



Fort Worth Teens Go **2** Ghana



We are thrilled to extend an invitation to your esteemed organization or individual members to join hands with us in a meaningful partnership. Our mission is to provide life-changing experiences for underprivileged students, and your support can turn this vision into reality.

About the Trip:

- **Destination & Dates:** Ghana, in west Africa, a land of vibrant culture, history, and natural beauty, for one week (June 27, 2024 to July 4, 2024.)
- **Purpose:** To empower students through education, cultural immersion, and global awareness and enable them to learn more about the history of slavery.
- **Participants:** A diverse group of chosen students who lack the means to explore beyond their immediate surroundings.



Benefits of Partnership:

- **Impact:** By partnering with us, your organization directly contributes to transforming lives and expanding horizons. *(If your organization decides not to do so, individual members are welcome to step forward to support this endeavor.)*
- **Visibility:** Your organization's logo and name will be prominently featured in our promotional materials, including group t-shirts, media outlets, press releases, and at all events.
- **Recognition:** Public acknowledgment during pre-trip events, post-trip reception, and any media coverage.

Your Unique Opportunity: As part of this collaboration, your organization will have the privilege to:

- **Select Two Students:** Hand selects two students meeting the student criteria to participate in this life-enriching experience.
- **Witness Impact:** Observe firsthand the positive impact your support has on young lives, while preparing to travel abroad and upon their return.
- **Connect with Students:** Serve as a positive role model as you share the pre-trip excitement of helping students prepare for this experience and gain their lifelong appreciation and friendship.

Student Travel Needs: Our students require assistance with various expenses related to this journey; and that is where your organization or individual members come in.

- **Passports:** Our students do not likely currently possess passports. The cost of obtaining passports for each student is approximately \$150.
- **Visas:** Ghana requires entry visas for travelers. We estimate visa fees at \$100 per student.
- **Immunizations:** Ensuring the health and safety of our students is paramount. Immunizations are essential for travel to Ghana and are estimated at \$100 per student.



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- **Daily Expenses:** We would like for each child to have at least \$40 per day in spending money to cover snacks, gifts, and miscellaneous expenses.
- **Personal Hygiene Kit & Special Occasion Outfits:** Cover personal essentials and one dressy casual and/or culturally respectful outfits to attend an African Naming Ceremony and church service.
- **Total Coverage:** The overall financial support needed per student is approx. **\$900**.

Trip Timeline Commitment

- **Pre-trip Sponsor/Chaperone Commitment:** The pre-trip sponsor commits to signing the pledge to assist students financially, step by step in preparing documents, and otherwise getting them ready to travel. March 8, 2024
- **Final Student Selection and Parent Permission Forms Signed:** The pre-trip sponsor will finalize the selection by choosing the **two students** who will participate in the trip. Parent agreements must be obtained within **two weeks** after the signed pledge. March 20, 2024
- **Meet & Greet with Lead Sponsor:** The lead sponsor will arrange a meet-and-greet session with the pre-trip sponsors, selected students, and parents to discuss trip details and expectations. March 23, 2024
- **Passport Appointments and Processes:** The pre-trip sponsor ensures that selected students have scheduled passport appointments and are in the process of obtaining their passports. March 25-30, 2024
- **Meetings with Lead Sponsor:** The lead sponsor will organize additional meetings with the pre-trip sponsors, selected students, and travel chaperones to review logistics, travel requirements, safety protocols, and trip planning. April 13 & 27, 2024
- **Turn In Passports and Funds for Visa Processing:** The pre-trip sponsor collects all students' passports and necessary funds for visa processing and promptly submits them to the lead sponsor for expedited visa applications. May 27, 2024
- **Immunizations Appointments:** The pre-trip sponsor ensures that students receive necessary immunizations, including Covid vaccinations, as recommended for travel to Ghana. May 27-31, 2024
- **Finalization of Processes and Paperwork:** All paperwork, permissions, daily expense funds and travel-related processes are completed by the pre-trip sponsor and are submitted to the lead sponsor. *(If documentation and appointments have not been completed by this date, the student will not be able to participate.)* June 1, 2024
- **Final Pre-Trip Meeting** The lead sponsor will arrange a comprehensive pre-trip meeting to address any last-minute details, safety guidelines, and cultural preparation. June 13, 2024
- **Send-Off from DFW Airport** The pre-trip sponsor will participate in the send-off, as students depart from DFW airport to Ghana. June 27, 2024





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- **Arrival at DFW Airport** The pre-trip sponsors will welcome students back upon their safe return to DFW airport.
- **Post Trip Reception** The lead sponsor will organize a “Show & Tell” reception for pre-trip sponsors, trip chaperones, parents, community leaders, and media, where students will give a briefing on their experience.

RD Howard Foundation: The lead sponsor has generously committed to covering the main direct costs and insurance for this trip, including:

- **Travel Expenses:** Flights to and from Ghana with insurance coverage.
- **Meals & Accommodations:** The students will stay in safe, comfortable lodgings, with up to 4 students per one prescreened adult chaperone. All meals are provided except snacks.
- **Local Transportation:** Within the capitol city of Ghana, Accra, and surrounding areas.
- **Agenda:** Will include cultural tours and a visit to a rural village for a “Day of Building & Giving” community service project.

Next Steps: We invite you to be a vital part of this transformative journey. Your partnership is crucial in making this trip a reality. Let's empower these students to dream bigger, broaden their horizon and transform our community upon their return.

We know you may have additional questions. The following link (TBD) will provide you with a short video by the lead sponsor, Randle D. Howard, Founder & Executive Director of the R.D. Howard Foundation. We look forward to embarking on this incredible journey together.

Thank you for considering this partnership. Together, we can create lasting memories and inspire change.

