



STORY:

The Liberian Backpack Project is the endeavor of two Program Specialists at the Revere Day Hab —Helena Jones-Wreh and Fred Mugaga. Helena visited her homeland, Liberia, in 2003, shortly after a 14-year civil war ended. She was heartbroken to see tremendous suffering, and to learn about the plight of young girls in her village of Klay. Many of these girls were being denied an education and were forced to marry at an early age. This made it difficult for women to access economic opportunities and, for most, trapped them in a cycle of poverty that continues today. Helena is doing all she can to advance women in her native country and promote the education of girls.

GOAL:

To help purchase and ship 1000+ fully supplied educational backpacks for distribution to Liberian girls in the village of Klay. Each backpack will cost an estimated \$20 and will include notebooks, pens and pencils, rulers, sharpeners, erasers, crayons/color pencils and markers.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Donate! You can donate money for us to purchase a full backpack (\$20), half a backpack (\$10), or a quarter of a backpack (\$5). Note that all donations will be accepted—no amount is too small!

Visit www.mayinstitute.org/liberia to give online. Or you can give your gift of cash or a check (made out to “May Institute/Backpack Project”) to your supervisor or D&I designee at your center.

Participate! Spread the word via email, Facebook, and other social media sites.

Volunteer! Let us know if you’d like to help.

Learn more at www.mayinstitute.org/liberia, email us at diversity@mayinstitute.org, or call us at 781.437.1408. Thank you!

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