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SAAC, City of Ithaca Sponsors Book Drive For Children In Eldoret, Kenya



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ITHACA, N.Y. -- Cornell University's Student-Athlete Advisory Council (SAAC) is partnering with the City of Ithaca and Cross World Africa, Inc., to hold a book drive to benefit the children of Eldoret, Kenya. The drive is ongoing and will extend through Homecoming weekend, with drop boxes available throughout Cornell's athletic facilities.

In an initiative to encourage the love of reading from a young age, this book

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drive will support the Sister City Partnership that was formed between Ithaca, N.Y., and Eldoret, Kenya in May 2007. To expand and support this partnership, Cornell and the City of Ithaca are asking those who have, to help those who are less fortunate. The book drive will also enable members of the Ithaca community to make a difference on a global scale. Donations of new and gently-used books between October 1-18 will benefit children in Eldoret, while financial donations can be made at <http://www.crossworldafrica.com>.

"I am so excited to be part of an athletic and academic community that is so driven to make a difference in the world," said Mary Winans '11, a member of the Big Red equestrian team, SAAC and a Cross World Africa board member. "I think it is so important that we do whatever we can to help those who are less fortunate than us, and making a difference in the life of a child is an amazing thing. I think this book drive will be a wonderful project to promote global literacy and is a great way for Cornell and the City of Ithaca to continue its important partnership with its Sister City."

Cornell athletics and SAAC have formed a connection with the Kip Keino Schools and the Training Camp which are based in Eldoret, as Dr. Kip Keino visited the University in 2007. Kevin Thompson, a volunteer assistant coach for the Big Red track and field team, serves as the executive director and founder of the Cross World Africa Foundation. Thompson also traveled to Eldoret with members of the Cornell track team this past summer to distribute new computers and to prep high school students for the SATs.

Locations of Drop Boxes

- Oxley Equestrian Center
- Reis Tennis Center
- Teagle Hall (Lobby)
- Bartels Hall (Lobby)
- Ithaca City Hall
- Lehman Alternative Community School
- Ithaca Bakery (Aurora Street)
- Collegetown Bagels (Collegetown)

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