



## **CHANGE THE WORLD. IT JUST TAKES CENTS™ (CTWIJTC) 2010 ANNUAL REPORT**

Dear Friends,

“Change the world. It just takes cents”™ (CTWIJTC) is most appreciative of your support since its inception in 2006. The program, the only middle school experiential service learning, social action and philanthropy education process, has to date impacted thousands of students attending over 25 schools, private, charter and public. As a result of the high standards of raising awareness and social activism attained by the students, CTWIJTC has been endorsed by local and national NGO’s, City and State Officials, Clergy of all denominations, and countless educators. Channel 9 News – Kids who Care awarded the efforts of student advocacy in 2010 as have Save Darfur –Darfur Heroes(Sept 2007), and US Holocaust Memorial Museum (Jan 2008).

Student activism has included:

1. Volunteering out of school time to advocate and raise Darfur awareness via video’s and handouts at public venues and rallies (2006-2010)
2. Organizing letter writing campaigns on behalf of unjustly arrested Darfuri’s which assisted in the release of Darfuri journalist, Alghali Shegifat (May – July 2008)
3. Called 1-800-genocide reminding the President and politico’s of promises to Darfur (2006-2010)
4. Connected with NGO’s supporting anti-genocide campaigns e.g. Dream For Darfur (2006-2010)
5. Inspired students from CO Schools to speak out through the only annual Middle School Anti- Genocide Forum – attended by as many as 2500 students (2006-2010)
6. Established on-going contact with children in Refugee Camps in Chad and Darfur (2006-2010)
7. Posted you-tube social activism propaganda (2008-2010)
8. Advocated in media for Darfur e.g. Tamara Banks – Studio 12; Keeping It Real Colorado (2008-2009)
9. Stood alongside CO Governor Ritter as he signed the Divestment bill into Law (2007)
10. Motivated philanthropists and individuals to make unsolicited contributions to the cause (2006-2010)
11. Presented, by invitation, at the rededication of the “Paper Clips” Children’s Holocaust Memorial in Whitwell TN where they raised another communities awareness of global genocide (2008)
12. Appeared in the sequel “Paper Clips” – currently in production (2008)
13. Led youth Advocacy workshops in Washington DC and Colorado – Exhibit Darfur (2008)
14. Addressed activists at Tents of Hope Rally, Washington Dc (Nov 2008)
15. Organized first interdenominational Darfur “For the Children” Candle Light Vigil – Denver (Dec 2009)
16. Educated audiences in a variety of religious institutions on the topic of genocide in Darfur – COEF; BMH-BJ Women’s League – Women Aware exhibition and presentation (2008-2009)
17. Built Alliances with experts such as: John Prendergast (ENOUGH) Mia & Ronnen Farrow (Prevent & Protect) George Clooney (Darfur Activist), Adam Sterling (Darfur Now) Ruth Messinger (American Jewish World Service) Brian Steidle (Hope Foundation) Mohamed Yahya (Damanga), David Akerson ( ICC), Katie Jay Scott (I-Act) Suad Mansour (Darfur Alert) Daoud Hari (The Translator), local leadership: Andrew Romanoff (CO Former Speaker of the House), Peter Groff ( President of Senate) John Hickenlooper (Denver Mayor) Bill Ritter (CO Governor) Lucia

Guzman (Dir. Human Rights Denver), Joe Miklosi (CO House Rep.) Peggy Lehman (Denver City Council), Jane Goodall (Anthropologist) Shmulik Rifman (Ramat Negev Mayor), Dr Jerry Ehrlich (Dr's Without Borders), Rev Carl Wilkens (World Outside my Shoes, Rwandan genocide), Beijing Olympian Annamarie Maraanen., Olympic speed skater Joey Cheek (Dream for Darfur)

18. Extensively researched and analyzed avenues for distribution of funds throughout USA, Darfur, and worldwide.

As CTWIJTC enters its 5<sup>th</sup> year we are proud to advise that student fundraising efforts have raised sufficient funds to rebuild the D'Kaire School in Korma, Darfur. The funds will be held in trust until peace and reconciliation takes place in Sudan and the Darfuri rebuild and resettle their villages. In this manner students have ensured their counterparts have hope for the future in the knowledge that provision has been made for them to receive an education which will enable them to become productive members of their society.

In August 2010 CTWIJTC funded the establishment of a Children's Early Education Center dedicated to protecting, educating and rebuilding the lives of 70 Darfuri and African Refugee children. Funds have been allocated, through the Tel Aviv Foundation, to establish the center with Colorado students being recognized for their humanitarian work from the Mayor of Tel Aviv and Israeli Politicos. This initiative will help Israel honor the memory and lives of the millions who perished in the Holocaust and all survivors of genocide by reinforcing the words "Never Again" with action in the belief that education is the path to world peace and security.

Over the past four years contributions have also been made to; Christian Solidarity International (Rev Heidi Mc Guinness), Genocide Intervention Network (Mark Hanis, Exec. Dir) American Jewish World Service(Ruth Messinger, Exec. Dir) Tents of Hope (Rev. Tim Nonn), I-Act (Katie Jay Scott/Gabriel Stauring, Founder/Dir ), Darfur Alert (Suad Mansour, Program Dir.) , Tamara Banks (Sudan Filmmaker), UNICEF, FINCA, Doctors without Borders, and funded schools who otherwise might not have had the opportunity to participate in CTWIJTC programs.

***Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I may remember. Involve me and I will learn*** - Benjamin Franklin

CTWIJTC has united Colorado students in their learning experience, introduced them to victims of genocide, molded them to become advocates for human rights, enabled them to meet politicians and social activists, encouraged them to delve deep into understanding global issues, broadened the scope of their voice, exposed them to world affairs and helped students develop a grasp of the political process surrounding human rights. They have studied Genocide, Sudan with special reference to Darfur, the Olympics, Human Rights law pertaining to the Rights of the Child, the role and power of International Criminal Court, and the status and rights of refugees. Students have and will continue to speak out from a knowledgeable position in support of the rights and dignity of mankind, and world peace.

The CTWIJTC process develops responsible, well informed, confident members of our global society.

To quote Nelson Mandela: ***"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world"***.

Your support and encouragement has been invaluable. It demonstrates that the student voices are being heard and supported. Please continue to lend your voice and tax deductible contributions before the end of 2010 to support education, the cause and appropriate action for the oppressed and unjustly persecuted.

**Sara Kornfeld, Founder/Educator**

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