



## Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian Relief Committee



### Volunteer Posting – Kinder Kits Kenya

**Program Purpose:** Ve'ahavta is working in partnership with Marafiki Community International (MCI) in the IDP (internally displaced persons) camps of Western Kenya (<http://marafikicommunity.org/>) to harness and utilize able-bodied and inspired individuals with diverse experiences and positive attitudes to act as Ve'ahavta ambassadors to provide relief and assistance to Kenya's citizens and refugees in need.

#### Program Description

The Kinder Kits program aims to provide educational supplies to underprivileged children. Without the proper tools to learn, a child's success is dramatically decreased. 150,000,000 children around the world leave school illiterate and 1 in 6 children live in poverty in Canada. Ve'ahavta has committed to providing Kinder Education Kits containing the necessary supplies for a child's academic year to impoverished communities around the world through our local and international partners. Volunteers will be aiding in the distribution of 2,500 Kinder Kits in Kenya alongside our Ve'ahavta Site Coordinator and partners, as well as participating in a range of activities including volunteering in MCI's feeding programs, slum relief, and youth education and vocational training programs.

**Program Period:** Two-week placement

**Session Date:** January 7<sup>th</sup> – January 21<sup>st</sup>

**\*Program Donation\*:** \$3000 CAD

#### Qualifications/Requirements

Volunteers aged 18+ with international experience and/or a vested personal interest in the destination country. Volunteers must participate in pre-trip orientation, work in-country within the leadership and in cooperation with the Ve'ahavta Site Coordinator and partner representatives, and attend a pre-trip and post-trip Kinder Kits assembly event at the Ve'ahavta office (dates to be determined).

#### Desired Experience

- Ability to work well as part of a team
- Responsible, positive, flexible and dedicated
- Cross-cultural exposure
- Ability to work well under supervision
- Experience working with individuals from diverse backgrounds
- Comfort in different or difficult cultural/socioeconomic environments
- Interest in travelling and learning about different cultures and peoples
- Preparedness, flexibility and resilience of character to handle pressures of working in different cultures with a foreign set of cultural/professional codes of conduct
- Previous volunteer experience with Ve'ahavta an asset (not a requirement)

**Ve'ahavta will provide flights, accommodation, ground-transportation, logistical support, pre-departure training, assistance with travel, full orientation and supervision in the field.**

*All applicants must complete a volunteer application form, which includes a CV, two letters of reference, a personal statement, and a deposit donation of \$500 (fee is non refundable upon your acceptance). **Volunteers are eligible to apply for a stipend and/or payment plan if required.** All applicants must attend an in-person interview. For further inquiries, or to receive an application form, please contact:*

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***\*Ve'ahavta's program donation fee is a charitable donation for which an official donation receipt can be issued\****