

Create a world in which all children have the opportunity for an education.



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Through education, all things become possible.

In December 2005, Canadian athletes and a photographer visited a school in a small community in Niger, where they saw 30 children sharing one pencil in a classroom with few books and fewer supplies, no electricity and no running water. This experience inspired a group of Canadians to launch Pencils for Kids, an **all-volunteer charity** dedicated to partnering with communities to deliver support to students, build schools and libraries, provide classroom resources, and develop self sustaining income-generating farming programs for women.

Programs

Since 2006, Pencils for Kids has partnered with the community of Liboré, Niger: we have shipped over 40,000 kg of school supplies, started an Art program, a Theatre program, a Soccer program and a program where students teach computer skills to adults. But our main focus is in the following three areas:

Coopers Sewing Centre for Girls – aims to provide income generating sewing skills and literacy training for girls who are no longer in school.



Over 200 girls have received training since 2008

Scholarships for Girls provides books, uniforms, food and tutoring for girls.



Over 450 scholarships since 2009. As of 2018, 25 girls from Liboré graduated and entered university or other post-secondary institute.

Our third area and Flagship program is the Farmers of the Future, a partnership between Eliminate Poverty Now and Pencils for Kids, led by Professor Dov Pasternak.

Farmers of the Future – Women are trained and equipped to run income-generating gardens adjacent to primary schools where possible. Children learn alongside their mothers how to irrigate, plant and market their crops and invest their earnings.



800 students and 50 teachers have participated.
400 mothers run the income generating gardens.



Past Accomplishments

Pencils for Kids has been involved in many projects since its inception. These include: sponsoring 14 kindergartens, including one permanent kindergarten called Clara's Kids which was funded by 8 year old Clara Graham and her family; establishing Pen Pal relationships with primary schools in Canada; training teachers; training midwives and outfitting medical clinics in Liboré; building three schools; building the community's first ever Library; building an Education Centre; launching a Training Room for Technicians; providing containers of school supplies; and purchasing desks, computers and textbooks.

You Can Make the Difference

At Pencils for Kids we believe deeply that individuals really can make a difference.

Here is how you can help:



Make an Online Donation

Help support our Farmers, Sewing Centre and Scholarship girls!



Book a Speaker from P4K

Invite us to share our story at your workplace, club or school.



Hold a Fundraiser and Raise Awareness

We are open to your creative ideas!

For more information visit: www.pencilsforkids.com or contact us by email at info@pencilsforkids.com or phone (416) 399-4351

