

Lend a helping hand

Second annual service-learning project to support refugee children

More than half of the world's refugees are children. Forced to flee their homes from persecution and war, many are robbed of their childhood and forced to fight for their very survival. Every child still needs the same basic things: family, a safe home, food to eat and water to drink, an opportunity to go to school, and hope.

Through the **Lend a Helping Hand** service-learning project, students and teachers can bring hope to refugee youth and children, who are hungry, tired, and living in despair.

Over 200,000 Sudanese refugees in neighboring Chad - more than half of them

children - have been forcibly uprooted from their villages due to fighting in their home region of Darfur. Many refugee children trekked to refugee camps after their parents were killed or they were separated from family members while escaping violence.

Tens of thousands have died due to violence, disease and hunger. Without adequate clean water, nourishment or healthcare, tens of thousands of refugee children are fighting to stay alive. With the help of classrooms around the United States, UNHCR can provide protection, clean water and emergency aid to children affected by this tragedy.

Here's how you can *Lend a helping hand*

Refugee Discussion for Teachers and Students

What is a refugee? What is the difference between a refugee and an immigrant? Do refugees have rights? Imagine you had to leave your home with only three things. What would you bring? How can individual students make a difference in the lives of refugees? Discuss the current situation in Darfur, Sudan and other refugee crises.

The funds raised will provide the assistance that the world's refugee children need most - shelter, health care, food, clean water, and an education. Together, we can save lives.

Create a Classroom Fundraising Project:

- Organize a bake sale, candy sale or car wash.
- Raffle tickets for a prize donated by a community business.
- Organize a pledge event (such as a jog-a-thon or walk-a-thon) in your school community.
- Form a Refugee Care Club with friends and fellow students to raise awareness about the plight of refugee children and youth.

You can make a difference!

The deadline for contributions is March 15, 2006.

The three classes that raise the most funds will receive a classroom globe, an autographed photo of **UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador Angelina Jolie** and UNHCR t-shirts for each student. All contributions are tax deductible and will be acknowledged in writing. Send your contributions in the form of a check or money order made payable to USA for UNHCR at:

Lend a Helping Hand Contest
USA for UNHCR
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Suite 290
Washington, D.C. 20006

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