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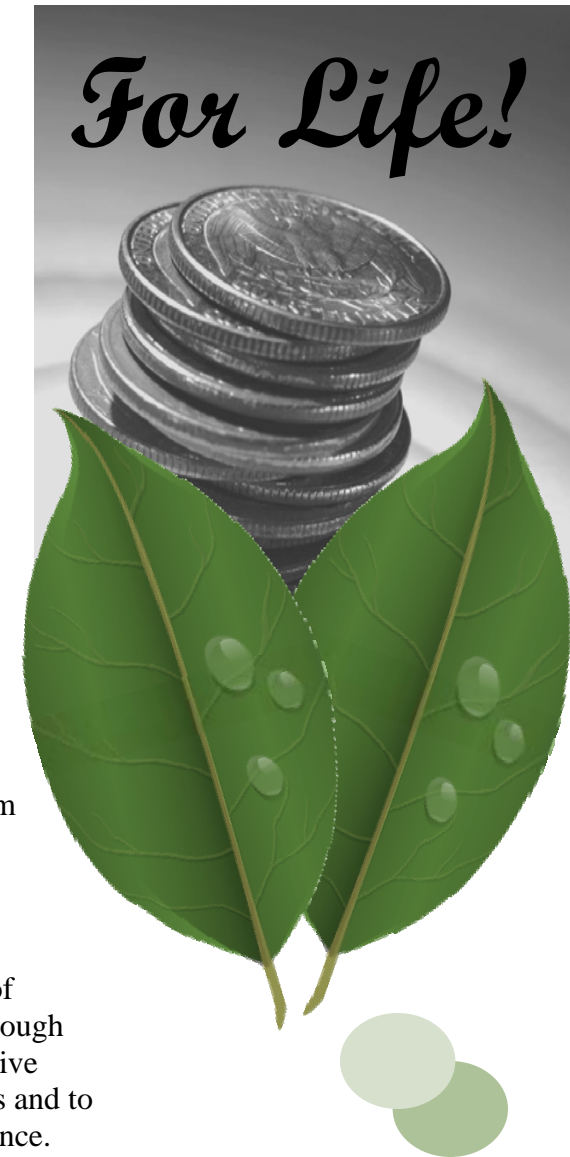
A charitable campaign of
The African Center, Indianapolis

Little by little, *The African Center, Indianapolis* is to adding tremendous value and hope to the lives of Africans.... right here in central Indiana. From a shared vision to a realized dream, The African Center provides daily services that support the needs of Africans...the needs of those escaping conflicts and persecution, the needs of those trying to navigate the unfamiliar and the complexities of American society...the needs of those just trying to understand and connect themselves to all of the possibilities that the United States can offer them. Little by little, we invite you to understand and become a part of our vision.

Its often the little things that can disrupt the lives of Africans who have settled in central Indiana. Americans and Hoosiers subconsciously flow through our daily tasks... tasks for which African newcomers may interpret as yield signs, stop signs, or even roadblocks. We can work together in easing the transition from life in Africa to the United States.

Little by little, the **Quarter for Life Campaign** will allow us to provide increased services and programming that address the *critical life needs* of Africans and their families in central Indiana. Through providing these services and programs, we will give Africans the capacity to pass beyond their barriers and to achieve a new sense of independence and confidence.

The **Quarter for Life Campaign** is a simple and convenient way in which you can get involved with our programs and services that add value and hope to the lives of Africans in central Indiana. We appreciate your interest in reading this brochure. Thank you.





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The **Quarter for Life Campaign** is an individual giving campaign of African Community International. Otherwise known as the *African Center*, the nonprofit organization is located in Indianapolis and provides services which support Africans and enhance their active participation in American society and in their homeland. The campaign hopes to collect 4,000,000 quarters by the end of 2010. These quarters will be used to support **critical life needs** of vulnerable Africans living in United States, particularly in Indiana.

We are inviting you to become involved with this campaign...as a individual, as a member of a religious congregation, as an employee, or just as someone who advocates for Africans and their families. Through simply gathering your spare change within one of our collection boxes, you can assist local Africans in big ways!

The Quarter for Life Campaign supports which critical life needs?

Healthcare delivery for the uninsured:

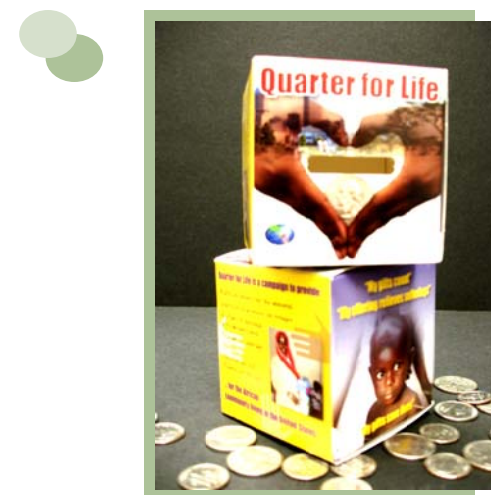
Many Africans face cultural, institutional, and personal barriers that prevent them and their families from accessing the mainstream health care system and creating sustainable systems of care. The African Center's **African Health Initiative** provides solutions to these healthcare challenges, and its allows Africans to take control of their health needs. As part of this initiative, the African Center's **Community Clinic** provides free, basic, and preventative health care services for Africans and their families in a treatment environment that is both culturally and linguistically relevant. A portion of this campaign will be used to support the costs of supplementary health services that are financially burdensome for patients in the program.

Qualitative social services for refugees:

African refugees who have resettled in central Indiana from such nations as Liberia, Sudan, and Somalia, or Eritrea have unique, continuing needs. While social services for refugees are provided through "resettlement agencies," a major portion of their service support ends six months after a refugee's arrival in central Indiana. Faced with travel assistance debts, insecure employment, housing needs, English-language barriers, and still a relative unfamiliarity with certain aspects of life in central Indiana, refugees still need a high level of social service and community support beyond what is available through the public assistance and mainstream social services organizations.

Assistance to individuals with emergency needs:

Because of cultural adjustment factors, unstable social networks, and obligations towards the support of other family members both within the United States and in Africa, sudden emergencies can be a very frightening and debilitating experience for African individuals and



Collection boxes for the Quarter for Life Campaign...for you!

their families. Emergencies caused by sudden job loss, immigration adjustment complications, unforeseen health problems, or family crises may result in situations in which Africans do not have the financial resources to prevent even further upheavals to their lives. During these critical times, immediate and direct financial assistance towards obligations like rent or utility payments, child care services, or car troubles can often buy enough time for individuals to find solutions to these problems. A portion of Quarter for Life will be used for these emergency circumstances.

Programs for vulnerable children:

Children of African newcomers may experience unique challenges of their own in adjusting to life in American society. These children too commonly find themselves caught in a collision between traditional African values of their parents and mainstream American society. For children being taught one set of values at home and then experiencing another set of values among their American peers, their development into productive, responsible young adults may be impeded by this dramatic cultural conflict. A portion of Quarter for Life

will go towards the support of African Center youth programming that focus directly on these cultural conflicts and show children how to properly negotiate and rise above the negative feelings, confusion, and uncertainty of growing-up African in America.

Education and skill training for the elderly:

For middle age Africans, some of their greatest challenges are related to the information age and computers. African professionals arrive in the United States only to find that their years of experience and knowledge of a particular work sector do not count for much without computer skills. For many reasons, only parts of Africa are only now starting to enter the information age. A portion of the Quarter for Life Campaign will help provide specific computer skills and other education that meet middle-aged Africans' needs.

How can you get involved?

Visit us at the African Center and pick-up a Quarter for Life collection box. Pennies, nickels, dimes, or quarters...*it's your choice*. There are no time limits and set amounts. We want to make giving as convenient as possible. Because of committed and caring individuals like yourself, a little spare change today will add up to amazing results in the future!

Request a special presentation about the campaign from a representative of the African Center. We are always available to meet with representatives of religious congregations, businesses, and community organizations. The African Center will work with you in coordinating your portion of the campaign so that it matches your group's interests and passions.

Volunteer for the campaign! We need devoted individuals to assist us in many important aspects of the campaign. Give us a call or stop by the African Center to learn more about these opportunities.