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Maryland Nonprofit Kicks Off Crowdfunding Campaign To Provide Solar Energy To Tanzanian School

Installation Will Power Community For 25 Years

BEALLSVILLE, MD—On Wednesday, June 17, Maryland nonprofit group Global Solace will kick off a crowdfunding campaign to install a solar energy system for a school in rural Tanzania. If funded, the system will improve educational outcomes for more than 12,000 students and provide 25 years of renewable energy for the school and its community.

The Uraki School is a six-grade primary school in the rural Usa River region of Tanzania, where only about two percent of the population has access to a reliable source of electricity.

Research shows that simply providing electricity to a school can help improve student literacy by twelve percent.

“Solar electrical systems are cost-efficient, long-lasting ways to provide extraordinary benefits to children and families in the developing world, making communities safer and healthier, and increasing the quality of education,” said Lee Bristol, Executive Director of Global Solace. “We can use a relatively small investment to make a huge difference for these children, but we need the support of people who believe in our mission to get there.”

Global Solace has raised more than ninety percent of the funds needed to install the solar panel system, and is launching the crowdfunding campaign to raise the remaining \$5,000 necessary to transport materials and volunteers to the site. If the campaign raises \$10,000, the volunteer team will also be able to install an internet-connected computer lab with software that will complement the national Tanzanian school curriculum.

Those interested in contributing to the campaign can visit bit.ly/1IGwAPU, or follow the Global Solace Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GlobalSolaceInc.

Global Solace is a Maryland-based nonprofit with a mission to bring reliable, renewable energy to the more than two billion people living in energy poverty in the developing world. Learn more and find out how to get involved at www.globalsolace.org.

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