



Planting Seeds of Hope

St. Alban's 2016 Annual Gala and Auction

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Dear Prospective Donor,

Thank you for considering a gift to the St. Alban's 2016 Annual Gala and Auction. We hope you will join us as we raise funds to help young people around the world look toward a more hopeful tomorrow. All proceeds from the Gala and Auction support our non-profit partners as they impact the lives of many needy individuals and work to support the hopes and dreams of disadvantaged children and youth. Rarely can one donation have such a broad impact on so many.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church, located within steps of the Washington National Cathedral, was founded in 1854. The church draws over 350 active families and individuals from all over the Washington, DC area each Sunday with four morning services, one in Spanish. A registered non-profit and 501(c)(3) entity, St. Alban's has many active ministries ranging from feeding homeless people here in Washington to educating children in Africa and the Middle East.

The theme of our 2016 Gala and Auction, which will be held on April 16, is *Planting Seeds of Hope*, and will benefit four organizations working to support children and youth in some of the most troubled parts of our city and the world.

- **Harriet Tubman Elementary School in DC:** Tubman serves 575 prekindergarten through 5th grade students, many from homeless shelters and low-income housing. 99% of the students are eligible for free or reduced lunch, and the majority speak English as a second language. Your gift would help support intervention programs for struggling students and start a food pantry.
- **Hope and Resurrection School in South Sudan:** In the world's newest nation, torn by civil war and with an 80% illiteracy rate, Hope & Resurrection provides a safe haven and secondary education to 231 students. Your donation will support the salary of the girls' dorm matron and English teacher and full scholarships for two girls.
- **St. Philip's Child Development Center in Anacostia:** In the heart of DC's poorest ward, St. Philip's offers infant and toddler care and preschool to some of DC's most disadvantaged children. You can help us provide uniforms for the preschool.
- **St. Saviour's School in Jordan:** An academically rigorous K-12 school serving 350 sighted and blind students, St. Saviour's is located in a gritty industrial city whose economy has been heavily impacted by the Syrian refugee crisis. With your help, we will provide full scholarships for up to six students who would otherwise have to drop out because of their families' loss of income and inability to pay school fees.

We are excited to work with these four organizations which are doing so much to secure the future of our children and youth. We hope you will join our campaign. Your charitable gift to our Gala and Auction will directly benefit all four of these worthy institutions and is completely tax-deductible.

Thank you again for considering a gift to help us in this campaign to plant seeds of hope for these children and youth who so desperately need our help. Please do not hesitate to contact us at the e-mail addresses below with any questions. You may find additional information about our four partners and St. Alban's Episcopal Church at <http://stalbansdc.org/outreach>.

With peace and best wishes,

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