



## **Create Little Ripples in YOUR Classroom**

Teachers, parents and students: YOU and your CLASSROOM can make a lasting difference that will ripple out and impact future Darfuri generations! Help us plant the seeds of education, peace and hope for Darfuri children and their communities. You and your classroom can help start a young child's education that will immeasurably shape her or his development and lifelong learning.

There are many creative ways to get involved and bring fun and connected awareness to your classroom. Here's one:

### **Give a Hand Project**

Challenge your classrooms to "give a hand" and be part of providing the "back to school" experience to refugee children from Darfur, Sudan. Participating classrooms commit to creatively fundraise \$10 per student! Each classroom that completes the challenge creates and decorates a large handprint (using 11x17 construction paper) that will go up on a wall of one of the Little Ripples classrooms. This will help build an inspiring, colorful and supportive atmosphere for the Little Ripples students.

#### **Here's How:**

1. Share the Little Ripples video with your classroom, and make a commitment to become a School Ambassador.
2. Create a fun way to fundraise \$10 per student in your classroom. The \$10 will help pay for classroom materials, health and hygiene supplies, teacher trainings and so much more at the Little Ripples preschool in Darfur, Sudan.

#### **A Few Fundraising Ideas:**

- **Change for Change Drive:** Set a one or two week period for the Change for Change Drive. Have different classrooms begin to collect change, each a jar the classroom created. Add up the change each day so the kids know which class is winning. If someone puts cash (\$1, \$5, \$20) in one of the jars then it subtracts from that classroom's total. For the classroom who wins have a special prize.
- **Cultural Night:** Teach the students different aspects of the Darfuri culture and have them create an individual art piece, community art piece, fill in the contents of the map with pictures, or make a meal. Invite your students' parents in for a cultural night and show them the Give a Hands, make them a sample meal, and have the kids present a play or song they created in honor of the Darfur culture. The night can be a fundraiser and an awareness-raiser!

- **Garage Sale:** Have all the families in the school or classroom donate items. On a Saturday have a garage sale with proceeds going to Little Ripples, or it can be split 50/50 with the school. Send flyers home, circulate them to local businesses, and put a notice in the local paper highlighting a multi-family garage sale. For the last two hours of the garage sale you can have a \$5 brown bag sale to help clear out as many things as possible.
3. Once your classroom has completed the fundraising challenge, together create and decorate a large handprint that can be laminated and displayed in a Little Ripples classroom. Please use 11×17 construction paper to create your classroom's hand.
  4. Please send checks (to i-ACT, with "Little Ripples" in the memo line) and your classroom's hand to: i-ACT/Little Ripples, 1732 Aviation Blvd, # 138, Redondo Beach, CA 90278

**Contact Katie-Jay Scott at [ktj@iactivism.org](mailto:ktj@iactivism.org) to get started!**

**Learn more ways your classroom can be involved at [www.littleripples.org/schools-ponds](http://www.littleripples.org/schools-ponds)**