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Dear Friends,

We hope you enjoy this week's edition of the Newsflash!

Sincerely,

The Firelight Team

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Link to WHERE & WHAT WE FUND

LETTER OF INQUIRY TEMPLATE

If your organization is a charitable organization working with orphans and vulnerable children based in the Northern Region of Malawi, Lesotho, or Tanzania we invite you to send a "letter of inquiry" and provide us with basic information about your organization. Please ensure we have complete contact information for your organization.

We accept any kind of written submission. We currently accept applications in English, Chichewa, French, Kinyarwanda, Sesotho, and Swahili. Please limit your letter to three pages.

Deadline for Submission: February 15, 2012.

For more go to: <http://www.firelightfoundation.org/application-information.php>

(Call for Applications) The Young Feminist Fund

FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund mobilizes resources, funds and strengthens the participation and leadership of young feminist activists globally. The goal of The Young Feminist Fund (FRIDA) is to provide accessible, strategic and

responsive funding for young feminist-led initiatives, and to strengthen the capacity of young feminist organizations to both leverage their own resources and increase their social change impact. FRIDA invites applications from groups led by young women and transgender youth under 30 years of age for grants of up to USD 5,000.

Who Can Participate? Informal and formal groups founded and led by young women or transgender youth (under 30 years) that are committed to:

Advancing and defending women's human rights; Improving the lives of young women/transgender youth at local, national, regional or international levels; Inclusive organizing, collective action and movement building. Informal and formal groups, networks, or collectives based in the Global South (Africa, Asia and the Pacific, The Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean and Central and Eastern Europe and Commonwealth of Independent States).

Priority will be given to:

Small, emerging grassroots groups, networks, or collectives with little or no access to funding from larger donors. Groups, networks, or collectives that are working on emerging or issues that otherwise get limited funding. Groups, networks, or collectives located in remote underserved areas. Groups, networks, or collectives that are diverse in their membership and made up of and/or working with socially marginalized young women including but not limited to: refugees, ethnic, national and caste minorities, rural women, urban poor, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, women living with HIV/AIDS, sex workers, women with disabilities, women living in armed conflicts and post conflict zones.

Who is NOT supported by FRIDA?

Groups or organizations that display an intolerant attitude towards others on the basis of identity including: age, religion, sex, race/ethnicity, disability, class or sexual orientation. Groups working with young women and transgender youth but led by individuals (over 30 years of age). Scholarships, internship or school fees Doctoral or other research Groups with access to large funders Proposals submitted by individuals, government institutions, political organizations or religious groups.

Funding Amounts and Length of Grant: FRIDA provides grants of up to USD 5,000. They are general support grants to be used over a period of 12 months but are open to renewal.

Be Part of the Selection Process . . . You Decide!

As part of our commitment to movement building FRIDA engages young feminist activists in the grant decision-making process. We view this as a collective decision-making process. Applicants who meet FRIDA's criteria are expected to vote for their top proposal choices and give comments on their selections (groups may not vote for their own proposals). In voting, we ask that groups keep in mind what they think is important for the promotion and defense of the rights of young women in their region and globally. After voting the results are tallied and grantees are selected.

Deadline for Submission: 20 January 2012

For more go to: www.youngfeministfund.org

(Call for applications) Save Africa's Children

Save Africa's Children gives one-year grants of \$1,000 to \$5,000 to faith based and grassroots organizations providing direct support to vulnerable children orphaned or affected by HIV/AIDS, poverty and conflict in sub Saharan Africa.

A site visit is conducted by SAC representatives to all potential grantees. SAC uses the information to determine if the grantee meet our basic requirements and fit within SAC's core areas of interest. Please review our requirements and areas of interest carefully.

SAC will then follow up with the organization to solicit a full proposal. Full proposals are accepted by invitation only. We do not accept unsolicited proposals

Please do not contact SAC by phone or email to ask about the status of your project. Due to the volume of inquiries we receive, SAC cannot respond individually to those not selected for further consideration.

If the full proposal is approved, SAC will issue an award letter of agreement to the grantee partner, outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. Grantee partners must submit a progress report after six months and a final report after twelve months, as detailed in the award letter. Failure to submit a report by the due date may affect eligibility for any future grants. Reporting guidelines will be provided once a grant has been approved.

Requirements

- Your program should have a site visit conducted by an SAC representative.
- Your program should directly serve the needs of vulnerable children.
- Your program should demonstrate strong leadership and community ownership.

- Your program should have a history of effective community action.
- Your program should be responding to the situation of children affected by HIV/AIDS.

Core Areas of Interest

- Viable and sustainable economic interventions (such as income generating activities, micro-finance, agricultural support and skills training) to minimize economic vulnerability.
 - Economic support that increases the capacity of families to care for orphans such as assistance with school expenses, health costs and provision of staple foods.
 - Well-organized, community-based volunteer structures that identify orphans and monitor the status of vulnerable families.
 - Support of basic needs such as educational support, feeding and nutrition, temporary shelter and community based residential care.
 - Psycho-social counseling for both caregivers and orphaned children.

Applying for a Grant

To apply for a grant, please send a letter of interest to grants@saveafricaschildren.org

For more go to: <http://www.saveafricaschildren.org/saveafrica/grants/>

(Resource) Adolescent Girls: The Girls Count Series

Despite global awareness and efforts to improve the lives of girls, in many societies in Africa, adolescent girls still faces discrimination and marginalization. There is a sharp difference in how boys and girls are treated. In most communities girls have less opportunity for school, lower expectations for what they can accomplish, and lower access to resources that can help them earn an income. Just as boys are given more freedom and opportunity, the lives of girls become more limited in terms of opportunity, resources, and life choices.

Yet, research tells us that if a girl stays in school (both primary and secondary), has access to health services, and has the opportunity to develop skills, she will marry later, have fewer children who are healthy, and earn an income that will help improve the life of her family. Her children will be healthier and better educated. In other words the condition of her life determines the future of her children and their children.

A successful transformation of the adolescent girl's experience, and therefore transition to adulthood, means creating a set of conditions that provide girls with

the opportunity to reach their full potential and to lead lives of meaning and value, while enhancing the substantive choices that shape their future (Sen, 1997).

The Girls Count Series has been conducting research on the needs of adolescent girls. They have used that research to develop a set of actions that can help to provide girls with an opportunity for a better future. The attached pdf summarizes the actions that communities and families can take in support of adolescent girls. While not all are relevant to the local context, they provide guidance of what you can think about as you interact with girls in your community. You can also find more research on adolescent girls at the following website: <http://www.coalitionforadolescentgirls.org/>

As part of the Firelight Foundation's Capacity Building Program, Firelight provides "Newsflashes" to share relevant resources and information with our active grantee-partners via weekly emails and via post on a monthly basis. We hope that by facilitating access to information for grassroots, community-focused organizations, programming for children and families, as well as organizational development, is enhanced. Past editions of the Firelight Newsflash can be found on our website: <http://www.firelightfoundation.org/newsflash.php>.

We welcome your comments, feedback and ideas for upcoming Newsflashes at newsletter@firelightfoundation.org.