



As we approach the end of 2024, it is difficult to comprehend how quickly the year has passed. We sincerely appreciate your ongoing support for our efforts in assisting South Sudanese refugees and their families in Phoenix and the surrounding areas. Below, you will find an update on our events from 2024, as well as our projections for 2025. We respectfully invite you to consider the Lost Boys Center for Leadership Development as a potential recipient for your year-end contributions.

**The significant accomplishments, creativity, and dedication mark the year 2024. Below are key highlights:**

- The Lost Boys Center for Leadership Development successfully operated programs at the Juba Learning Center, including a sewing machine and plumbing classes, which have empowered participants with valuable skills.
- In June, the YMCA conducted an eight-session swimming program dedicated to water safety, engaging twelve participants ranging in age from 1 to 10 years.
- In July, we hosted our annual summer program designed for second-generation South Sudanese youth. This year, we facilitated the transportation of 24 youths, aged 8 to 14, to St. George, Utah, and Las Vegas, Nevada, for an enriching four-day experience. The program focused on imparting the significance of their bicultural heritage, providing mentorship, and outdoor education, and fostering enjoyable activities.
- Our young subsidiary volunteer initiated the program “Fishin’ for a Mission,” where participants gained insights into fishing. This initiative not only imparted knowledge about fishing but also encouraged an appreciation for nature and the development of friendships.
- Our staff presented informative sessions to schools throughout Arizona, including virtual presentations via Zoom, effectively reaching over 1,000 students and enhancing their understanding of history, culture, and humanity.
- In November, Jany traveled to Juba, South Sudan, to visit the Juba Center. During this visit, he engaged with students from the sewing and plumbing programs. He had the opportunity to listen to their experiences, challenges, and successes, particularly those who had graduated from the program. This interaction provided valuable insights into the program's impact on the lives of the students and their communities.

**As we anticipate the year 2025, we are committed to advancing several key initiatives:**

- Expanding our mentorship and after-school programs hosted at the YMCA to foster youth development.
- Continuing our engaging weekend activities for young people, including hiking, swimming lessons, basketball games, and fishing.
- Leveraging the Juba Learning Center to establish an elementary school serving students from kindergarten through fifth grade.
- Maintaining our sewing and plumbing classes to provide valuable vocational skills.
- Developing a strategic plan to construct a water well near the Juba Center, aimed at facilitating access to clean water for students, staff, and the broader community. This initiative has the potential to serve over 1,000 individuals by providing a sustainable source of clean water.

We believe these efforts will significantly contribute to the well-being and growth of the community we serve.

**Our Goal for 2025 is \$75,000**

We sincerely hope that you will continue to support our initiatives through a financial contribution. Your generous, tax-deductible gift can be made conveniently on our website or sent to our mailing address. Again, thank you for your consideration and support.

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