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CARING FOR KAELA

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Transformational Development

CFK-Chad Programs:

- Individual-level Initiatives: Education to Employment
- Community-level Initiatives: Capacity Building
- National-level Initiatives: Peace Building
- International-level Initiatives: Policy and Advocacy



Partnering for Success -

Delta Sigma Theta and Caring for Kaela are partnering together to build a Safe House for the children of the **Bethesda Center**

To help donate online



EDUCATION TO EMPLOYMENT

Psycho-social rehabilitation offers a second chance at life for orphaned children in Chad – war, disease, abuse and poverty are some of the primary reasons that drive children to the streets. The Bethesda Center, CFK's local partner, empowers homeless youth to overcome their challenges and equips them with employable skills.



Meet the kids of the Bethesda Center!

October 2007: Ballin' 4 a Cause – CFK's American Youth to African Youth Initiative gave young ladies from AAU Basketball leagues an opportunity to use their skills to compete in CFK's B4C. The fundraiser was hosted by the Owings Mills Recreation and Parks Council and all proceeds were donated to the children of the **Bethesda Center**. CFK wants to congratulate the Maryland SureShots, the winners of the competition, for their outstanding performance!



CFK's BB tournament winner:
Maryland SureShots
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PEACE-BUILDING

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.” -

Margaret Mead



Our Daily Bread

December 2007 – Luke 2:25-35

Let us avoid making our Christmas worship a withdrawal from the stress and sorrow of life into a realm of unreal beauty. It was into a real world that Christ came, into a city where there was no room, into a country ruled by King Herod, a murderer of children. Christ came to us not to shield us from the harshness of the world but to give us the courage and strength to face it. He gave us peace – His peace – to steadfastly, while conflict rages, bring healing to a torn and ravaged world. David McCasland



Wazobia

African Art Store
2320 N. Charles St.
410-889-4642

If you purchase a scarf from Wazobia, all proceeds from the sale go to benefit CFK

CIVIC EDUCATION

Wakith Tamma receives funding from **UNICEF** - the youth-led newspaper started by CFK in January 2007 receives financial support for 12 additional publications. Wakith Tamma (“It is Time” in Arabic) engages young people in the development of their country and the re-creation of a nation. CFK is looking for new or slightly used laptops to expand the capacity of the Team and meet this new demand.

What will it take to bring lasting peace to Chad?

1. Inclusive Dialogue
2. Governmental capacity building
3. Free and Fair elections

So how do the Super Powers respond?

French Government –

The Armament Procurement Agency (DGA) discretely and quickly approved before the inter-ministerial State Arms Export Licensing Agency (CIEMG) the sale of 100 Milan Missiles. These weapons will be delivered to President Deby to “neutralize” the rebellion prior to the arrival of the EUFOR bridging force.

U.S. Government – The U.S. Dept. of Defense is scheduled to conduct a mission to Chad this January 2008 and has already confirmed the delivery of military carriers (C-130s) by 2010.



France arms Chad © Nardo

Postman: So old man! It looks like it's easier to secretly get 100 missiles into Chad... than try to discretely get some children out! Hmm?
Pres. Deby: Where do I sign?

POLICY AND ADVOCACY



CFK organizes a roundtable with the U.S. Ambassador to Chad Louis J. Nigro

November 2007: Roundtable with the new U.S. Ambassador to Chad, Louis J. Nigro

CFK organized a roundtable at the Dept. of State with the new U.S. Ambassador to Chad. International NGOs attended prepared with salient questions and ready to describe conditions in Chad. The meeting opened with a brief description on the work of the CFK-led Chad Working Group. Introductions were followed by presentations on the issues of Gender-based violence; the Peacekeeping Force; Governance, and Extractive Industry. The Ambassador arrived in Chad this December.



The best way to escape your problems is to solve them.



CFK organizes a briefing on Chad for Congressman Frank R. Wolf

November 2007: Sudan and Human Rights Caucus on Chad

Facilitated by **Congressman Frank R. Wolf's office**, the Sudan and Human Rights Caucuses co-hosted a briefing on Chad. CFK organized a panel of experts to describe Chad's role in the war in Sudan and the problems intrinsic to Chad. International Crisis Group discussed the regional aspect of the Darfur crisis and the problem of poor governance in Chad; Catholic Relief Services followed with a description of life in the refugee camps and their effect on the host population as well as the lack of services for the growing number of internally displaced Chadians; Amnesty International exposed the problem of human rights violations in Chad and the use of child soldiers by the Chadian National Army; and in closing Refugee International examined the role of the EU bridging force and UN Peace-keeping force. Presentations were followed by questions for the panel by a full room of NGO and Congressional representatives.

"Defend the poor and the fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy"
Psalm 82:3

ACT NOW!

Call the Capitol Hill Switchboard at **(202) 224-3121** and ask to speak to your elected representative.



Tell your Representative to support Sen. Durbin's Child Soldiers Prevention Act

- The use of children in armed conflict is one of the worst forms of child exploitation. It robs the innocents of their youth. Sen. Durbin has introduced a bill that would prohibit the U.S. Government from giving military assistance to governments which use child soldiers unless the assistance is used to help end the practice. The bill emphasizes demobilization, rehabilitation and reintegration of former child soldiers into the community and helps support programs that begin the healing process.

**Find out
how you can
sponsor a
child's
education**

Call 410-602-5359

CFK has a new website
www.caringforkaela.org

About CFK:

CFK is a Christian relief and development organization whose vision is to empower the lives of children in Africa



Our Mission:

- To provide homes for children victimized by war, crime, or abuse,
- To raise those children to reach their God-given potential,
- To build the foundation for peaceful and productive communities by promoting self-sustained, people-centered approaches to development; and
- Strengthen the communities where we operate.

God doesn't call the qualified; He qualifies the called.

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CFK utilizes an all volunteer task-force of individuals committed to bridging gaps among nations. All funds received go towards the development of strong and sustainable initiatives that empower individuals and transform communities.

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