



AKILAH
Institute for Women
Educating Wise Leaders To Excel



wish list 2011

Akilah started its 2nd year of classes in January 2011!

Akilah students currently earn a Diploma in Leadership & Hospitality Management, preparing them for meaningful employment in the fastest growing sector of the Rwandan economy.

current needs

Furniture – \$10 Chair | **\$50** Table | **\$80** Bookshelf | *We are expanding into a third classroom.*

Books for the Akilah Library – \$15 per Book

There are no public libraries in Rwanda, so the Akilah library provides an opportunity for students to read at home.

Books For Africa – \$13,700 Cost for shipping of the books to Kigali through major sea ports;
Shipping costs must be raised by recipient groups or their supporters.

Books for Africa ships 40-foot containers holding approximately 22,000 English books. The books are donated, and are gently used or new.

Textbooks – \$500 Textbooks for 5 students | **\$5,000** Textbooks & curriculum materials for 1 semester

We do not have textbooks for all classes and students use photocopied materials. If students have their own books, they are able to study additional hours at home.

Printer – \$700 Printer | **\$50** Printer Cartridge *Teachers will use the printer to copy and print classroom materials on campus.*

Computer – \$800 Computer | **\$250** per month for Internet Service

We currently have 15 computers for 120 students. Additional computers will allow students to complete assignments, conduct research and communicate with their sponsors abroad. While the monthly internet fee is high, this is essential to the students' education.

Field Trips – \$1,000 To take all the students on a field trip

Students will visit the genocide memorials and meet with inspirational female leaders and entrepreneurs around the country.

Social Change Projects – \$5,000 for one year

As part of the Leadership course, students design a community service project and volunteer in their villages.

2010 projects included: designing kitchen gardens with women, HIV/AIDS education, and childrens' rights. The Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund is the organization funding these projects.

Student Lunches – \$35 1 student's meals for 1 month | **\$2,500** Lunch for all Akilah students for 1 month

*This is oftentimes the **only** meal that students eat all day.*

Student Scholarships – \$3,000 Tuition, lunch and textbooks for 1 student for 1 year

Vehicle – \$8,000 | *Students currently walk 3 miles everyday to and from the nearest bus station.*

Projector – \$700 | *Teachers will show course lessons, videos and presentations to students.*

Akilah has recently received confirmation of a generous donation of 30 laptop computers – our sincerest thanks to Creative Recycling! This donation will enhance our computer lab so that more students will have daily access. We are currently requesting donations for the shipping cost of these computers.

1. Send a check made payable to Project Akilah to 109 N. Brush Street, Suite 300, Tampa, FL 33602

2. Make a gift online at www.AkilahInstitute.org/donate

Please contact Jen@AkilahInstitute.org with any questions.

Akilah Institute for Women is a registered 501(c)3. Our EIN number is 26-0770655. Contributions are fully tax-deductible.

As always, we are grateful for your continued support, and look forward to celebrating the success of Akilah students in the coming year with you. Your donation to Akilah is a gift to the Institute as a whole. We will use your gifts where they can do the most good to educate and train young women in Rwanda.



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