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**AID the Orphans**

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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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