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Student Leadership Guide

Welcome to *Two Villages*. We are pleased to provide high school students with the opportunity to lead within their schools and local community. Your efforts will support international projects and connect those with the ability to give with those in need. Please begin by reviewing our completed projects on the website. You'll see many examples of how students and schools have helped others.

Each year *Two Villages* will identify a project as provided by partner international organizations. We want to recognize your efforts and provide an easy way to donate. The current project will have donation form on the main website and funds are forwarded directly to the international agency. No money is sent to *Two Villages*.

Let's Begin.

- Build an awareness of the project within your school (displays, presentations)
- Learn more about the project location and culture
- Consider ways to raise funds (we've attached some ideas)
- Plan ahead for **Rice Day**, held each fall as a *Two Villages* fundraiser
- Involve your community
- Communicate with us, ask questions, share your successes
- Lead. You are making a difference in the lives of others
- Establish a fundraising goal. Take steps to make it a reality

When it comes to international issues there is no *they*. We all have a responsibility to notice that the areas of the world need support. In doing so each of us shows our communities that change can happen with a little effort. We hope this leadership experience will positively affect your high school and postsecondary education and ultimately, your career.



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**Wollo Community Seed Bank
Ethiopia, Africa**

This year *Two Villages* has partnered with *USC Canada* to raise funds for the **Wollo Community Seed Bank** in Ethiopia. The goal is quite simple – to support the efforts of local farmers and help achieve food supply security.

A seed bank stores seeds as a source for planting in case seed reserves elsewhere are destroyed. It is a type of gene bank. The seeds stored may be food crops, or those of rare species to protect biodiversity. The reasons for storing seeds may be varied. In the case of food crops, many useful plants that were developed over centuries are now no longer used for commercial agricultural production and are becoming rare. Storing seeds also guards against catastrophic events like natural disasters, outbreaks of disease, or war.

The project will include the construction of a seed bank compound in Wollo District, within the Central Highlands of Ethiopia. The space will serve many purposes beyond its primary goal of seed storage and preservation. It is a community centre with a library. The structure will serve as a meeting place and training area. Local farmers will share knowledge of local seed varieties and farming methods.

Farmers in Ethiopia have the knowledge and ability to address food supply issues. The provision of a seed bank will enable the community to work together and ensure long term sustainability.



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Once you make contact with *Two Villages*, we have an amazing secure way to connect every student who participates. We'll set you up.

Check out Rafi.ki

Rafi.ki is the mother of all online learning communities. It is specially designed for shared learning at teacher and student levels, using state of the art technology.

For Students

The global reach of this community offers unprecedented personalised learning opportunities for students. Some pupils just chat to each other, sometimes in class and sometimes outside lesson times - just for fun.

Many more actually participate in "projects". A project usually consists of a series of lesson plans (and resources) that match up to the English (and other countries') curricula. The idea is that you cover the work you would be doing anyway, but improve on it by "adding the international dimension" and working together with one or more schools.

For Teachers

Schools join for lots of different reasons, some of them already have schools they work with and want to improve their links, and others are just lonely hearts looking for other schools. Either way, we can help.

From joining in our scheduled teacher events and browsing through our monthly e-newsletters, to sharing problems and solutions within our forums and using our "surgery", we make sure you are able to achieve your objectives.

Two Villages linked to a secure Rafi.ki account. In 2008 schools from all across Newfoundland and Labrador will engage in fundraising activities to achieve a common goal – building a Seed Bank in Ethiopia, Africa. This project will sustain a food supply in one of the most challenging environments in the world. We'll get you connected.

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Fundraising Ideas

Two Villages understands that sometimes it can be hard to come up with new and unique ways to do fundraising. With this in mind, we've come up with some ideas to help you along to reaching your *Two Villages* fundraising goal.

- "Two Villages" Rice Day
- Recycling Drive
- School Dance / Concert
- Garage Sale
- Car Wash
- Walk-a-thon / Bike-a-thon
- Bake Sale
- Craft Sale
- BBQ Hot Dog / Hamburger Sale
- Pot Luck Supper
- Rubber Duck Races
- Popcorn Sale
- Coin Drive (pennies, loonies, etc.)