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Local non-profit to provide scholarships, literacy centers, textbooks and more for orphans in Kenya

BOULDER, Colo. (Sept. 10, 2007) - The Global Education Fund, a Boulder-based nonprofit that improves the lives of orphans and vulnerable children around the world through education, is kicking off its Kenya Education Project with a cocktail reception and "Baka Beyond" concert on Tues., Sept. 18, at 5:30 p.m., at the Boulder Theater (2032 14th St., Boulder). Tickets are \$45 and can be purchased online at www.globaleducationfund.org or by calling 303.415.9935. Food and drink will be provided by Dish Gourmet and IZZE.

"We are excited about our pending work in Kenya," said GEF's founder and executive director Eliza Woloson. "With over 2.4 million orphans in Kenya due primarily to the AIDS epidemic, there is an overwhelming need for educational support there, but also the opportunity to make a huge difference. We feel fortunate to have great Kenyan partners such as Pastor Fred Afwai - an orphan who started a school and orphanage home in the slums of Nairobi where GEF will be working."

With fieldwork set to begin in 2008, GEF's Kenya Project will provide four key areas of educational support: scholarships, literacy centers, infrastructure (textbooks and teacher trainings) and advocacy. GEF's Kenyan partners include Nairobi slum schools (Candlelight, Kwa Watoto and Gaililee), rural orphanage home Shangilia, book publishers McMillan and Creative Print House, and the African Network for the Prevention and Protection against Child Abuse and Neglect (ANPPCAN).

"GEF conducts a needs-assessment evaluation for every new project, which means that we listen to what the community tells us they need rather than our own assumption," said GEF's program director Liz Berry, who just returned from a five-week needs-assessment trip to Kenya where she visited over 20 orphanage homes and schools. "It became clear from our visit that scholarships for orphans - specifically for girls - are the top needs in Kenya. For just \$100, we can send one student to primary school, provide a uniform and feed that student lunch for an entire year. By focusing our efforts on scholarships first and foremost, we can keep these children in school and change the future for an entire generation of Africans."

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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