



FORESIGHT PROGRAM

INTRODUCTION

The Village of Hope (VOH) is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) public charity that has mounted a humanitarian effort aimed directly at supporting the destitute people in Ethiopia.



Through donations made by our corporate sponsor, Foresight Management Company, and your support the Foresight program acts as a catalyst in helping the villagers in the Kersa Illala area solve the problems they face in surviving and educating their families.

PROGRAM GOALS

1. Provide education to needy children at the local private school.
2. Employ the children’s father’s 4 hours per week at VOH, providing opportunity to work for their child’s education, while helping their family and local community become more self sufficient.
3. Train and educate families.
4. Help rekindle the spirit of “Dagoo”¹ within the local community.
5. Strengthen the women of the village by helping them understand their individual worth.
6. Improve the public school by donating funds for paper, chalk, books, desks, etc, and provide additional manpower to help improve the school facilities.

HOW THE PROGRAM WORKS

Our corporate sponsor, Foresight Management Company, inc. has donated funds to support half the cost for 200 children and their families. These funds were donated on a “matching donation” basis. Foresight’s Sponsorship of this program helps guarantee that for every \$1 you donate, \$2 goes to help a needy family.

WHAT YOUR DONATION WILL DO

Each \$150 donation VOH receives will be used as follows:

	Your Donation	Matching Donation	Total Benefit
1. Pay for one child to attend private school for one year.	\$55.50	\$55.50	\$111
2. Donate to the local public school.	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$50
3. Fathers Workforce. Employ the student’s father as a VOH employee four hours per week for one year (see back page)	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$70
4. Youth Service Group (see back page)	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$7
5. Women’s Group (see back page)	\$3.50	\$3.50	\$7
6. Support the family in becoming healthy and self sufficient through:			
▪ Unlimited supply of free clean water at the end of each days work for employee and his family.	N/C	N/C	Priceless
▪ After One Month – Uniform T-shirt to wear to work.	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10
▪ After 3 Months – Chickens, goat or smokeless stove	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$10
▪ After One Year – Pregnant goat, chickens, wheel barrel, seeds and fertilizer or sewing machine	<u>\$17.50</u>	<u>\$17.50</u>	<u>\$35</u>
Total Financial Support	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$150.00</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>

As you see, your tax deductible donation of \$150 provides \$300 in benefit to a needy family in rural Ethiopia. Your donation will impact and change the lives of the families you sponsor.

FATHERS WORKFORCE

Fathers in the program are employed four hours per week. This workforce will be used to benefit the Village of Hope and the local community.

This workforce (now over 190 strong) will work on projects that meet the following criteria:

1. Helping those who cannot help themselves (widows, children, elderly, infirm, etc.).
2. Improve community health and build community spirit.
3. Support families and the community in becoming more self sufficient.

YOUTH SERVICE GROUP

One of the goals of this program is to teach children the responsibility and value of service to their community. Each youth in the Foresight program (over the age of 14) attend the weekly Youth Service Group. This group meets two times per week and focuses on community service, social, educational and physical activities.

WOMEN'S GROUP

Mothers in Foresight sponsored families have the opportunity to participate in the Women's Group. This group provides the women of the village opportunities to:

1. Discover and develop their own unique talents and abilities thereby blessing the lives of their children and their families in ways they have not before known or experienced
2. Influence the lives of others in a nurturing and caring way thereby raising whole standard of the village.

MONTHLY TRAINING

VOH provides monthly training meetings for Fathers and Mothers. This training is for two hours and is part of their weekly hour obligation. The training focus' on health and sanitation, development and vocational opportunities. It also includes value based training, such as the principles of dagoo.

WHAT ABOUT OVERHEAD COSTS?

The Foresight program has a private donor that donates all of the cost of overhead includings; wages for management staff in Ethiopia, printing, postage, copying, etc. This allows us to guarantee that all of the money donated benefits the families sponsored, the village and the local public schools.



In June 2008 hundreds of families walked miles and waited hours in the rain in hopes they would get the opportunity to apply for the program. On Right; one of the lucky ones who was able to apply.



¹ **Dagoo.** During interviews with village leaders in Kersa Illala about this program, they compared key elements of this program to “Dagoo”. Dagoo was a term used that described when the villagers would gather together and work as a group in support of one another. This spirit of working together for a common cause has become lost in the villagers efforts to simply survive. Villagers described Dagoo as a “dead word” and look favorably on the days when “people used to know the value of dagoo”. One villager made the statement “Since the word dagoo disappeared from the society they have seen poverty enter into the village. In the past, when people helped each other, no one knew whether they had an ox or not, everyone helped each other and there were no poor.” A goal of the program is to help bring the spirit of “dagoo” alive in the village of Kersa Illala. Key elements of this program are based upon the principles of dagoo including; hard work, obligation, support of community and quality. The fathers workforce is called Dagoo Harawaa means “The New Dagoo”.