

**Please consider joining us in our efforts to educate the Sudanese refugee youth in Nairobi!**

The Sud Academy Advisory Committee seeks to diversify its sources of funds for the school by seeking out interested donors willing to contribute monthly or yearly to the operating budget of the school, which stand at \$65 000. By becoming a supporter of Sud Academy, your gift could provide the following:

- \$30 feeds 10 students a hot meal of rice and beans for a month
- \$40 covers the rental fees for a classroom for a month
- \$60 pays half of a teacher's salary for a month

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Cheques can be made payable to "C.A.S.S." with "Sud Academy" written on the memo line. Alternatively, use the "donate" button on our website to access CanadaHelps for on-line donations. For all funds that we receive, we send 90% of the funds directly to the school, with 5% of your donation going to C.A.S.S.'s administrative costs, and 5% to Christian Mission Aid, our partner on the ground in Nairobi that provides governance and oversight at the school.

**Imagine the difference** we can make in the lives of these students who are "striving for excellence", as their school motto states. By allowing them to receive a quality education at Sud Academy, we can assist them in the rebuilding of their homeland, where contributing citizens are needed to build and maintain peaceful means of co-existence between differing tribes.



**We invite you** to participate with us in our efforts to provide education to this impoverished yet determined population.

Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan (C.A.S.S.) is a registered charity involved in development in southern Sudan, and their BN is 86394 8212 RR0001. The Sud Academy Advisory Committee works under the umbrella of C.A.S.S.

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# Sud Academy

...a school in Nairobi for Sudanese refugees



...started by the Sudanese community in order to educate their youth to become skilled, capable leaders that can assist in the rebuilding of their homeland of southern Sudan.

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### Why is there a need for Sud Academy?

There is a large population of Sudanese refugee youth currently living in Nairobi in desperate circumstances. They have escaped to Kenya from the war-torn land of southern Sudan. In Sudan, many have witnessed family, relatives and neighbours being killed by government militiamen, watched their villages and homes being burnt to the ground, and livestock being stolen. These youth escaped (some with their families, some on their own) to the refugee camps in northern Kenya. For various reasons, including issues of insecurity and lack of food at the camp, the refugees have traveled on to Nairobi looking for better educational and employment opportunities. Unfortunately, students are often not able to join the already overcrowded Kenyan government schools, and cannot afford the school fees of private schools. Being able to study at Sud Academy gives the students an opportunity to learn and provides them with a sense of belonging.

**It is a common saying in Africa that if a young person is in school, that individual has hope for the future.**

“Being able to study at Sud Academy helps me in so many ways. It educates me well so that I may become an educated member of the Sudanese community. It educates me on how to become a brighter person, with a hopeful future in Sudan.”



... Lino Madut

### What kind of education is provided?

Students are taught according to the Kenyan national curriculum. The school began as a primary school, and in 2006 our educational program was expanded to include secondary level education. Christian values are taught as part of the curriculum, and students from all faiths are accepted.



### Why is Sud Academy unique?

The school is unique in the fact that it educates pupils that come from many different areas of southern Sudan, where intertribal conflicts have greatly hampered the peace process. At Sud Academy, tribal differences are downplayed, and students are encouraged to participate in civil debates both amongst themselves and with Kenyan students as well. It is hoped that this model of open dialogue will be carried with the students as they repatriate to Sudan in the future.



**Despite their difficult circumstances,** the students at Sud Academy are doing well academically and socially. In fact, they often place in top positions when competing against other schools in their district in both exam results and sports.



### Where does the funding come from?

Currently, the school relies on a core group of volunteers fundraising in Canada to meet operational costs. No funding is available from the Government of Southern Sudan because it is in Kenya, and no funding is available from the Government of Kenya because the students are from Sudan. As well, the United Nations (UNHCR) does not provide funding because the school is not located in the official refugee camps.

The group of volunteers in Canada helping the school is called the **Sud Academy Advisory Committee**. We are a grass-roots faith-based organization located in London, Ontario working as part of Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan, a registered Canadian charity. We have been involved with fundraising efforts for Sud Academy since September of 2004. The student population has increased since our involvement, and various improvements have been made to the school, including better salaries for the staff, more food for school lunches, and facility upgrades.

