

## Adopt-A-Project Program Project Specification Sheet

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



### ▲ Classroom in the Main Center

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#### Purpose

The classroom will be used by Youth With A Vision to serve multiple purposes. The youth residents and school-age children from the community will utilize the space for after-school enrichment and education classes such as: college prep, academic tutoring, conflict resolution, life skills, girls empowerment, and HIV/AIDS awareness. The classroom will also hold courses and seminars for adult community members in areas such as: adult literacy, micro-business and finance, women's empowerment, and home-based care or community social work training. Dennilton has no education resource center other than government schools and is in need of a space to offer such opportunities to the community.

#### Size

Approximately 7.5m x 6m

#### Features

- Desks and chairs for up to 35 students
- Instructor desk area
- Whiteboard, bulletin boards and display areas
- Supply storage cupboards and shelving

#### 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

\$8,500 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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