



Newport Intermediate School

MOVING FORWARD TOGETHER

TO: Mr. Tony Watts, Superintendent & Newport Board of Education

FROM: Savannah O'Brien, Teacher

SUBJECT: Request for Funding

DATE: December 8, 2023

CC: Jennifer Michael

Introduction

Newport Independent Schools has an extremely diverse population and has chosen culturally responsive teaching as a priority area. I believe my experience teaching in Zanzibar can greatly benefit our students by bringing back strategies to implement in our classrooms around poverty, diversity, and engagement.

Background

The [CR HOPE Foundation](#) is a charity, not-for-profit organization launched in 2017 with the sole objective of providing quality education to children and youth in Zanzibar, Tanzania, thus fighting against poverty in the region. The vision is to inspire children to strengthen their local communities through quality education and lifelong learning.

CR HOPE currently provides 115 school-aged children with quality education, helping them to develop literacy and numeracy skills, and spur their interest in sports, community development, and leadership.

Our values are the main driving force behind all our activities. We believe that good intentions are not enough to make a difference, which is why we evaluate the impact made by our programs and take responsibility for their results.

Program Highlights

- Create a nurturing environment and build meaningful connections with children. Share your skills and experiences, broadening their horizons and empowering them to embrace diversity.
- Channel creativity by painting educative murals that inspire learning and imagination, transforming their surroundings into vibrant learning spaces.



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- Teach children the importance of hygiene through engaging activities, and promoting good health practices.
- Assist with sports, music, and various enrichment activities to encourage their physical and creative development.
- Get involved in eco-friendly initiatives like tree planting, contributing to a sustainable future for the community and the planet.
- Volunteers teach five days a week, with weekends and holidays free. Our students are proficient in English, but practice helps.

Requested Funding

Deposit/Admin Fee	\$80
Visa	\$50
Travel Insurance	\$150
Plane Ticket	\$2,500
Stay	\$760
Food/Living	\$800
Total Request	\$4,340

Return on Investment

- Belt Team
- Wildcat Summit
- PLC around Culturally Responsive Teaching
- Implementation of CRT in our Everyday Instruction
- Strategies to strengthen community relationships