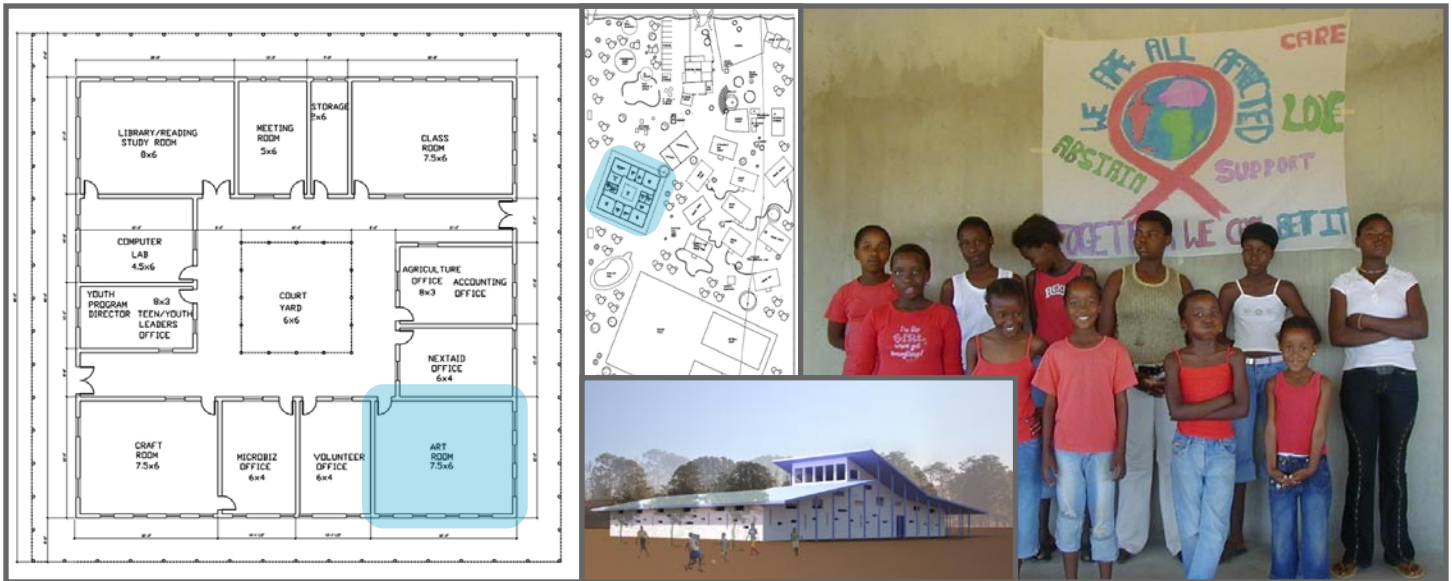


## Adopt-A-Project Program Project Specification Sheet

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



### ▲ Art Studio in the Main Center

Designed by Joseph Kennedy, Louise Lakier, and Geoffrey Collins

#### Purpose

The art studio facility will provide a much needed space to hold art classes for students of all ages at the Youth With A Vision Center. After-school and weekend art classes will be a regular part of the center's youth programming open to children who live at the center and local youth. The village of Dennilton has no facility for arts enrichment. The public schools do not teach art due to lack of budget and facility. Classes will be taught by local and international volunteers and an emphasis on exploring cultural art forms will be emphasized by having elders from the community share their knowledge with younger generations. When not in use by youth programs, the art studio will be open to adults in the community to use the space for the development and production of income-generating craft products such as: paintings, greeting cards, photography, and recycled/found art creations.

#### Size

Approximately 7.5m x 6m

#### Features

- Multi-purpose art tables and seating for up to 20
- Instruction area with projector and screen/ chalkboard
- Digital art/ media and photography station with computer station
- Supply storage cupboards, shelving and display areas
- Various art supplies and equipment
- Good natural and overhead lighting
- Utility sink with plumbing or wash basin with outside drainage

#### 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

\$7,500 USD

*Your contribution is tax-deductible. You will be acknowledged in creatively designed signage on the structure in Dennilton and if you choose, on our website and in our materials.*

#### 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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