**AID the Orphans: Enhancing Education**

**Project Goal**
To collect donations of books and raise money to ship them to Dream Children’s Home.

**Background**
In Kenya there are over 1.1 million children orphaned by AIDS. Dream Children’s Home is an orphanage, started by Rachel and Steven Gichia, that cares for children who are affected by this epidemic.

**Need**
Cultivate better levels of reading and education among the 59 children in the orphanage between the ages of 1 and 19.

**Methods/Processes**
1. Fundraise at the Campus Center and at local businesses.
2. Collect books from family, friends, and an elementary school.
3. Research shipping methods and ship books to the orphanage.

**Results**
- 549 books collected
- $455.85 raised
- 90.6 pounds of books shipped using USPS M-Bags

**Enhancing Education**
Books provide children with the tool to thrive academically and psychologically. These books may also serve as an outlet from any stress factors. Growing up reading books has a correlation with success in:

- logical thinking skills
- acclamation to new experiences
- concentration and discipline
- communication skills
- speech skills
- competence
- creativity

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