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March 2006 Newsletter

It's official! We're official!

2005 ended with a great big bang! **4 Oneworld received federal 501(c)(3) non-profit status.** Aside from a long line of confusing numbers, 501(c)(3) means that 4 Oneworld is now an official non-profit organization. Because of this, your contributions may be **tax-deductible.** This status also qualifies contributions for most corporate matching gift programs – a great way for your gift to double its impact.

The process was long and rigorous, with many calls and correspondence with state and federal governments. But, with the same determination used to create 4 Oneworld, the application process was completed and the non-profit status was granted.

This was a great way for 4 Oneworld to enter 2006 and we are delighted to share the news with all of you.

Mission: not impossible!

“Raise awareness and provide aid to disadvantaged children in the developing world.”

The mission is clear and now is the time to make it happen. 4 Oneworld is providing educational resources to the St. Kizito Secondary School in Uganda, East Africa. 2005 donations made it possible to contribute eleven computers with desks and chairs and one printer.

Every day we're getting closer to achieving our 2006 goal of a computer literacy program for the deserving students at St. Kizito. The goal is outlined fully on the “Updates” page at www.4oneworld.org, but the gist of it is as follows:

\$70,000 will support a 5-year computer literacy program for the school. The program will provide for the hire of a full-time teacher, Internet access and equipment.

Our first step is a **Spring Fund-raiser on Thursday, April 27, 2006 @ Bell's Eccentric Café in Kalamazoo.**



The evening will include a silent auction (with original framed artwork by St. Kizito students), a 50/50 Raffle, food, drink and music.

Invitations will soon follow, but if you'd like more information about the event or have any questions, please contact us at: info@4oneworld.org or 269.779.6404.

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We can't do it alone

Your financial contribution is necessary to educate, inspire and empower the students at the St. Kizito School.

Please donate by **check** to
PO Box 51304 Kalamazoo, MI 49005
Checks make it possible for us to avoid service fees, but if **credit card** is more convenient, visit the donate page at www.4oneworld.org

Thank you for your support!

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The Dianah Asiimwe Fund

During our 2005 site visit to St. Kizito we met Dianah Asiimwe, a fourteen year old poverty-stricken girl infected with HIV. A Ugandan non-profit organization had sponsored her to receive anti-retroviral (ARV) drugs to suppress AIDS symptoms. In order for this medication to work effectively, a diet containing adequate protein is required.

Two weeks after meeting her, we were shocked to learn of her death. She had developed AIDS-related meningitis that could have been detected and treated.

Unfortunately, her mother could not afford such medical care and Dianah died on November 8th, 2005.

This made us realize that while educational resources are of prime importance, adequate nutrition is also a priority. Therefore, we have started the Dianah Asiimwe Nutritional Fund.

In memory of Dianah, 4 Oneworld has donated \$500 for necessary dietary supplements to the students of St. Kizito who have HIV or other serious health problems.

Meet our Board of Directors

tara mckinney

Self employed photographer and 4 Oneworld Director. As a global citizen she feels a responsibility to help the disadvantaged...



wade mckinney

Environmentalist and co-founder of 4 Oneworld with a love of community and a commitment to social responsibility...



adam stubbs

Owner of his own IT firm and proud to contribute his skills to further our mission...



emily haines

Brings a background of marketing, communications and advertising, as well as non-profit experience to 4 Oneworld...



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