



Global Camps Africa

Empowering Children For An AIDS-Free Tomorrow

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Mission

Global Camps Africa (GCA) changes the lives of South Africa's vulnerable children and youth by providing HIV/AIDS prevention education and training. Through high-impact residential camp, day camp, and continuing education programs, young people are equipped with the life skills that will support them in becoming safe and productive adults with hope for the future.

Founder, President and CEO

Philip Lilienthal, Veteran U.S. Camp Owner and Reston, Virginia Attorney

History

- Established in 2003 -- Global Camps Africa is incorporated in the United States and received its 501(c)(3) tax status.
- First residential camp program held in 2004 in South Africa – Camp Sizanani (Sizanani is Zulu for “helping one another”)

Facts and Figures

- Camps Sizanani holds at least three eight-day sessions each year for 140 campers each on a rented site one hour from Johannesburg.
- Coed and single-gender camps serve South African children between 11 and 18 years old. The children are predominately from Soweto.
- More than 420 campers attend camp each year
- Thirty-five counselors lead each session
 - Counselors attend a four-day pre-camp training and include South African staff and international volunteers who pay their own transportation, room and board.
- Seven one-hour classes are held each day during camp, with HIV/AIDS prevention education and life skills woven into every component in addition to special life skills classes including:
 - HIV/AIDS prevention education
 - Nutrition
 - Sports
 - Swimming
 - Theater, storytelling, dancing, poetry
 - Arts and crafts
 - Adventure and Teamwork
- Evening programs include campfires, skits, games, and issues discussions.
- Follow-up is provided via biweekly Youth Clubs held year-round on Saturdays at several locations around Soweto Township where most of the children live. It is here that the campers can delve deeper into the complicated life skills they touched on at camp, in an effort to give them a clearer vision for what their lives can bring and how to get there.
- Between 650 and 1,000 children attend the Youth Clubs annually.
- We train and partner with local nonprofit organizations, including programs in South Africa, Uganda, and Lesotho to date.
- Global Camps Africa has no endowments or government grants. Its support comes from more than 1,500 generous individuals, as well as from foundations and businesses. Donations cover costs associated with camps and Youth Clubs. There is no charge to participants.

Global Camps Africa changes the lives of South Africa's vulnerable children and youth by providing HIV/AIDS prevention education and training through high-impact residential camp and day camp experiences and continuing education. Thousands of vulnerable South African children participate in camp and Youth Clubs activities each year through generous contributions from donors from around the globe. Learn more about Global Camps Africa at www.GlobalCampsAfrica.org