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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Posner Center Announces Awards to Promote Collaboration**

The Posner Center's new International Collaboration Fund supports innovative projects that demonstrate how collaboration can broaden and strengthen the work of our Tenant and Member organizations. Applicants are encouraged to submit ideas that will help them build capacity, explore new directions, take risks, fuel action, and improve the impact and knowledge base of our network.

The Posner Center is pleased to announce awardees of the inaugural round of International Collaboration Fund grants. These grants were supported by Joanne Posner Mayer, CoBank, the Shuyler family, and many other Posner Center donors. For information about supporting future rounds of International Collaboration Fund awards, including awards focused on agriculture, water, energy, infrastructure, health, education, children, and many more areas, contact Doug Vilsack at [doug@posnercenter.org](mailto:doug@posnercenter.org). Winning collaborators and projects in 2015 are outlined below.

#### **AfricAid & Africa School Assistance Project - \$5,000**

AfricAid and ASAP will conduct a feasibility study to coordinate support for secondary school girls in Tanzania. The study will determine if AfricAid's successful Kisa Project Model could be replicated in the Mwanza region of northern Tanzania and integrated into ASAP's new pilot project, The Kupanda Project, to increase secondary school graduation rates for girls.

#### **Bridges to Prosperity & Engineers Without Borders USA - \$20,000**

B2P and EWB-USA will formalize and strengthen an existing footbridge-building partnership in Guatemala. The partners will inspect and evaluate completed footbridges, assess and prioritize potential footbridge project sites, and document and share lessons-learned. The partnership will result in the construction of two high-priority footbridges, which will provide safe access to education, healthcare, and market opportunities for isolated communities.

#### **Children's Future International, iDE, & Denver Urban Gardens - \$5,000**

CFI, iDE, and DUG will evaluate the potential for an income-generating food security program at CFI's learning center in Cambodia. CFI is exploring models to reduce the need for ongoing financial support for families with children enrolled at its learning center. Technical training from iDE's Farm Business Advisor network and implementation of community-led gardening techniques employed by DUG will be evaluated.

#### **Global Livingston Institute, Into Your Hands-Africa, Edge of 7, & AfricAid - \$5,000**

GLI, IYHA, Edge of 7, and AfricAid have a common need for curriculum to teach business, entrepreneurship, and community leadership skills to women participating in their programs in East Africa. Funding will support a researcher and staffing to develop this curriculum and tailor it to the unique circumstances in each project area in Uganda, Kenya, and Tanzania.

**Hope Shines & Africa Development Promise - \$5,000**

Hope Shines will explore opportunities to utilize ADP's expertise in developing agricultural cooperatives to support caregivers of disadvantaged children in Rwanda with Business Development Services (BDS) training. Similarly, ADP will identify the needs of children of the women's cooperative they support to determine if they can be incorporated into Hope Shines' child programs. This collaboration will link caregivers with BDS training and cooperative women's children to educational and health programs.

**iDE & 14+ Tenant and Member Partners - \$15,000**

iDE will oversee Salesforce CRM training for all interested Tenants and Members at the Posner Center. Salesforce is the premier donor and project management tool for non-profits and businesses. The training will include overview sessions, basic functionality, tailored topic workshops, administrator training, and one-on-one technical assistance from iDE and other experts.

**World Affairs Challenge & Facing History and Ourselves - \$5,000**

WAC and Facing History will collaborate to bring each organization's international-focused curriculum and programs to new schools and educators in Colorado. This includes collaborative marketing activities, roundtables to raise awareness among Posner Tenants and Members, education collaboration working sessions, and a system to track local K-12 schools and educators reached by both organizations.

**ABOUT POSNER**

*The Posner Center for International Development is building a community of innovators who grow lasting solutions to global poverty with a goal to be the leader of collaborative international development. To accomplish this, the Center brings together 50+ international development-oriented organizations and businesses in a 25,000 square-foot shared space in Denver's Curtis Park neighborhood. Learn more about our space and community at [www.posnercenter.org](http://www.posnercenter.org).*

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