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To Love Children Educational Foundation International
We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit, international non-governmental organization.

Informational Newsletter and Resource for Our Volunteers, Friends, and Board Members.

To Love Children Educational Foundation International, Inc. is dedicated to creating sustainable educational development for girl children in the Global South. We are committed to actively assisting girls in achieving their highest potential by providing equal access to educational programs, curricular and skills training, and increased access to economic and health resources.

A Message from Our Founder and CEO ~ Our Focus for 2005: Engaging Volunteers to become Social Entrepreneurs for To Love Children—Dedicated to our present Volunteers.

To Love Children's role in fundraising is to educate people to become philanthropists. Our programs and outreach now extend into Africa, India, and South America. We are preparing internally to get a stronger and more, efficient system of organization that will make the most of our resources, talents, experiences, and donations so that we may meet our *raison d'être* - that of sustainable educational development for the girl child. We are stronger today because of the dedication of our international volunteers. These volunteers are putting into place an organization with international outreach and an expanded capacity to meet our present growth. In return we will educate our volunteers with new skills and knowledge in the field of educational development. Giving opportunities for life transforming experiences to make a difference is our gift to our volunteers.

The role our volunteers are playing has led me to consider our responsibility to present and future volunteers. To meet our responsibilities in that regard, we are creating a new improved communication system that includes a new teleconferencing tool to better facilitate the running of a growing non-governmental organization. In the near future we will offer opportunities for our volunteers to enter the field with our international partners to give workshops and participate in the implementation of our programs. Volunteers will be trained in new skills and have opportunities to attend international conferences to learn from the best of the best in educational development.

We have an overarching mission to our volunteers and to those to whom we send our message. Our mission is to create social entrepreneurs that see sustainable educational development as transformational for peace, security, and quality of life for the entire globe. We need to educate not only on our focus of sustainable education for the girl child, but also on all the needs that are related to supporting our volunteers because becoming a philanthropist is the most noble of all human endeavours. "Philanthropy can be one of the most self-satisfying acts a person performs and the more addictive it becomes to a person, the more they will give." [Philanthropy is more than a Tax Donation](http://nonprofit.about.com/library/weekly/aa021803.htm), Robert DeMartinis <http://nonprofit.about.com/library/weekly/aa021803.htm>)

Become a Social Entrepreneur. Give a gift of your experience, talents, and money in order to make a difference in the world for children. TLC will support and encourage your commitment to making a difference in the lives of girl children.

Report on the First Annual Walk for Education World Wide TM

David Kenneth Waldman reporting Uganda, East Africa
November 25, 2004

The goals of To Love Children's educational outreach to Uganda were to create a dialogue between the NGO, Government, Media, and Educational sectors, to launch our Walk for Education World Wide 2004, and to advocate for the 121 million children not in school. We aimed, during this event, to establish our policy concerning sustainable educational development, make contacts and network, identifying resources, people, and material for our GIRL and GEOTOP programs. Finally, it was also our goal to establish a working relationship with our Uganda volunteers and to learn what next steps to take as we move to solidify our working relationship in Uganda as a home base for all of our work in Africa.

The results of this trip exceeded all expectations. The following is a short list of the outcome of this very productive venture:

1. Began discussions on space being donated by NGO's; sought after office space in Kampala, the capital for this purpose.
2. Established a New TLC –Kenya office.
3. Established a new working relationship with UNICEF



David Lubaale, TLC African Director and David Kenneth Waldman, TLC Founder, WEW Uganda 2004

- and their Girl Education Initiative.
4. Met with dignitaries (see following list) that have promised unreserved support.
5. Visited Child for Development Organization (CDO) our new partner in Gulu—North Uganda that offered two rooms for our Universal African Resource Center to meet the needs of the children that have been living in a war zone for 19 years.
6. Offered land to build a UARCL in Kamuli.
7. Had our first Uganda volunteer meeting.
8. Appointed our first Director of HIV/AIDS Children's Education and Advocacy for TLC.
9. Began Planning for HIV/AIDS conference tentatively scheduled for May 2005.

10. Launched initiative

—early stages for our Peace Curriculum and established the space donated by CDO to be our Peace Library Headquarters.

Contacts and subsequent developments have been unfolding since I left on the 28th of Nov. We have already been invited to go back on air at Radio Uganda on November 30th. During our previous visit this month we received an hour and a half of radio time and had almost two hundred questions and congratulatory letters waiting for us. The BBC received a copy of a video that National Uganda TV filmed as well as copies of two radio interviews we conducted. We are sending reports via the District Education Office to the Minister of Education; the First Lady of Uganda is being updated and given a gift of my children's work on cassette tape, and the Presidential Representative will contact Oprah and other leading African – Americans to solicit their support on our behalf. Each day we are gaining new opportunities and support as we expand our outreach.

Highlights of Schedule: [During our travels around the country,](#)

- We visited the refugee camps in Gulu District commonly known as Internally Displaced

Persons camps in northern Uganda, like Bobi Camp. We launched our Peace Curriculum idea here, but the committee that greeted us, including the educational leader for the camp, was quite disturbed due to the fact that ten children were abducted the night before while we slept five kilometers away.

- We also miraculously met the Chief Peace Negotiator, Northern Uganda Affairs, Hon Betty Bigombe, who agreed to write for our Global Child Journal.
- We had some wonderful moments on Radio Uganda (national radio) and Busoga Peoples' Radio.
- We met with the King of Busoga; His Royal Highness-Waako Muloki and his Prime Minister.
- We met with Hon Rebecca A. Kadaga, Deputy Speaker of Parliament, numerous heads of schools, the school children themselves, and a number of women groups.
- The Children sang to me and performed.
- We visited the HIV/AIDS

Doctor at Jinja Hospital, the Inspector of Schools, District Education Officer, a presidential representative, and the Ugandan Red Cross.

- US Ambassador to Uganda, Jimmy Kolker, welcomed us to his residence
- Enock Ondara, TLC Partner from Nairobi- Kenya met with us as we established the basis for opening our TLC Kenya office.

In conclusion, the mission of To Love Children has been embraced by hundreds of teachers and thousands upon thousands of children. Dignitaries as well as leaders from all sectors have embraced our goal of sustainable educational development. We are embarking on a path with many friends. Let me again express my gratitude and appreciation for the friendship and partnership that was extended to me on behalf of To Love Children. We will work tirelessly to bring the resources, partners and development that come when equal education becomes a reality in a nation. This is only the beginning. We will have many future stories of success, and yet this was a special beginning for To Love Children. In our two-year plus history as an NGO this is the first time we have been embraced by a nation. We return



WEW India, 2004



WEW Uganda, 2004

the embrace and will do our best everyday to do service to the Pearl of Africa—Uganda.

As we enter a new year and the second half of our third year of our organization let me stop and report on the progress that has occurred in the last few months. We have extended our contacts and networks into Brazil, India, Senegal, Nigeria, Ghana, Kenya, and Uganda, to name a few countries, and as we open our third Country office (USA, Uganda, and now Kenya) we are also expanding the number of volunteers worldwide. This will enable To Love Children to be able to not only extend our capability for our mission for educational development for the girl child, but to also to start to build a international alliance of educational partners across all sectors that will support the Millennium Development Goals of all children in school with a quality education and opportunity. On a personal note, my recent experience in Uganda is more than the sum of the places I visited and the contacts and events we held. There has been a transformational quality for me as a human being that has devoted his life to education for all children. I have come away from this educational outreach in Uganda with new friends, partners, volunteers that are as deeply committed to change and with the same passion, vision and determination as I to see that no child is left behind. This has touched me and has left me reevaluating our strategy and resources to ensure that each and every step we take will build for TLC and her volunteers a more capable international non governmental organization.

I am mindful of the challenges we have in order to meet the many needs of the many people that have presented to me including

the children. I am aware of the overwhelming state of need in building the school infrastructure in many of the places I visited, peace advocacy for northern Uganda, HIV/AIDS education for all of Uganda and Africa, educational development for the many children not in school, teacher development including salary and teacher training, school lunches and much more. I have been now home over a week and my body caught a cold and forced me into bed to rest.

As I sit here and write this resting, I am convinced that I need this time to evaluate, to be silent for a day or two to best determine our next course of action. I come away from this experience in the knowledge that our mission, vision and ethics are the right ones for the educational development of the girl child as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty. Our two-prong approach of education and advocacy is the right mix and along with our programs, partners, and volunteers we are now in a position better than ever to make significant progress.

There are so many people to thank in Uganda and as I have publicly stated in Uganda and now for our newsletter that we owe our deep appreciation and gratitude to the RT HON Rebecca A. Kadaga, Deputy Speaker of Parliament of the Republic of Uganda for her tireless energy, support and activities before my arrival, during and after that has given To Love Children the most honorable of friends and partners in our efforts to bring educational development to the great nation of Uganda. Our work in Uganda and all we are doing is building systems, pilots and models for our work to be done elsewhere in Africa and then the world.

One of the privileges of my position as President is that I get to travel and meet the best people in the world, like the

many I have recently met in Uganda. I therefore want to encourage you to help support our GEOTOP program, travel to Uganda as a volunteer with our programs, and to help To Love Children in our new advocacy campaign to educate the children in the world of the gifts that Africa brings to all of us in our Global Village. We are launching an Africa Awareness campaign to educate all on the true facts of this continent and to focus the world on her music, cultures, languages, art, people, sense of humor, literature and more to better enable a transformation of thinking in order to bring the development that will break the cycle of poverty for so many living there.

***On behalf of the Board of Directors
we send our Warmest Holiday
Greetings and our wish for all
children: Education Peace, Health,
Prosperity, Security and Opportunity
in 2005.***



WEW India 2004

We Welcome Volunteers...

TLC looks for all people regardless of age, nationality, special needs or disabilities, sexual orientation, culture, or ethnic group to join our team. We believe in one race—the human race

Sincerely, *David Kenneth Waldman*

- **Recent Events for To Love Children** - Global Child Journal first edition available online and in hard copy with a donation of \$100.00. We are looking to donate four color full page ads placed in our Journal to create free publicity to NGO's, Businesses with a global perspective, and programs that create developmental or other opportunities for women and children.

Contact GlobalChildJournal@tolovechildren.org for submission guidelines. There will be an advertising rate for future ads to help keep the journal profitable and reaching a larger audience.

- **Partners and Volunteers** - Every day we are increasing our team with volunteers in the United States, Kenya and Uganda. We are also expanding our partners from countries all over the world. Please join me to welcome our new members and partners. A newsletter will be devoted to these invaluable people soon.

Walk For Education Worldwide TM—Volunteer to serve on the Organizing Committee for WEW 2005 looking for candidates.

Walk for Education Worldwide TM is an international program run by To Love Children Educational Foundation International in San Francisco, California in the United States of America in partnership with other child-centered organizations, institutions, individuals, and colleges in different parts of world. Please e-mail us at WalkforEducation@tolovechildren.org with your resume and credentials to help with implementing the program and serving on the organizing committee. Ideally we are looking for people from all sectors that can help with making contacts and help to influence businesses, schools, and NGO's to join us in 2005. The major purpose of the year-long program will be to create a WEW curriculum to teach children economics, international relations, geography, presentation skills, writing skills, and how to research so that they are better prepared to become global citizens. Schools will create themes that allow children to contact policy makers, invite them to the schools to speak and to allow children to advocate for children. WEW is to mobilize children around the world to give them an opportunity to speak and gain support for the 121 million children not able to go to school.

● **Volunteer Corner**

Kristina King is coordinating an upcoming concert event fundraiser. The goal is to raise \$10,000 for HIV/AIDS, peace curriculum and resources for our Universal Resource Center and library located in Gulu, Northern Uganda

Global Calendar... David Kenneth Waldman Founder of To Love Children visited Uganda November 19th to November 28th. Upcoming educational outreach in 2005 to India, Kenya and Senegal.

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