

Education Unites Awards AEP 4K Grant

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The Africa Education Project was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the California-based nonprofit, Education Unites. This is AEP's first grant.

Education Unites funds projects in three categories: natural disasters, war and civil unrest, and extreme poverty. The AEP grant falls under the extreme poverty category.

Education Unites works with organizations domestically and internationally, public school systems and private nonprofits. Their involvement with organizations takes on one of three approaches depending on the situation and the organization: one time project or donation, continuing support or ongoing fundraising.

Under continuing support projects, Education Unites selects organizations for which they provide annual support for specific education projects. Typically, continuing support projects are for organizations like the Africa Education Project that are working with limited

budgets on international education efforts in developing nations.

The partnership between AEP and Education Unites is one based on a shared conviction that education is a major component in the fight against poverty and despair around the world.

The \$4,000 grant is for unrestricted use by AEP. The AEP Board of Directors discussed the use of the grant at its November board retreat in North Carolina. The discussion will continue at the next board meeting scheduled in April 2006. Areas where AEP is interested in expanding its projects include but are not limited to southern Sudan, Niger, Cameroon, Nigeria and Uganda. The Board is also focused on expanding its non-scholarship programs that are designed to impact larger numbers of youth in Africa.

Education Unites can be found on the web at www.educationunites.org.