

Adopt-A-Project Program Project Specification Sheet

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



▲ Micro-Business Office in the Main Center

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Purpose

The micro-business office will serve as the administration facility for Youth With A Vision's income generating projects and programs. The office will accommodate the Micro-Business Project Manager and include desk space for project participants or individual business managers. Proposed micro-enterprises for the center include: jewelry and bead crafts, clothes manufacturing, community cinema, snack and tuck shop, internet café/business center, local arts and crafts, bakery, and facility rental and on-site catering for conferences. NextAid is exploring partnership opportunities to include a micro-loan center within the YWAV village. Revenue generated from these micro-enterprises will benefit the business entrepreneurs and participants with an emphasis on projects that provide opportunities to traditionally disadvantaged demographics, such as low income women and HIV positive people. 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 6m x 4m

Features

- 2 administrator desk areas/ workstations
- General desk space and seating for up to 4 business managers
- File storage and shelving
- Computers and printer

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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