



Abstract

- Our goal is to assist Swazi land children with HIV who were orphaned by AIDS
- Establish a two-part program in conjunction with Build-A-Bear Workshop called Build-A-Life
- We hope that through this program the children will be able to live healthier physical and emotional lives



Project Goal

- To provide support for Swazi children orphaned by AIDS and who contracted HIV



Impact of AIDS

AIDS Today:

- 22.5 million sub-Saharan Africans live with AID
- 1.8 million have died
- HIV adult prevalence rate in Swaziland is 25.9%
- 100,000 orphans in Swaziland, 69% due to AIDS



HIV works in two ways:

1. Immune system
 - Attacks fighter T cells
 - Breaks down body's first line of defense
 - Leaves body vulnerable to infection
2. Central nervous system
 - Causes damage to the brain

Methods

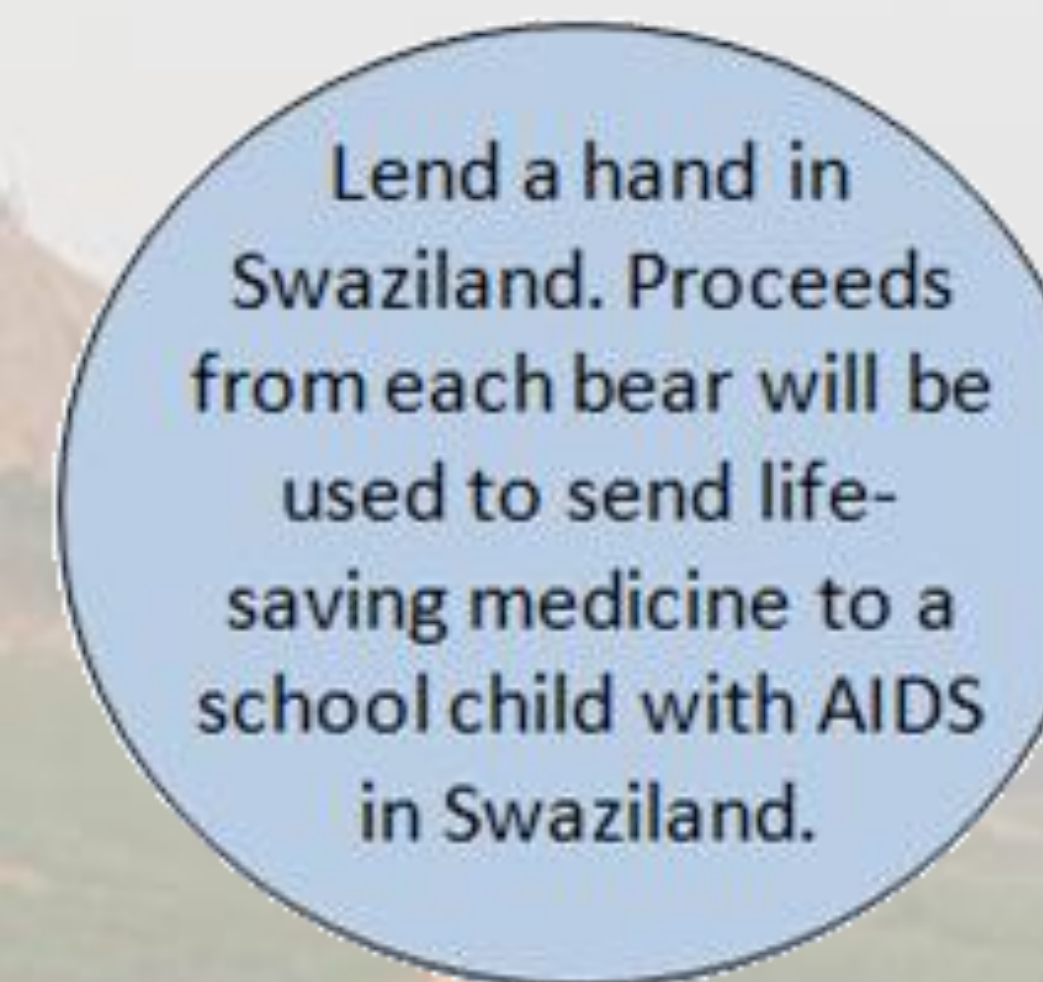
Start a two-part program partnered with Build-A-Bear Workshop

For initial funding submit a grant proposal to the Global Fund

- Part of the proceeds from every bear wearing the tag will also add to the fund



Front



Back

Part 1:

- Supply orphaned school children with antiretroviral drugs (ARVs)
- ARVs will be handed out each morning at school

Part 2:

- Offer grief counseling
- Teachers will undergo a training program to learn how to counsel children
- Alumni will return and tell the current children in the program how their lives have changed



Outcome

- Enable children to live a longer life
- Medicine will control the symptoms of HIV
- Children will find emotional stability and cope with their parents' deaths
- The Build-A-Life program will generate enough revenue to expand into other schools

Problems Faced by AIDS Orphans

Emotional Impact:

- Suffer from emotional neglect and trauma
- Experience anxiety, depression, social isolation, low self-esteem, and anger
- 12% said they wished they were dead
- 34% have contemplated suicide within a year after their parents' deaths
- Are more likely to become infected with AIDS

Household Impact:

- Have no income
- Children-headed households

Education:

- Miss out on valuable life-skills and practical knowledge
- Are more likely to face social, economic, and health problems as they grow up

Stigmatization:

- Experience shame, fear, and rejection associated with people with AIDS
- Are assumed to have AIDS and face discrimination



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