylum, political and financial support for UNHCR, and promotion of durable solutions, including resettlement to the United States. They also serve as the principal consultative forum for the national refugee resettlement and processing agencies.

### **Refugees International**

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Refugees International generates lifesaving humanitarian assistance and protection for displaced people around the world and works to end the conditions that create displacement. The organization offers unpaid internships throughout the year for students and recent graduates seeking work experience in the humanitarian field. Interns will be involved with a variety of projects that contribute to RI's advocacy on behalf of displaced people around the world. The opportunity exists to gain experience in congressional and governmental, advocacy, communications, development, research, peacekeeping, or a general internship.

### **Global Youth Partnership for Africa**

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The Global Youth Partnership for Africa is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering understanding, appreciation, and respect between young American and African leaders: tomorrow's global decision-makers. GYPA's catalytic programs offer the unique opportunity for American and African youth to engage directly with one another in grassroots development projects, cultural exchanges, and peace-building efforts. GYPA's Washington,

DC office coordinates cultural exchange programs for American youth to travel to Africa and learn about the realities facing the continent first-hand. The DC office also directs a number of educational and fundraising campaigns on college campuses across the country that raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, economic development, post-conflict reconstruction, and the use of sports to achieve social change.

### **Phelps Stokes Fund**

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The mission of the Phelps Stokes Fund is to address the educational needs of the urban and rural poor of Africa, the African Diaspora, and the United States with particular attention to the needs of people of color and Indians of the Americas. The Fund's activity is founded on the conviction that true education depends on a fundamental respect for human dignity, the development of the full capacities inherent in each human being, and the cultivation of social harmony.

### **Roots to Freedom**

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Roots to Freedom supplements mainstream schooling with informative seminars, dialogues, symposiums, cultural exchanges and leadership development. These programs serve as a vehicle to engage children to critically examine and understand the connectedness between past and present. Roots to Freedom also recognizes the need for reinforcement beyond academia through our mentoring program. Mentoring assignments are community based and provide support in overcoming obstacles in day to day living.

### **African Wildlife Foundation**

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The African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) is the leading international conservation organization focused solely on Africa. AWF approaches their cause at the “landscape level” – looking at large landscapes (eight of these areas have been identified to date). Within these landscapes, they implement a variety of efforts that conserve land, protect species and empower people by training and educating conservation professionals and developing conservation enterprises to improve peoples’ livelihoods while also conserving wildlife.

### **Fihankra Akoma Ntoaso (FAN)**

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FAN’s goal is to bring a Positive Youth Development perspective to Washington DC youth in foster care that provides young people with formal and informal opportunities to nurture their interests and talents, acquire new skills, and gain a sense of personal and group recognition in an atmosphere of hope.

### **The Ark Foundation of Africa**

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ARK strives to serve all East African children facing a daily struggle to survive. We emphasize education and self-sufficiency in the communities where we work. By sharing

information and training individuals and groups, ARK encourages communities to support themselves and to share their experiences and successes with others. This process allows entire families and communities to gain the skills necessary to ensure a more sustainable future. To foster dignity and self-reliance, ARK and its program partners provide a range of comprehensive services, including: family counseling, financial support for grandparents caring for orphans and other vulnerable children, health education, nutrition information, food assistance, academic support and job training.

### **The Crimes of War Project**

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The Crimes of War Project is a collaboration of journalists, lawyers and scholars dedicated to raising public awareness of the laws of war and their application to situations of conflict. Our goal is to promote understanding of international humanitarian law among journalists, policymakers, and the general public, in the belief that a wider knowledge of the legal framework governing armed conflict will lead to greater pressure to prevent breaches of the law, and to punish those who commit them.

### **African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation**

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The African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation assists Africans who come to the United States by supporting their various needs - cultural, linguistic, employment, mental health, and their desire to fit in. The Foundation achieves this mission through multicultural group and individual counseling, survival skills training, African cultural awareness education, cultural competence training for care givers and the African population itself, referrals and consultation. Contributions from our diverse Board of Directors, donors, staff, the immigrants and refugees themselves, and collaboration with the surrounding community provide us with the shoulders on which we stand.

### **Corporate Council on Africa**

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The Corporate Council on Africa (CCA), established in 1993, is at the forefront of strengthening and facilitating the commercial relationship between the United States and the African continent. CCA works closely with governments, multilateral groups and business to improve the African continent's trade and investment climate, and to raise the profile of Africa in the US business community.

### **Debt AIDS Trade Africa (DATA)**

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DATA is an advocacy organization dedicated to eradicating extreme poverty and AIDS in Africa. The Washington, DC office works with political, media and faith leaders to raise awareness in the U.S. about the toll extreme poverty is taking in Africa and how lives can be saved and communities stabilized with tested, proven solutions. DATA works in partnership with non-governmental organizations to build a movement of Americans who want the U.S. to take a leadership role in helping Africans fight AIDS and extreme poverty.

**International Rescue Committee (IRC)**

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Assists refugees who are victims of persecution or who have been uprooted by war and violence. Also assists people displaced within their own countries and refugees seeking repatriation or resettlement in third countries. In emergencies, provides medical services, food, and life-saving public health and sanitation assistance. When crisis has stabilized, establishes training and education programs, along with income generating and self-reliance projects to help refugees cope with life in exile.

**TransAfrica Forum**

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TransAfrica Forum is the oldest and largest African American human rights and social justice advocacy organization promoting diversity and equity in the foreign policy arena and justice for the African World. TransAfrica Forum serves as an educational and organizing center that encourages progressive viewpoints in the United States foreign policy arena and advocates justice for the people of Africa and the African Diaspora. The organization promotes solidarity with the oppressed and supports human rights, gender equity, democracy, and sustainable economic and environmental development practices in Africa and other countries where people of African descent reside.