

A GLIMMER OF HOPE

HAS IMPROVED MORE THAN
2.5 MILLION LIVES INCLUDING
BANCHIAMLAK AND HER SON, FITHALEW



Your donation can help:

- provide a family with clean drinking water.
 - supply much-needed school desks for eager students.
 - give families access to preventative healthcare.
 - enable a female entrepreneur to buy seedlings that will increase her family's income and security.
- \$5,000 = a hand dug well serving 300 people.
\$30,000 = a health clinic serving 5,000 people.
\$60,000 = a 4 classroom school providing 500 children with an opportunity to learn.

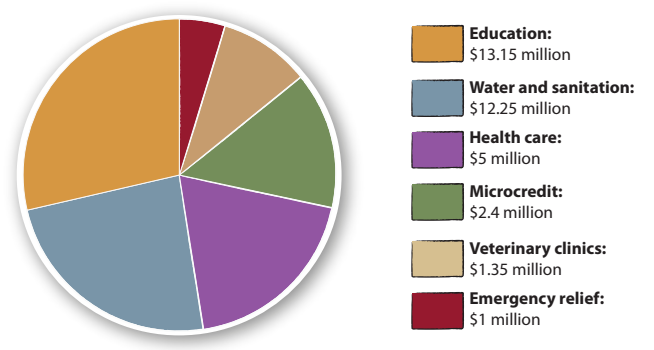
100%

OF ALL DONOR FUNDS
GO DIRECTLY TO THE
PROJECTS.

WHAT WE DO

A Glimmer of Hope is a social venture that helps women and children in rural Ethiopia lift themselves out of poverty. We developed an entrepreneurial model to provide clean water + education + healthcare + micro-finance loans, one village at a time.

2001 - 2010



HOW WE DO IT

Our unique 100% Promise guarantees all donations go directly to local Ethiopian NGOs and community based organizations. Glimmer's endowment covers all operating expenses, pays all credit card and check processing fees. Every dollar donated through Glimmer reaches the people in need. Over the last 11 years, we have completed 5,000 projects and impacted the lives of 2.5 million Ethiopians.

Through innovative use of photos, videos, social media and even GPS coordinates for every project, our donors personally experience how their contributions are transforming lives. We listen to and partner with communities to build and maintain projects, ensuring sustainability.

A Glimmer of Hope's founders, Donna and Philip Berber, were recently ranked #7 globally on Barron's list of 'The Best 25 Givers,' based on effectiveness and impact.

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Change one life.
Change the world.



- 2 out of every 5 children will never attend school.
- 1 out of every 6 children dies before reaching their fifth birthday.
- 80% of the population lives on less than \$2 a day.
- On average, rural women and girls walk 4 miles and carry 40 pounds of contaminated water to their families each day.
- over 250,000 children under the age of 5 die from diarrhea each year.

A Glimmer of Hope values every life and every donation that helps save one. 100% of all donations go directly to fund projects in rural Ethiopia. Despite the extreme poverty these women and children were born into, our projects are empowering them to take the first step up the ladder from poverty toward prosperity.

To find out how your tax-deductible donation can make all the difference in the world, contact A Glimmer of Hope at 512.328.9944.

To start your own fundraising campaign go to www.aglimmerofhope.org





water

Each day, women and girls walk for hours to fetch **water** for their families. They collect the water from dirty rivers or puddles alongside hyenas, foxes and other wild animals. Women filter out the leeches by pouring water through their clothes. In rural Ethiopia, just **one in three people has access to clean water while just 13% has access to adequate sanitation.**

A Glimmer of Hope provides communities access to clean water through over **4,397 water projects** including hand dug wells, spring protection developments, shallow or deep borehole wells and rainwater harvesting systems. In these areas, **women and girls can now devote time to receiving an education and earning a livelihood.**

GLIMMER AUSTIN



An education is a child's passport out of poverty. **Rural children - especially girls - often must drop out or travel far away from their homes in order to attend school.** The **enrollment rate for high school education in Ethiopia is only 12%.** Most existing schools are dark, overcrowded (averaging 90 students/classroom), and have no chairs or desks. Children are crammed into poorly ventilated, mud-wall classes and sit on stones.

Education is the foundation for higher living standards and an important tool in the long-term eradication of poverty. A Glimmer of Hope **has built, furnished and provided school supplies through more than 448 education projects.** Today, **over 200,000 children are receiving an education in these dramatically improved learning environments.**

education



Lives Improved **70,000** Projects Funded **120**

Donna and Philip Berber's understanding that poverty comes in many forms resulted in their decision to launch A Glimmer of Hope Austin in 2003.

Glimmer Austin funds community projects that improve the lives of African American and Hispanic youth, and seniors in East and South Austin. Since 2003, the organization has funded 120 projects improving the lives of tens of thousands of young people and senior adults who suffer from exclusion, social injustices, neglect and educational disadvantages.

health



More than half of the country has no access to health care and, of those that do, only a small percentage lives within a two-hour walk of a health care facility. The sick are often carried on stretchers for several hours to receive medical care. Each year, as many as **250,000 children under the age of five die from diarrhea.** Thousands more die from preventable and treatable diseases including cholera, river blindness, yellow fever, hepatitis and typhoid fever.

A Glimmer of Hope has implemented **more than 224 health projects providing improved access to care for over one million people.** Like education and clean water, all health projects include the benefiting community in the process. A Glimmer of Hope buys the bricks, while workers from the community lay the foundation to create sustainable solutions.

CAMP GLIMMER



Total Campers **3,000+** Founded **2003**

Every summer, Camp Glimmer gives hundreds of children an opportunity to experience the joys of a first class summer camp.

Located on picturesque Lake Travis, Camp Glimmer offers educational and recreational activities designed to develop team building, self-esteem and leadership skills. These activities include outdoor education, music, arts and crafts, talent shows and poetry writing. Day trips to Volente Beach or Austin's Park & Pizza are also part of the fun.

To break the cycle of poverty, the poor need access to credit. **In Ethiopia, over 30% of homes are headed by women.** A Glimmer of Hope helps start-up businesses run by women. **Microfinance** involves small loans (between \$100 and \$500) made to individuals without any collateral at subsidized, low rates of interest. **More than 19,149 microfinance loans have been issued by** A Glimmer of Hope with repayment rates averaging over 95%.

For donors, microcredit is changing the face of philanthropy because it offers a unique way to measure the impact of their investment: income generation. **For every dollar donated to microcredit, additional dollars are created in the form of income.** In terms of scalable results, microcredit investors reach an ever-expanding number of beneficiaries as their donations are continually reinvested once the loans are repaid.

microfinance

