African Community Volunteer Sites

Africa Faith and Justice Network
The Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN) 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 advocates for USA 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.

Contact: (202) 817-3670 / www.afjn.org
3025 4th Street NE Suite 122, Washington, DC 20017

African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation
The African Immigrant and Refugee Foundation assists Africans who come to the United States by supporting their cultural, linguistic, employment, and mental health needs through counseling, survival skills training, African cultural awareness education, and cultural competence training for caregivers.

Contact: Regina Wesley / (202) 234-2473 / volunteer@airfound.org / www.airfound.org
1525 Newton St NW, Washington DC 20010

African Wildlife Foundation
The African Wildlife Foundation (AWF) is the leading international conservation organization focused solely on Africa. AWF works to conserve land, protect species and empower people by training and conservation professionals and working to improve livelihoods while conserving wildlife.

Contact: (202) 939-3333 / africanwildlife@awf.org / www.awf.org
1400 16th St NW, Suite 120, Washington DC 20036

Africare, Inc.
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 many development education programs in the United States.

Contact: (202) 328-5320 / info@africare.org / www.africare.org
440 R St. NW, Washington, DC 20001

Arlington Academy of Hope (AAH)
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.

Contact: (571) 228-4102 / info@aaahuganda.org / www.arlingtonacademyofhope.org /
PO Box 7694, Arlington, VA 22207

Corporate Council on Africa
The Corporate Council on Africa (CCA), works to strengthen and facilitate 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.

Contact: (202) 835-1115 / cca@africacncl.org / www.africacncl.org
1100 17th St NW Suite 1000, Washington DC 20036

Ethiopian Community Development Council, Inc. (ECDC)
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.

**Contact:** volunteer@ecdcinternational.org / (703) 685-0510 / www.ecdcus.org,
901 S. Highland St., Arlington, VA 22204

**Fihankra Akoma Ntoaso (FAN)**
FAN's goal is to bring a Positive Youth Development perspective to 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.

**Contact:**
(202) 379-3080 / info@fan-dc.org / www.fan-dc.org 
3301 Wheeler Road SE, Washington DC 20032

**Global Youth Partnership for Africa (GYPA)**
GYPA is dedicated to fostering understanding, appreciation, and respect between young American and African leaders: tomorrow's global decision-makers. The Washington, DC office coordinates cultural exchange programs for American youth to travel to Africa and also directs educational and fundraising campaigns that raise awareness about HIV/AIDS, economic development, post-conflict reconstruction, and the use of sports to achieve social change.

**Contact:**
(202) 756-4601 / info@gypafrica.org

**Institute for East African Councils on Higher Education (IEA Councils)**
IEA Councils is a nonprofit group that works with high school students of East African heritage who are immigrants or the children of immigrants. IEA Councils is a strong advocate of educational access and persistence, and delegates appropriate representatives at our sites to ensure proper guidance, support and resources. The importance of education at IEA Councils is exemplified by the culturally personalized assistance we provide to ensure that East-African communities residing in the United States cultivate their full potential.

**Contact:**
info@ieacouncils.org / (202) 510-6753 / www.ieacouncils.org
3636 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010

**Immigration and Refugee Services of America (IRSA)**
IRSA serves refugees, immigrants, and others in migration by providing refugee resettlement, immigration counseling, and other supportive services to ease the burden of transition both for the newcomers and the communities receiving them.

**Contact:**
irsa@irsa-uscr.org / (202) 797-2105 / www.irsa-uscr.org
1717 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20036

**Refugee Council U.S.A.**
A coalition of U.S. nongovernmental organizations focused on refugee protection, Refugee Council USA provides advocacy on issues affecting the protection and rights of refugees and displaced persons in the United States and worldwide. Focusing on 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.

**Contact:**
(202) 319-2102 / www.rcusa.org / info@rcusa.org
1628 16th Street NW, Washington DC 20009

**Refugees International**
Refugees International generates lifesaving humanitarian assistance and protection for displaced people around the world and works to end the conditions that create displacement. If offers unpaid internships throughout the year for those seeking work experience in the humanitarian field. The opportunity exists to gain experience in congressional and governmental, advocacy, communications, development, research, peacekeeping, or a general internship.

**Contact:**
www.refugeesinternational.org / ri@refugeesinternational.org / (202) 828-0110
2001 S Street NW Suite 700 Washington, DC 20009

**The Ark Foundation of Africa**
ARK strives to serve all East African children facing a daily struggle to survive by emphasizing education and self-sufficiency. By sharing information and training individuals and groups, ARK encourages communities to support themselves and to share their experiences and successes with others. 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.

**Contact:**  
(202) 832-5420 / www.arkafrica.org  
1002 Maryland Ave NE, Washington DC 20002

**The Crimes of War Project**
The Crimes of War Project is a collaboration of journalists, lawyers and scholars dedicated to raising public awareness about the laws of war and their application to situations of conflict. It promotes understanding of humanitarian law among journalists, policymakers, and the public, believing that knowledge of the legal framework governing conflict will lead to greater pressure to prevent breaches of the law.

**Contact:** office@crimesofwar.org / www.crimesofwar.org
1325 G St NW, Suite 730, Washington DC