



ESSEX HIGH SCHOOL GOES TO AFRICA



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Essex High Students are Globally Aware



Essex District High School plans a project to build a school in the poorest country in the world - *Sierra Leone in Africa*

The students at Essex have formed a partnership with an amazing organization – Schools for Salone – a nonprofit organization run by volunteers who build schools in Africa. Started in 2004, these dedicated individuals have successfully established 10 schools in rural villages in Sierra Leone, Africa.



Schools For Salone

The Story of Cindy Nofziger



John Sasay, Cindy Nofziger and Joseph Lamin

Schools For Salone partners with local villages in Sierra Leone, Africa, to rebuild the educational infrastructure devastated in the ten-year long civil war that ended in 2002. The non-profit organization was launched in 2004 by Cindy Nofziger, a former Peace Corps Volunteer in Sierra Leone (1985-1987).

She, along with John Sasay and Joseph Lamin in Sierra Leone, are working to rebuild the schools in these rural villages and then to provide educational materials for the schools, as well as provide programs for teacher training.

All schools are in poor, rural communities that suffer from multiple problems including lack of safe water, poor health and nutrition and seasonal hunger. The communities put a very high priority on the education of their children, seeing this as a means of breaking the cycle of poverty.



The old Junctionla Primary School



The original Buma School



The new Buma School

Beginning with carefully targeted villages, the schools are community efforts. The community donates and clears the land, provides locally available materials and unskilled labour. Once funds arrive for imported items, such as cement and roofing materials, the schools are completed in less than two months.

Between 2004 and mid 2009, Schools For Salone has built 10 schools, 1 library and numerous water wells. In 2008, the organization became a 501(c)(3), Tax Exempt, Non-Profit Organization and has begun to expand their partnerships across the US and Canada.



The new Junctionla Primary School

Essex partners with Schools For Salone

The first school built by Cindy Nofziger was in Maforeka, but it has since become inadequate. This village is extremely poor but the villagers are highly motivated and Essex High has committed to build a new school here. There is an ambitious funding plan under way and they have set a target date for their school opening – November 2010. This school will be up and running by late fall 2010!



Pounding the Rice



Kids Making Music



The overflow classroom



In late January Essex staff and students sent 50 soccer balls to Sierra Leone in Africa. Some will go to Maforeka, as a way of saying "Hi" to the young people in the area where the new **RED RAIDER LEARNING CENTRE** will soon be under construction.



New Calaba Town School - March 2009



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