



# HRO UPDATE

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## The Importance of Human Rights Education in Africa Today

It is evident that the majority of people in Africa are each day being denied their basic human rights by individuals, government or social groups knowingly or unknowingly. This is because the issue of people's rights is only becoming new to many Africans considering the poverty rate in Africa, civil war, rapes, injustices, etc. One needs not to have a second thought of the need for human rights education in every sector of our African society.

Human rights education is very important in Africa today since it will help people know and understand that like every other person they are entitled to the same basic rights.

It will help fight poverty and injustices in Africa.  
-The issue of child labor, girl's education, gender equality and equal opportunity will be addressed.  
-It will give hope and future to many Africans especially children and women who are most abused in Africa.

Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA) Despite the debilitating effects of AIDS, young leaders are taking action in their communities to prevent the spread of the disease and to address the devastating consequences of the pandemic. In fact, evidence shows that young people are most effective at changing the risk behaviors of their peers and at shaping a better future for themselves and their families. The Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA) recognizes the potential of young leaders as the best force to address AIDS in their own communities, and empowers them with the knowledge, skills, resources and opportunities they need to scale up and expand their initiatives.

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## "Childreach 2008"

Childreach 2008 is the "umbrella" program under which all fundraising and donations will be funneled to provide a wide range of global requests in assistance of the children around the world. We invite you to contact us if you would like more information about how you might be of service, and current projects in need of assistance.

### Current Needs

#### Donation Requested

#### Destination

Computers, Medical & Dental Text Books, Lab Equipment, Financial Scholarships

IGBO Common Causes, Nigeria; HRO Pakistan, AWEC, NAYD, Tamilnada, India

Saratha Nursery & Primary School need school supplies.

IGBO Common Causes, Nigeria; HRO Pakistan, AWEC, NAYD, Tamilnada, India

## HRO Teams Up With the United Way

Individuals and organizations gather together each year to participate in United Way Fundraising efforts. The United Way acts as a reliable "channel" for funds, and HRO is proud to be an approved beneficiary of United Way Funding for 2008. To assure that your charitable contribution this year is delivered to us, you must designate HRO as the recipient when you complete your donation forms. Our official organization number is #16627.



## Shop For A Cause

Was held September 20, 2008 at Macy's located at 1800 West Mercury Blvd from 9am to 10pm. This consisted of an all-day shopping pass with 10-20% off regular, sale, and clearance items, a chance to win a \$500 shopping spree, entertainment throughout the store, special events! The donations received benefits the HRO Programs.



## Ongoing Missions Update

**Jungle Medic Missions-** Is to bring the message of Jesus Christ through Medical and Dental outreach programs. We host short-term mission teams of Doctors, Nurses, Dentists, church adult and youth teams, and non-medical personal who just want to come and help those less fortunate. [www.junglmedicmissions.org](http://www.junglmedicmissions.org)

• **NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS** – HRO and The Foodbank of the Virginia Peninsula work together to provide bread, produce and other food to over 900 people each month. This program is run out of the HRO headquarters every Wednesday.

• **IGBO Common Causes** - The Igbo Common Causes is a United States based philanthropic organization that focuses on eradicating health care problems, starvation, blight communities, illiteracy, hopelessness, abject poverty, oligarchy, and to provide basic necessities of life to neglected and hungry Igbos in Nigeria. IGBO received fur coat donations for the Igbos in Nigeria

• **THE DENTON PROGRAM** – The State Department issued a long-term grant to HRO to provide the transport of donated materials free of charge to many worldwide destinations. Thanks to Denton for delivering medical supplies to Ecuador to [www.fundacionlasorquideas.com](http://www.fundacionlasorquideas.com)

• **NAYD International**– Mission: committing to help children receive education, medical care, food, and spiritual and vocational training in safe environment.

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• **African Women Economic Consortium-** HRO will be recognized at the “Against All Odds Luncheon” on October 11, 2008 and Joe Byers will be accepting this award on the behalf on HRO.

“EMPOWER A WOMAN- EMPOWER A NATION” Dr. Uwa Osimiri

## HRO Mission Statement

The Human Relief Organization (HRO) mission it to provide medical assistance, education, food, clothing, and a message of hope to the less fortunate countries around the world. HRO is a non-political, non-denominational entity founded in 1994 as a non-profit (501C)(3) tax exempt, national and international relief organization that arranges a variety of support for the needy around the world.

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