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GSC Alternative Gifts assist Tanzanian communities in receiving resources and training that will help them live healthier lives! Get all of your holiday shopping done at once with GSC. There are a variety of tax deductible gift options available.  CLICK ON THE TITLES BELOW TO FIND MORE ALTERNATIVE GIFT GIVING OPTIONS.   TO DONATE TO ONE OF THESE PROJECTS, [FOLLOW THIS LINK.](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaopUpab1FnIbN8NnJeafpMYN/) |  |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  |  | [**Youth HIV/AIDS and Health Education**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaopUpab1FnNbN8NnJeafpMYN/)  A gift of HIV/AIDS and health education will provide essential education for youth so they will be equipped with the skills and knowledge necessary to prevent HIV/AIDS. Gifts are available from $10 for education materials for school peer educators to $500 to fund an entire peer education training workshop for 20 students.  To donate to this project, click on the picture to the left. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Hafirs - Rainwater Collection Tanks for Home Garden Irrigation**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaopUpab1FnQbN8NnJeafpMYN/)  A gift of a hafir creates a home water source to reduce the need for women and children to haul water long distances. This 12 m3 trench is lined and covered with plastic to decrease evaporation and filtration. Surrounded by a natural jatropha tree or acacia thorn fence to keep animals and small children out, a hafir can hold 12,000 liters of water and only costs 1/50th of other conventional options! During the rains, the tank collects and stores rainwater that can then be used for various tasks during the dry season, such as watering home gardens.  To donate to this project, click on the picture to the left. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Home Garden for an Orphanage**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaopUpab1FnObN8NnJeafpMYN/)  A gift of a home garden is a way for orphanages to supply nutritious and organic meals for children in a self-reliant way and also provides children with training on important income-generating life skills. Give a gift of seeds for the garden ($20), garden tools ($100) or an entire home garden ($200).   To donate to this project, click on the picture to the left. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Chicken Vaccination Project**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaopUpab1FnTbN8NnJeafpMYN/)  A gift of vaccinating chickens against Newcastle Disease will provide a family with increased nutrition and sources of income. Each year Newcastle Disease kills 70% of the chicken population in Tanzania. Since chickens are the livestock of the poor and vulnerable including children, this disease has a major impact on the lives and well-being of a large portion of the population. In 2009, GSC launched a project called "Catch That Chicken" which focuses on vaccinating chickens against this disease. These vaccinations reduce losses to Newcastle Disease by up to 75%, which dramatically increases availability of eggs and poultry for consumption by most vulnerable populations.  To donate to this project, click on the picture to the left. | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | Global Service Corps 3543 18th Street, Suite 14 San Francisco, CA 94110 (415) 551-0000 [gsc@globalservicecorps.org](mailto:gsc@globalservicecorps.org)    [Check out our website for more information on GSC programs!](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaopUpab1FnJbN8NnJeafpMYN/) | | | | | |

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Please check out the information below, regarding:  -The new changes made at Global Service Corps -New Staff Members -GSC's HIV/AIDS Prevention Day Camp in Arusha, Tanzania -Our Alternative Gift Program for this season! -Special Offer For Limited Time: 2010 program rates for 2011 program |  |  | |  | | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | |  | | | |  |  | [**Our New Interactive Community and Events! (To see our Facebook Page, click here!)**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaok6Zab02vybQi6MGe/)  Exciting changes are underway at GSC headquarters in San Francisco!  Our marketing team is busy creating an interactive community between the GSC staff, alumni and prospective volunteers by integrating GSC into the social networking world of Facebook and Twitter, as well as the creation of our brand new blog, which is available at: [http://globalservicecorpsblog.wordpress.com/](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaok6Zab02vFbQi6MGe/)   Come find us on Facebook! Click the photos!  Follow us on Twitter @ VolunteerGSC   PAST AND UPCOMING EVENTS:  This fall, GSC has been sponsoring a night out on the town for our friends! Come join us for the next party.  • THE AMBASSADOR HAPPY HOUR-9/13 Our first event was held at The Ambassador on 9/13 for a special $2 Tuesday Happy Hour. Our marketing team and the founders of Global Service Corps, Rick and Maxine Lathrop, spent an evening schmoozing and discussing the many programs and issues that GSC has continued to address since it’s founding in 1993. We had a wonderful time getting to know you all, and hope to see you again at upcoming events!  • SWANK HAPPY HOUR: 10/16 Drink specials for those who donated to GSC were available, as well as great music with DJ MELL, comfortable ambiance, and good discussions revolving around GSC.   • SALSA DANCING @ CIRCOLO- 11/3 from 7:30-11pm Our next informal bash will have a bit of a Latin kick to it! This will certainly be a night to remember, as there will be professional salsa instructors giving a salsa lesson, and performances throughout the evening. By the end of the evening we hope to see everyone groovin’ on the dance floor! There will be drink specials, good company and of course, plenty of dancin’ room! Put on your dancing shoes and come spend some time with us. | |  | | | |  |  | [**GSC Welcomes New Staff!**](http://globalservicecorps.org/site/aug-sept-10#new-staff)  Introducing new additions to our GSC Team!   Stephanie Sybert: Service-Learning Programs Coordinator After completing a B.S. degree in Public Relations at Syracuse University, Stephanie went on to get her Master's in Public Health at San Diego State University. Shortly after graduation from her Master's program, she began working as Public Relations Manager for RealAge, Inc. and publicist for Dr. Michael Roizen and Dr. Mehmet Oz. Her love for international cultures and travel led Stephanie to spend 16 months abroad teaching English and traveling. She explored 15 countries throughout Europe and Asia, including Thailand and Cambodia. Upon returning to the United States, she began her work with Global Service Corps.  Shota Shubladze: Fund Development Consultant  Shota is a former city government official from the Republic of Georgia with twelve years of non-profit development experience on local and international levels. His expertise includes program/grant management, proposal writing and fund development. He graduated from Tbilisi State University 1995 with his MS in history, received a Non-Profit Management Certificate and his MPA from the California State University East Bay in 2008 and 2010.  Alison Mesinger- Marketing Team Member As a recent graduate from the University of Colorado at Boulder in News-Editorial Journalism and European History, Alison concentrates on the written and visual content for the web site, as well as other social media networks like Facebook, Flikr, and Twitter. She spent several months in the South Pacific, attending the University of Otago in Dunedin, New Zealand for a semester, and then traveled to parts of Australia and Fiji before returning home. Alison is an out-door enthusiast and spends much of her free time doing physical activities such as rock climbing and skiing, and also utilizes her photojournalism skills as a sports photographer and general photojournalist.   Stefania Savoldelli: Marketing Team Member Stefania has been living in San Francisco since July, 2009. She is an international student from Italy who loves traveling and the challenge of mastering foreign languages. She studied at the business school of Saint-Etienne (France) and at the University of Pavia in Italy, where she was responsible for the international students community. She interned as a marketing assistant in Italy and France, and has been interning for Global Service Corps while completing her MA in International Management & Marketing at the San Francisco State University. Her passion for the international field stems from her love of meeting and interacting with people from different cultures. Among her favorite trips: Spain, Malta, Mexico, Tunisia and Egypt.  Trang Tran: Marketing Team Member Trang is currently studying for her MBA at Golden Gate University while working as a marketing intern for GSC. The work provides her with the opportunity to see the outcomes of GSC's contributions to the international community, and also gives her the chance to work on social network marketing with an incredible group of individuals. Besides working and studying, she likes to travel and has been to Europe and several cities in the US. She loves to watch movies, read books and walk around in downtown San Francisco. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**News from Tanzania**](http://globalservicecorps.org/site/daycamp-article)  Camp Gives Students HIV/AIDS Knowledge to Share with Others  Written by Kim Beury  Two hundred fifty-two more Arusha Region students are now equipped to teach peers, friends and family information about HIV/AIDS from how to avoid the deadly virus to how a person with HIV can live a long and healthy life.   The students are this yearï¿½s graduates of the HIV/AIDS, Health and Life Skills Day Camp that takes place annually in Arusha Region secondary schools and is hosted by Global Service Corps, a NGO that has been serving local communities for over a decade.  [To continue reading, click the title link above!] | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Global Service Corps Alternative Holiday Gift**](http://globalservicecorps.org/site/aug-sept-10#alt-gifts)  Global Service Corps' Alternative Gift Giving is the perfect way to give a truly meaningful gift to a loved one. Give a gift that will help communities in Tanzania receive training and resources that will help them live healthier lives!  Click on the title link above to see how you can get involved. | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | NOTE SPECIAL OFFER: Due to rising costs internationally Global Service Corps will be slightly increasing our rates for the 2011 programs. For those who complete the first steps of the application process by November 15th, 2010 the 2010 program rates will still apply. Please note that completing the first steps of the application process means the online application must be completed and your resume and personal statement uploaded online. Additionally, the program deposit must be received in the San Francisco office either via check or paid online with a credit card, and the mailed-in and signed application form with the correct program start and end dates must be received in the San Francisco office by November 15th, 2010. Simply starting the online application does not qualify an applicant for this special offer. For instructions about how to enroll,  [Click here](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maaok6Zab02vsbQi6MGe/) | | | | | |

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After a frenzy of last minute packing they settled down into their new buildings in late April. The new offices are located on two fertile green acres and bordered by the Themi River and an old growth eucalyptus forest to the east. The offices have an incredible view to the west of Mt. Meru (especially wonderful at night as the sun sets over its majestic peak). The complex is safeguarded by two night guards and contains the administration offices, program coordinator and director’s offices, reception room, a kitchen, and trainers’ offices.   Please click on the picture to the left for more photos and to continue reading. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Thailand Buddhist Immersion Program**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maan3JxabYCkmbN8NnJe/)  With GSC you can choose to volunteer with our Buddhist Immersion Teaching English Program in Rajburi Province, Thailand. The program takes place within a beautifully landscaped 33-acre park-like wat complex. The various marble walkways, bridges and temples are speckled by the brilliant orange-red robes of monks going about their daily routines. Each morning you will begin your day amid the blissful silence of the wat as you prepare to teach English to novice and senior monks as well as local community members. In between your teaching activities you will have the opportunity to meditate and reflect by the cool still waters of the meandering lakes and streams that frame the vivid white marble temples on the complex grounds.   Please click on the picture to the left for more photos and to continue reading. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Our NEW HIV/AIDS and Drug Prevention Education and Other Cambodia Programs**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maan3JxabYCkpbN8NnJe/)  We are very excited about the June launch of our Cambodian HIV/AIDS and Drug Abuse Prevention Education Program. Our program will be working with secondary schools and local NGOs in and around the beautiful and historic capitol city of Phnom Penh. The program will build on the best practices of our 15 years of HIV/AIDS prevention education work in E. Africa and our recent work in Thailand. While Cambodia has reduced the incidence of HIV/AIDS in the adult population, there is very little prevention education being provided to youths. Local schools and NGOs have asked us to add the drug abuse prevention component to our work. We already have several well qualified volunteers registered for the program launching in June including a registered nurse and an alumni of our Tanzania program.   Please click on the picture to the left for more photos and to continue reading. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Contact Us**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maan3JxabYCkvbN8NnJe/)  We welcome your input, comments and stories. Also, please feel free to forward this issue to friends and associates.  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Imagine if an entire village had water storage facilities at each household, safe and affordable for all, reducing labor and time to fetch water, enabling the luxury of an occasional bath, and if purified, water for cooking and cleansing, thus reducing disease incidence.   A hafir water storage system is a trench that is lined and covered with plastic sheeting. This home water cistern filled by rain surface water provides the means for a Maasai household to keep small vegetable gardens irrigated throughout the year. Starting in July 2009, Global Service Corps-Tanzania began constructing these innovative water harvesting tanks in Maasailand, with the assistance of a generous donation of plastic sheeting from two local hardware stores, Bulk Supplies and Olotu Trading Company Ltd. These hafiirs were created through the generous hard work of local villagers, along with GSC and Tanzanian university volunteers. To finish reading this story, click on the photo to the left.  To learn more about how you can participate on this and other sustainable agriculture and food security projects, go to [http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/tanzania-agriculture-and-food/](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanOVLabWDHjbN8NnJeafpMYN/) | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Tanzania HIV/AIDS Prevention, Health, and Life Skills Day Camp**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanOVLabWDGVbN8NnJeafpMYN/)  You Can Help GSC Create a Generation Free of AIDS in Africa!  Did you know that the pre-teens and teenagers are among the most vulnerable to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Africa? Here's how your support will help students in Tanzania become equipped to live healthy lives free from HIV/AIDS!  During June, Global Service Corps organizes a two-week long Peer Education HIV/AIDS Prevention, Health, and Life Skills Day Camp. GSC staff and volunteers work with approximately 200 - 300 Tanzanian high school students and teachers to help educate youth about HIV/AIDS prevention. These camps are designed to be an interactive way for students to learn about HIV/AIDS, prevention, relationships and sexuality in a fun, creative, and ultimately sustainable manner. Students then disseminate information about HIV/AIDS, life skills, and other health issues through peer health clubs at their schools throughout the rest of the year. Surveys make it clear that programs are needed to move youth from awareness and knowledge to actual behavior change. This is a primary goal of these camps.   In order for GSC to maintain this vital work with the youth of Tanzania, we need your help. Even from far away, you can help to fight the devastating effects of HIV/AIDS and assist in saving lives. Your support and donation of any amount is needed now; with your help we can send a Tanzanian student to Camp, train and support a Camp counselor, buy lunches for the students, and purchase supplies. Visit our online Secure Donation Page accessible at: [http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/donate/](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanOVLabWuCybN8NnJeafpMYN/)  To read more about the GSC Day Camp Program, including a detailed case study, click on the photo to the left. | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Buddhist Immersion-EFL Program Expansion**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanOVLabWDeCbN8NnJeafpMYN/)  Global Service Corps (GSC) Thailand is excited to offer our expanded Buddhist Immersion-EFL Program to those interested in learning about Thai Buddhist culture, while also giving back to the local community. Working with an established and respected Buddhist monastery (wat), this program provides participants with the opportunity to become truly immersed in the Thai culture and Buddhist way of life by living at the wat while teaching English to Buddhist monks.   GSC is fortunate to have formed a strong working relationship with a wat that is home to approximately 200 novice, senior and visiting monks, many of whom wish to learn more English. The wat is situated in a beautiful and serene setting with lakes and lush greenery surrounding the many temples, educational buildings, dorms and meditation centers. Following Buddhist practices, volunteers can participate in the traditional day-to-day activities of the monks, including the opportunity to learn and practice meditation several times throughout the day. Regardless of your level of knowledge about Buddhism or Thai culture, this program provides you as a GSC volunteer with a level of cultural immersion and service-learning rarely experienced by most volunteers. For more information, see [http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/thailand-buddhist-immersion/](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanOVLabWDeCbN8NnJeafpMYN/) | |  | | | |  | | | |  |  | [**Introducing Our New Cambodia In-Country Coordinator**](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanOVLabWDelbN8NnJeafpMYN/)  GSC is happy to introduce our new Cambodia In-Country Coordinator, Sophy Tun. Sophy received her B.A. in Teaching English as a Foreign Language and has taught both English and Khmer at a number of schools in Cambodia. Sophy also earned a University Diploma of Technician in Food Technology and Chemical Engineering. The skills she obtained working as a technician studying the resistance of HIV at the Institut Pasteur du Cambodge make her a great resource for GSC's programs focusing on the prevention of and education about this deadly disease. Sophy works to coordinate all volunteer placements, while also providing valuable cultural insight into the Cambodian culture. For more information on our Cambodia service-learning volunteer programs in the areas of teaching English, HIV/AIDS prevention, orphanage care and international health, go to [http://www.globalservicecorps.org/site/cambodia-service-learning-programs/](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanOVLabWDdYbN8NnJeafpMYN/) | |  | | |  |  | | --- | |  |  |  | | --- | |  | | SEE WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING ABOUT GSC ON FACEBOOK, TWITTER AND MYSPACE! WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR OPINIONS ON OUR PROGRAMS, YOUR IDEAS AND CURRENT EVENTS.  [Click Here to connect with GSC on Facebook!](http://gsc.c.topica.com/maanOVLabWuBsbN8NnJeafpMYN/) | | | | | |