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Global Education Fund & Horizons K-8 School Kick off "Make A Difference" Program

Local students will work directly with Boulder non-profit to support educational needs of orphans in Kenya

BOULDER, Colo. (October 24, 2007) – The Global Education Fund, a Boulder-based nonprofit that improves the lives of orphans and vulnerable children around the world through education, will partner with Boulder's Horizons K-8 School for the school's new "Make a Difference" class offering – an elective two-month program which teaches students the importance of community service, both locally and globally.

As part of the curriculum, a group of fourth through eighth-grade students will focus exclusively on GEF's current program in Kenya. To kick off "Make a Difference," visiting Kenyan Fred Afwai – an orphan who started a school and orphanage home in the slums of Nairobi where GEF works – will join GEF's program director Liz Berry and Horizons fifth-grader Ben Gips on **Monday, Nov. 5th from 2 to 3 p.m.**, at the **Horizons School** (4545 Sioux Drive, Boulder) in presenting an introduction to GEF's work in Kenya to participating students.

"We are thrilled to incorporate Global Education Fund into our 'Make a Difference' curriculum," said Nel Woller, teacher at Horizons. "I feel so proud that Boulder has an organization like GEF that aids in educational development for orphans around the world, and I am excited for our students to identify with other children their age who have the will to learn, but not the means. We are honored to have Fred Afwai join us during his first-ever visit to America. In addition, GEF program director Liz Berry's son and one of our fifth-graders, Ben Gips, spent a month of his summer vacation in Kenya and witnessed first hand what these orphans experience day to day in their struggle for education. It will be so beneficial to have both Fred Afwai and Ben share experiences with our students."

As part of the GEF-focused "Make a Difference" class, students will learn to understand and identify with orphan school children in Kenya and will dedicate a large portion of their curriculum to fundraising efforts, which will benefit an orphan school in Kenya.

"With over 2.4 million orphans in Kenya, which is more than double the number of children in the state of Colorado, there is an overwhelming need for educational support there, but also the opportunity to make a huge difference," said GEF's program director Liz Berry. "We feel fortunate to have support from local partners like Horizons. It feels amazing to know that Boulder students will have a direct link to the work we are doing in Kenya. And, we feel so blessed to have Fred Afwai joining us for the Horizons kick off, given that it is his last day in the U.S. It will truly be a once in a lifetime opportunity for these students to meet an inspiring person who is the epitome of 'making a difference.'"

About Global Education Fund

The Global Education Fund (GEF) is a nonprofit organization that improves the lives of orphans and vulnerable children around the world through education. GEF has established close to one hundred libraries in more than twenty countries across Latin America, Asia and Africa. We have shipped several million dollars worth of books, serving thousands of orphans and vulnerable children. Our scholarships have enabled deserving children to successfully complete high school. One of the keys to our effectiveness is our ability to form partnerships with experienced and trusted grassroots leaders to create sustainable, local solutions to improve the lives of orphans around the world. For more information, visit www.globaleducationfund.org or call 303-415-9935.

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