



Global Camps Africa

Empowering Children For An AIDS-Free Tomorrow

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Mission

Global Camps Africa changes the lives of South Africa's vulnerable children and youth by providing HIV/AIDS prevention education and training through a high-impact residential camp and day camp experiences and continuing education, equipping young people with the life skills that will support them in becoming safe and productive adults who have hope for the future.

Founder, President and CEO

Philip Lilienthal, Veteran U.S. Camp Owner and Reston, Virginia Attorney

History

- Established in 2003 -- Global Camps Africa is incorporated in the United States and received its 501(c)(3) tax status.
- First residential camp program held in 2004 in South Africa – Camp Sizanani (Sizanani is Zulu for “helping one another”)

Facts and Figures

- Camps Sizanani holds three 8-day sessions a year, for 140 campers, on a rented site an hour from Johannesburg.
- Coed and single gender camps serve South African youth, ages 11 to 16, mostly from Soweto.
- More than 4,300 children have attended camp since 2004.
- Thirty-five counselors lead each session with 4 days pre-camp training; counselors include South African staff and international volunteers who pay their own transportation, room and board.
- Seven 1-hour classes are held each day, with HIV/AIDS prevention education and life skills woven into every component, in addition to special life skills classes.
 - HIV/AIDS prevention education
 - Nutrition
 - Sports
 - Swimming
 - Theater, storytelling, dancing, poetry
 - Arts and crafts
 - Adventure and Teamwork
- Evening programs include campfires, skits, games, and issues discussions.
- Follow-up provided via biweekly Kids Clubs held on Saturdays, year-round at eight locations around Soweto.
- Between 650 and 1,000 children attend each of the 21 Kids Club sessions held annually.
- Leveraged success by training and partnering with local nonprofits for five other camps in KwaZulu Natal and Limpopo provinces and Cape Town in South Africa, Uganda, and Lesotho.
- Global Camps Africa has no endowments or government grants. Its support comes from more than 1,500 generous individuals, as well as from foundations and businesses. Donations cover costs associated with camps and Kids Clubs. There is no charge to participants.

Global Camps Africa changes the lives of South Africa's vulnerable children and youth by providing HIV/AIDS prevention education and training through high-impact residential camp and day camp experiences and continuing education. Thousands of vulnerable South African children participate in camp and Kids Clubs activities each year through generous contributions from donors from around the globe. Learn more about Global Camps Africa at www.GlobalCampsAfrica.org