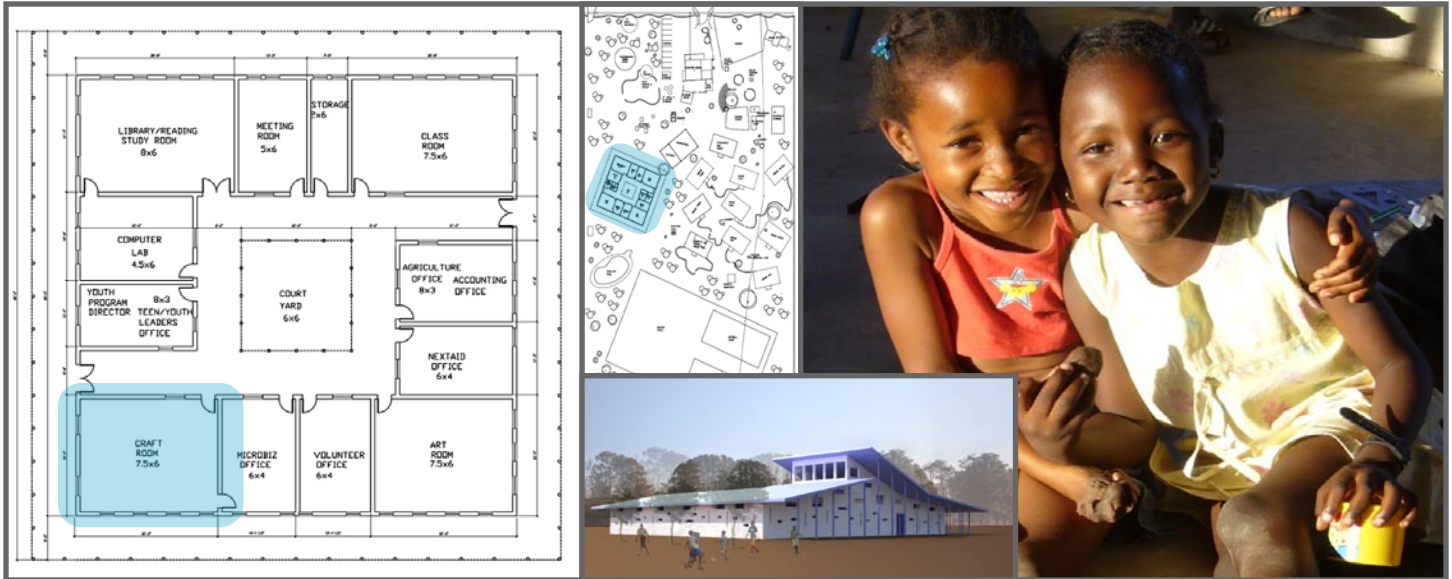


Adopt-A-Project Program Project Specification Sheet

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



▲ Craft Workshop in the Main Center

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Purpose

The craft workshop will be a multiple use space for Youth With A Vision to run their craft production micro-enterprises. The room will accommodate local craft-makers and provide a safe facility to keep their equipment and supplies. Current and future crafts to be produced from the center include: African clothes making, beaded jewelry and other bead crafts, woven items and art. YWAV is the recipient of a grant from the South African National Development Agency for training and seed money to launch four micro-businesses via the center. The craft workshop is an essential facility for the operation of their proposed businesses. Income generated by craft sales will benefit the craft-makers who are predominantly low-income women or HIV/AIDS positive people. Teenage participants will also be encouraged through an apprenticeship and generation exchange program. A percentage of all profits will be cycled back into Youth With A Vision's general operating fund to support the ongoing orphan care and center's programs.

Size

Approximately 7.5m x 6m

Features

- 2 to 4 sewing machine stations
- Beading tables and drawer storage
- Multi-purpose craft tables and seating
- Supply storage cupboards, shelving and product display areas
- Good overhead lighting and individual workstation lights

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.



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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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