Recycle for Change Funds Volunteer Training Programs through Sales of used Clothing

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RICHMOND, CA, USA, November 28, 2014 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Long term sustainable development in Africa and South America is still of crucial importance; Recycle for Change uses proceeds from the sale of used clothing to support volunteer training programs.

Through grants to several US non-profit organizations sending trained and highly skilled volunteers to numerous development projects, Recycle for Change is standing by its commitment to provide support to the important work being done together with many other government agencies and international NGO's like Humana People to People. We recognize the importance of continuing the efforts to create development in some of the poorest regions of the world.

One of the areas where continued support has proven to have lasting effects is teacher-training education. Since 2003 a number of countries in Sub-Saharan Africa have implemented a system of teacher training colleges to prepare primary school teachers for the rural areas. According to the agency overseeing these projects, in 2013 80% of the 11.000 graduates to date were still working in the rural schools, with over 2.700 new teachers being trained each year in 24 colleges in Angola, Malawi, Mozambique and India. To increase the number of teachers in rural areas and therefore to increase literacy rates is universally seen as one of the necessary steps towards empowering the population to create lasting development.

Many of these teacher-training colleges received support from highly motivated volunteers from the USA and elsewhere through the organizations supported by Recycle for Change. One World Center and Richmond Vale Academy have both trained and placed hundreds of volunteers in a number of development projects in Sub-Saharan Africa and South America.

Also during the past year we have been able to make a meaningful impact in many ways: Over 8,000,000 pounds of textiles have been collected for reuse and recycling, saving a great deal of valuable resources, while reducing CO2 and other emissions caused by landfills, and

providing much needed inventory for the second-hand textile industry.

We were able to provide many local schools and Bay Area non-profits with in-kind donations of children's books, toys, toiletries, and food throughout the year.

The Clothing Collection Program provides 26 sustainable jobs locally in the Bay Area.

Recycle for Change was able to raise and donate funds to support the training and placement of 128 volunteers, who benefited an estimated 234,150 people in the United States and abroad.

Each victory achieved during the past year might be a small one in the fight against poverty. However, combined and over time, they have an impact. The people who are part of the development work develop themselves in the process as well and build their capacity to do more. So the good examples spread. Development can only be created through a collective effort.

We depend on the millions of people that support us, year after year, through hosting a collection box, donating clothing or simply getting involved.

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