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Educate! scholars solving their communities' greatest problems today

Educate!

Our mission: To educate and empower the next generation of socially responsible leaders in Africa.

We serve: Students all over Africa

Brief history: During high school, Eric Glustrom became involved in Amnesty International, which allowed him to learn about a population of refugees in Uganda from neighboring nations at war. The conditions in the refugee camps are often no better than the areas the refugees fled from initially, and sometimes much worse. Wanting to tell fellow students about the situation, Glustrom visited two refugee camps in Uganda and later made a documentary on the subject.

Before he left Uganda, he wanted to help the people of Kyangwali Refugee Camp. So he started Educate! To help one particular boy, Benson. Started as a student-run organiza-

tion, Educate! has now grown its work has deepened.

Proudest accomplishment: Today, Educate! is empowering 1,300 high-school aged youth at 24 partner high schools across Uganda, and developing a model of education that can be applied universally. Educate! students created over 100 businesses and community initiatives as part of the Educate! program. The Educate! students have directly impacted over 15,000 lives and created millions of shillings in value for their communities. The students Educate! works with go on to empower many others. Educate! was also recently asked by the ILO and the government of Uganda to write the national social entrepreneurship section of the national curriculum.

Greatest need: Only \$600 will put one Educate! scholar through

the two year experience which empowers him or her to help to solve the societal, environmental, and economic challenges facing Uganda. Future Plans:

Future plans: Educate! is collaborating with the National Curriculum Development Center and the UN's International Labour Organisation to write the social entrepreneurship topic of the new national A level entrepreneurship curriculum. The new A level entrepreneurship curriculum will be piloted in 2011 and rolled out to over 100,000 students taking entrepreneurship in 2012 and 2013. The social entrepreneurship curriculum will be taught in term 3 of Senior 5, and will include a practical component in which students actually start a business or community initiative.

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