Give Hope, Fight Poverty

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How should students contact this agency? Email, text, or call
How should students submit cover letters and resumes? Email

General description of agency or business
We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization supporting orphaned children in Swaziland, Africa. Swaziland has the highest HIV prevalence in the world. This has created a child-headed household phenomenon because there are more orphans than potential caregivers. These orphans struggle with access to education, nutrition, healthcare, water and sanitation. This experiential learning course with service-learning components is designed to introduce students to a rural life in Swaziland by immersing them in the daily activities of an orphaned child. They will be exposed to the children’s schools, clinics, homes, and villages. They will also engage in the implementation of a program in one of these areas (for instance installing solar lighting in child-headed homes, building composting pit latrine toilets, or installing computer labs in rural schools). Lastly, they will be challenged to analyze the difficulties they observed and help design future programming with community based design aimed to provide sustainable support for orphans living in child-headed homes.

Internship or Job Description
(Pre-trip) Program Preparation – approx. 10 hours total
- Cumulative pre-trip report citing the readings due 7 days prior to travel.

(Travel Abroad) Service-Learning in Swaziland – 40 hours total
- Listen to challenges from African nonprofit organizations, schools, orphanages, and clinics in rural communities ravaged by HIV/AIDS
- Work together to brainstorm sustainable (feasible) solutions
- Gain a culturally competent perspective on Public Health and basic needs issues
- Use photojournalism to document your experience (photos & daily journal)

(Post Trip) Internship Program Implementation – (All remaining required hours)
The options are endless and tailored to students’ background and interest. In the past we have had students:
- Recruitment for future PH trips
- Fundraise for Swazi PH initiatives or scholarships
- Global Health awareness Building: High-school and Middle-school programs, sororities, university clubs/student group
- Online, Video or Traditional Marketing
- Website design
- World AIDS Day Event (December 1st)
- Anything else the students think of that is mutually beneficial for them and the orphans/organization

Basic student learning anticipated
1. Learn how to apply critical thinking and problem-solving skills in a real world global setting.
2. Learn how to integrate theory and experience in a professional setting.
3. Learn about a particular agency and their grass root effort to alleviate poverty on an international level.
4. Learn to strengthen interpersonal skills by appreciating groups and cultures.

Hours per week: Flexible based on student’s schedules
Number of weeks: Flexible based on student’s schedules
Position Available: Semesters Available (Summer, Fall, Spring) The internship requires a pre-trip & post-trip experience, so depending on when the student chooses to complete the experience abroad, the internship has the following possible timelines:
- If abroad over December break – December break, and Spring semester commitment
- If abroad during Spring Break – Spring semester commitment
- If abroad during the Summer – Summer commitment (and potentially fall semester if traveling late in the summer)

Unpaid, but you are encouraged to fundraise to cover your travel expenses