

Zerf Productions

Serving the community since 1988, we are asking you to save the life of a child affected by HIV and Aids in Africa. Their lives are no different than our own children's lives. **\$2** per child will prolong a life.

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Zerf Productions Profile

The Creative Arts and Humanitarian Missions of Zerf productions, a non-profit registered charitable organization have been responding to the needs of communities in the fight against hiv and aids in Africa and Canada. For more than 20 years Zerf has been delivering Hope to Mothers and Children in Africa affected by HIV and AIDS whom have been ignored by the world at large. They should be freed from discrimination and have access to education, treatment, care and support, so that they can act to prevent further HIV infection in their communities.

Mothers and Children, living with and being affected by HIV and Aids have the right to live like everybody else in the world, and have the right to medication and food instead of facing the deadly combination of hunger and HIV.

The ZerfChallenge2020 team made a commitment to raise awareness of the plight of 20 million children, by raising 20million dollars for the next 20 years, as they climb Mount Kilimanjaro and other mountains around the world.

The Reverend Dr. Jan Dijkman - President of Zerf Productions-Canada

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ZerfChallenge2020

A Diagnostic and Training Centre

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Fighting HIV and AIDS for Mothers and Children in Africa and Canada

World Wide HIV and AIDS

Worldwide, 44 million people are infected with HIV of which 36 million live in the sub-Saharan Africa. HIV and AIDS affect 20 million children as well.

Every day 1000 thousand children die of this killer disease. A large majority of children living with HIV do not even know that they have acquired the virus.

The Difference between HIV and AIDS HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is a virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune-deficiency Syndrome) HIV weakens the immune system to the point where the body is likely to develop opportunistic infections (OIS). That is when an HIV positive

person is described as having AIDS.

Eventually persons with AIDS become so weak that they are unable to fight the infections and usually die

Various factors determine how long it takes for HIV to develop into AIDS. A person can live for many years with HIV before feeling sick

Mother and Child Transmission

A mother with Aids transmits the virus to the child through the birth canal or by breast-feeding. It is impossible to know a child's HIV status just by looking at them. Yet at birth, children who outwardly appear healthy in Africa's Aids ravaged society, are often not tested for Aids.

The hospitals there have limited means and blood testing facilities. When a child is suspected of having HIV, the community is forced to send blood specimens to Europe for testing.

Zerf Diagnostic and Training centre in Kilimanjaro would speed up the detection of Aids and consequent treatment. This we hope will save thousands of lives

There are a few centers providing voluntary counseling and testing for HIV in addition to private, and government hospitals in Africa.



Wilhelmina Fredericks being tested by Sr. Freda

Get Tested for HIV and Aids

Knowing your HIV status is the first step to leading a healthy and positive life. This knowledge allows you to, plan for the future and the future of your family.

For the lack of funds and facilities, children born with the virus do not get proper medical attention.

In 2005, we discovered that hospitals had no means of testing blood in order to determine whether their patients had HIV/ Aids or not in the community. The community was forced to take blood to Germany to be tested; Therefore Zerf Productions will develop a Diagnostic and Training Centre in Kilimanjaro. The centre will speed up treatment immeasurable and hopefully save many lives.

The children in Africa do not have this privilege to be tested and treated in Africa. They deserve to be respected and support without discrimination, they deserve to be

treated and educated regardless of their status in their own communities

We would appreciate your support in this humanitarian mission of Zerf Productions; together we can build the diagnostic and training centre and make saving a child's life a reality.

Empower yourself and participate, donate and volunteer in Africa. Criminals and prisoners save children's lives so can you

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