



Africa We Care

Dedicated to the alleviation of suffering in Africa



Container of Hope to Africa
-Some of the Volunteers

Happy holidays from our family to yours!

We have been getting a lot of calls lately about what Africa We Care is about and what we have been up to. So it is with great excitement that we have launched our very first newsletter!

Over the last year we have been very busy coordinating volunteers, sorting donations and working with our partner organizations in Africa. In the summer, we received two substantial donations for medical supplies for the people of Africa. In October we shipped a container of clothing, toys, and household supplies to Benin. In November, we received a donation of over 12,000 bras. And in December we're

reaching out to Edmontonians to sponsor a Malawi orphanage.

With your help we really are making a difference to the people of Africa, one community at a time.



About Us

Africa We Care is non-profit non-denomination organization dedicated to the alleviation of the suffering of the people of Africa by providing the basic necessities like clean water, and medicines; facilitate access to education; offer assistance to HIV/AIDS victims and their care-giver.

Africa We Care believes in solutions based on empowerment. By seeking to empower the impoverished people of Africa, one community, one village at a time, Africa We Care enables people and communities unleash the innate resources and capabilities that make possible the change that transforms their lives for the better.

Special events

- *Shipping Container to Benin*
- *Bras for Africa*
- *Malawi Orphanage Needs Help*
- *Teens Donate Medical Supplies for Congo & Nigeria*

If you want one year of prosperity, grow grain.

If you want ten years of prosperity, grow trees.

If you want one hundred years of prosperity, grow people.

Chinese Proverb





Left: Chukwuemeka & Volunteers packing the freight container in Edmonton
 Right: Volunteers unloading container in Cotonou



Container of Hope

After months of collecting, sorting, and binding donations we were finally ready to send another 40 ft container of hope to **Augustina Ibe Foundation for the Advancement of Women in Africa (AIFAWA), Cotonou, Benin, West Africa.**

An enthusiastic group of volunteers in Edmonton loaded the container with clothing, books, and household items. Three weeks later it arrived in Cotonou.

A big thank you to all our hard working volunteers!

Africa We Care would also like to thank **Eden Textile**, our partner in the textile recycling program for supplying most of the articles that went into the bales, **WAJAX** for providing the big muscle forklift and to **Judy McCallum, Douglas Southam**, for sponsoring the shipment.



With all of your help this container of hope was possible!



A Whole Lot of Support:

Over 12,000 Bras for Africa!

Last month Africa We Care got a huge surprise for Halloween... 4 vehicles full of bras!

Throughout the month of October **the Bounce radio station** collected bras for their Bras Across the Bridge project for breast cancer. For every bra that Edmontonians donated, the Bounce donated \$1 to the Breast Cancer Foundation. The radio station was able to collect over 12,000 bras! Once they strung them across the High Level Bridge, the Bounce donated them all to a very excited Africa We Care.

Over the next several days Africa We Care volunteers sorted and packaged over 16 bundles of bras, that is almost a tonne. Now that is a lot of support! A very heartfelt thank you to Edmontonians and the Bounce!



91.7 The Bounce unloading the bras at Africa We Care's warehouse

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Orphanage Needs Your Help

In October the **Agape Orphanage of Earth Angels in Malawi** was told that they had to move. Home to over 48 children, the orphanage is one of very few in the region. It provides a safe home for children who have no where else to go, many of whom are sick and in need of medical care.

Fortunately the Orphanage director was able to find a new home for the children but the rent is double what they were paying before (\$3,600 per month). Africa We Care is **desperately trying to find a sponsor for the orphanage.**

If you can help please contact Chukwuemeka at 780-486-5552.

We worry about what a child will become tomorrow, yet we forget that he is someone today.

Stacia Tauscher



Africa We Care Volunteer Campaign

It takes a lot of hard work to keep Africa We Care going and throughout November and December we are reaching out to Edmontonians who may be able to lend a hand.

Volunteer opportunities are available in our warehouse to sort and package used books, clothing, and household supplies which will be shipped to communities in Africa.

Come by your self or in groups, a couple hours a week or a month - either way it would be a huge help

to us! This a great opportunity for someone with a big heart and a bit of time to have fun, to make friends, and to help out a great cause.

We are working with volunteer organizations and local newspapers to get the word out there. Thanks to Engage in the Edmonton Journal and See Magazine for running our volunteer ads.



Young Lady with a Big Heart

At just 12 years of age **Jamie Sorokin** began volunteer for Africa We Care. She has put in more than 12 weeks of hard work in the warehouse, always with spunk and enthusiasm.

This summer, for her Bar mitzvah, Jamie asked her friends and family to donate over-the-counter medicines and medical equipment for Africa. She was able to collect several boxes of supplies, and donated \$300 of her own money to help ship them to Nigeria.

Jamie you are an inspiration to us all!
It is amazing how one little visionary can motivate others and make a big difference! Thank you Jamie!

Big thanks also to **Mrs. Francie Nobleman** and the **Mitzvah Organization of the Jewish Community in Edmonton**. Your donations have been instrumental for our Medicine for Africa program.



Young Man with a Big Heart

In April **Max Willinger** from Dix Hills, New York, USA contacted Africa We Care. Max was inspired by an HBO documentary on the turmoil in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

Working with his classmates at **High School West** and his family Max was able to donate \$1030.71 to Africa We Care. The funds were used to purchase and ship over-the-counter medicines for the people of Goma, Democratic Republic of Congo.

"My mission is to slowly change the world. All I want to do is help".



Well Max – you really did help!! Your donation made a real difference to people who are in desperate need of help. Thank you Max, your family, and the people of High School West!

You can make a difference too!
To donate or to volunteer
Please contact Chukwuemeka at (780) 486-5552

