



Orphan Quilts



A Girl Scout Gold Award Project

My name is Kimberly Hoilman. I am a 16 year old Girl Scout from Highlands Ranch, Colorado working on my Gold Award project. For my project I am sewing quilts to send to orphans in Africa. They will be sent through the Rafiki organization that currently runs 10 orphanages in different countries of Africa. I want to get the community involved and I would love your help.



For the past 6 months I have been conducting 'Learn to Sew' events. These are half day classes where High School girls learned basic sewing skills. They were paired with more experienced seamstresses and worked together on a quilt. In the picture are some of the girls and many of the quilts we made. To date 39 quilts have been completed. Rafiki will have 60 children (age 13+) moving into new dormitories in September. I would love to provide every one with their very own unique quilt.

For the second part of my project I want to reach out into the community and find adults who know how to sew and would be willing to make and donate a quilt. Girl Scouts calls this a "sustainability plan". It's a way to show that the need the Gold project is addressing will continue to be met after project ends. Would you consider making a quilt and donating it? The more we can send to Rafiki, the more children will have a colorful quilt on their bed and a reminder that someone cares about them. The quilts need to be 4ft wide x 6ft long to fit on the bunk beds. Please use cotton fabrics. Also they need to be

quilted (top, batting, and bottom sewn together) not tied. The quilts will be for older kids, ages 13 to 17. When choosing fabrics, please stay away from designs such as fire trucks, combat, cartoons, and movie characters, etc. The orphans will not understand them and it would be young for them anyway. A good choice would be bold solids, small prints, stripes, flower, or plaids. I am especially in need of colors for the boys. Quilts can be delivered to me so that I can take them to the Rafiki home office where they will be shipped to the orphans. Or you can mail it directly to Rafiki at:

The Rafiki Foundation
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Where are the quilts going?

The Rafiki Foundation was established in 1985 by Rosemary Jensen and others who desired to help Africans. "Rafiki" means friend in Swahili and depicts the purpose of the Foundation—to befriend orphans and widows in their distress (James 1:27). The mission of the Rafiki Foundation is to help Africans know God by caring for and educating orphans, providing materials and training in education and Bible study, and giving economic opportunities to widows. The Rafiki Foundation sends out qualified professionals to work with nationals in ten African countries: Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia.

