

**Would you like to transform the lives
of children in Africa?
CASSIDY, aged 6, SHOWED THAT NO ONE IS
TOO YOUNG TO CHANGE THE WORLD -
THANKS TO HER MONTESSORI SCHOOL!**



Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world.
Maria Montessori (1870–1952)



Cassidy, aged 6, was upset when she heard at school how children were living in Africa - and made her mind up to do something about it! She believed you are never too young to be able to make a difference. Cassidy and her friends, who lived in Oregon, made cat toys out of spare pieces of leather - and sold them on the internet for the price of a goat. Cassidy told her friend, Makayla, in San Francisco, who told her school, and now, because of Cassidy and her mother Kathy, Americans have donated nearly \$87,000 to help children like Cassidy living so far away. Cassidy is still raising money for goats with her friends at Softstar Shoes, selling "Playful Pancakes"

<http://www.softstarshoes.com/playful-pancakes-cat-toys-for-charity.html>

What is Kids for Kids doing that is inspiring children to help children the rest of the world has forgotten?

In 2001 an English mother, Patricia Parker MBE, went to Sudan to visit her son Alastair, who was a Diplomat, working in the British Embassy in Khartoum. They went together to Darfur. There was severe drought, and even small children were walking miles across the desert to find water. *"I have never recovered from the shock of conditions in Darfur - there are no roads, no electricity in villages, no health care. You eat what you can grow in the desert sand. Water is miles away. There is water underground but no villager can afford to dig for it. The world has forgotten the families struggling to survive in villages. They are out of sight and out of mind and now conditions are getting even worse - every child in every village faces prolonged malnutrition. The world has forgotten Darfur."*

Darfur is isolated geographically, economically and politically. When the aid agencies were expelled, their publicity machines went with them. With foreigners at risk of kidnap, there is no news from Darfur. "I go regularly to see how we can help. We do everything we can to prevent small problems becoming catastrophes" says Patricia. For 10 years KIDS FOR KIDS has been helping children in remote villages who face lives of inconceivable, and inexcusable, hardship. There are now 60 KIDS FOR KIDS' villages where we aim to provide what mothers tell us will make the most difference - to improve the health of children immediately, and to change their lives long term. Children need water, food, healthcare, clothes, education.

These are the Rights of every Child

The simple loan of 6 goats to a mother gives her children milk, and creates a livelihood so she is empowered to make decisions for the first time in her life. We provide donkeys - there is no other transport - blankets to stop the children getting severe chest infections, a major risk when every day they go to bed cold and hungry - mosquito nets - malaria is still the biggest killer in Africa - solar lanterns, donkey ploughs, water carts. There is no health care and many mothers, and their babies, die in child birth. We train midwives, first aid workers, and paravets for the animals. Water is urgently needed - we fund and repair handpumps, and plant trees to stop desertification. **Now we are asking schools to adopt kindergartens in the villages of Darfur.** "There is real need" says Patricia "without education children have no chance of a better future. 98% of the mothers in Darfur are illiterate. Unlike Cassidy, children have no possibility of helping themselves - or others. Like me, mothers in Darfur love their children and are desperate to give them a chance. And like Cassidy, we can do something to help."



Please help where help is failing:

To lend goats so children have milk
To build kindergartens in all our villages
To provide literacy classes for women
And to provide water, milk, health care
for the children of Darfur

**We don't believe in charity,
believe in enabling others to help themselves.**



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