# THE EARTH CENTER

# Children's Education Fund



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#### **The Children's Education Fund**

Providing modern school education to children in Indigenous villages in West Africa that will allow them to become leaders on a global scale.

The Children's Education Fund was launched in 2021 with a mission to support children in Traditional West African villages with the opportunity to access modern education. These children are raised and educated with traditional principles and ways of life that will bring value to the modern world in terms of the knowledge and wisdom that these traditional cultures hold. In order for these children to become leaders and guides to those in the western world, it is necessary that they are exposed to the modern system of education. In this way, we aim to continue the mission of our founder, Neb Naba Lamoussa Morodenibig, of building a bridge between the modern and traditional societies.

With their Indigenous way of life, the families of these children do not have the funds required for school tuition, uniforms, books and other school supplies needed to support them in successfully completing their modern education.

Proceeds from The Children's Education Fund go directly to helping school children with these expenses.

Children are our wealth and future healers, leaders, and preservers of Earth. With this solid foundation of education from both the indigenous and modern worlds, they will be able to heal, guide and shine the light on the path of those with whom they come into contact so that our future generations can inherit a world that nurtures instead of destroys.

### Our Story so far...

Over 2 academic years 2021-23, this fund has supported 46 children, covering school fees, uniforms, books, and supplies. This support was greatly appreciated by traditional and government authorities, the school leaders, and the elders of the communities in which the children live with their families.

# \$35,000

Funds raised since 2021 to support the Children's Education Fund

### 46

Children supported tuition fees paid, uniforms, books, and school supplies purchased

### 2 years

Over 2 academic years,the fund has supported children in 8 different schools



"At the beginning of the year, the association came to our aid with donations of notebooks, pens, rulers and other items to support the students in managing their education. It was good, it allowed the children to react. We sometimes had children who came without material but thanks to this, we could start this year's classes without worries because we already had material. "

~ Idrisu Nafiru, School Director



"I am Heqitem Traore and I am thanking all the people who gave donations to the children. All the donations that you gave allowed children to go to school, buy their books, and other things. We thank you warmly for your generous gesture. Children are the leaders of tomorrow and the fate of society depends on them and the support they get. Education is the most powerful weapon. It is better to use this weapon to benefit the entire world."

"Hello I am Tcha- Djobo Zinkebi Nadia and I am a student and I thank all those who gave donations and allowed my brothers and my sisters to go to school and have a education. I am growing up in Africa and one day I want to become like you and make donations to people who need help."





I have done almost 22 years of service (in education) and the result that I see is what motivates me, because some of my students have become colonels, some have become teachers, and seeing that, the dedication that I had, it motivates me to continue to give an education for the children. In this school, before I came, all the directors who came, left after one year, discouraged because of the lack of staff. I've been here for three years now, and the parents are happy with the work I do here. So it's the love for the work, the dedication."



"It's really an honor for us to be able to help. The objective is to start a relationship, to start a collaboration. It's just the beginning, we're starting and we hope to continue to walk together. And when we do this, there is also an objective behind it, it is to make the school autonomous, to allow the autonomy, both of the students, to make them capable, but also to make you autonomous, you, the director, the teachers and the volunteer teachers, because you are the ones who are doing this work, right. So it's absolutely necessary that everyone has the opportunity to continue."

Menkashoo Boumaaktem, Earth Center M'TAM Initiate

### **Next Steps**

Given the success of this program over the last year, we aim to continue to support these future leaders who will be ready to heal, guide, and enlighten the paths of those they come in contact with for years to come.

Some of our future plans include:



#### Improving school infrastructure

Building repairs and enhancements to improve on school facilities. One of the School Directors shared his goal of building a fully functional library for his school.



#### Subsidies for volunteer teachers

To address the shortage of teaching staff in the schools and the inadequate subsidies that the government provides.



#### Improving acces to technology

Access to internet, tablets, laptops and computers to enhance the childrens' learning experience.



#### Kem Youth Center

A summer apprentice program that will offer children a chance to learn traditional ways of life, building another bridge between the traditional and modern cultures.

A donation of \$350 can support one child for a full academic year. <u>DONATE HERE</u> We thank you for your continued support in our efforts to contribute to children's education. The success of this program would not have been possible without your generous contributions.

"The Children's Education Fund preserves within indigenous school age children a sense of dignity, integrity, and pride in what their forefathers, their Ancestors accomplished along with knowledge of the achievements of the modern world. Thus, as future world leaders, they will be able to bridge the gap between the modern and the traditional, thus revitalizing the spirit of harmony within humanity."

~MEZNEBSATI Maaktepia Director, Indigenous Renaissance Initiative of The Earth Center

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