

Adopt-A-Project Program Project Specification Sheet

NEXTAID YOUTH WITH A VISION COMMUNITY CENTER AND CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL VILLAGE IN DENNILTON, SOUTH AFRICA



▲ Agriculture Office in the Main Center

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Purpose

The agriculture office will serve as the primary administration area for all of the center's agricultural business. Youth With A Vision engages in organic vegetable gardening and poultry farming as a means of sustainable food security and income generation. Future agriculture plans for the center include planting fruit and nut orchards as well as having small farm animals such as goats or dairy cows. Food grown on-site will be used to supplement store bought groceries for the center's orphan care and after-school feeding programs. YWAV is the recipient of a grant from the South African National Development Agency for training and seed money to launch a major agriculture project at the center which will promote food security and economic empowerment within the community.

Size

Approximately 8m x 3m

Features

- 2 desk workstations for administrators with seating and storage
- 2 Multiple use tables/ desk areas with seating
- Computers and shared printer
- Shelving and file storage

Methods & Materials

- Compressed earth block wall construction (bricks made locally)
- Metal roof with water catchment (gutters and cistern)
- Electrical (lighting and power)
- Built in shelving and cupboards

Cost

\$5,000 USD

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Background

NextAid is a Los Angeles-based non-profit organization committed to developing and implementing environmentally sustainable, economically and socially empowering solutions to the AIDS orphan pandemic. Through grass-roots efforts, NextAid provides opportunities for concerned individuals across the world to make a tangible difference.

Our flagship project is successfully underway in a poverty-stricken rural town called Dennilton, two hours northeast of Johannesburg. Working with ecological architects and experienced natural builders, NextAid broke ground in July 2005 kicking off the construction of the NextAid Youth Community Center and Children's Residential Village.

Now six buildings are completed including a performance space, energy-efficient outdoor kitchen and seating area, two earth-bag offices, and a straw bale house. The village will serve as a safe home for 50 children, a multi-purpose center for the greater community, and a model of best practices for future projects throughout Africa.

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