

## Adopt-A-Project Program Project Specification Sheet

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



### ▲ Courtyard in the Main Center

Designed by Joseph Kennedy, Louise Lakier, and Geoffrey Collins

#### Purpose

The courtyard will be the focal outdoor area surrounded by the main center of Youth With A Vision. It will be a gathering place and outdoor alternative space for meetings, classes, or seminars. It will feature beautiful landscaping with flower beds and indigenous trees/ plants as well as shaded table and seating areas. This will be the favorite spot of center staff, youth, and volunteers to have a tea break, catch up with friends, eat lunch, and enjoy good weather.

#### Size

Approximately 6m x 6m

#### Features

- Patio tables and chairs with umbrella or other shading
- Permaculture landscaping, flowers and trees

#### Methods & Materials

- Compressed earth block wall construction (bricks made locally)
- Metal roof with water catchment (gutters and cistern)
- Earthbag or cob benches

#### Cost

\$5,000 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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