



Dear School Officials,

Grassroot Soccer is fighting to save the lives of children in Africa, and we need the help of your students and community! Grassroot Soccer (GRS) is an international nonprofit (Federal Tax I.D. # 43-1957920) that uses the power of soccer to prevent the spread of AIDS and save lives among those with the highest rates of new infections—youth in Africa. GRS mobilizes the most vulnerable population of youth, ages 12 – 19, to break the cycle of AIDS by engaging local coaches who equip young people with the knowledge, skills and support they need to avoid HIV.

Grassroot Soccer's founders – Ethan Zohn (Winner, Survivor: Africa), Methembe Ndlovu (former Captain, Zimbabwe National Team), Kirk Friedrich and I, Dr. Tommy Clark – all have strong ties to Africa forged while playing professional soccer together in Zimbabwe. We all had close friends infected with HIV, and many others who died of AIDS. But we also understood how dominant soccer was in the culture. This inspired us to empower the most influential community role models, our soccer teammates, to teach children about HIV transmission and prevention and developing healthy life skills.

In 2006, high school and college students began organizing Grassroot Soccer 3v3 Tournaments to benefit our organization. This became an incredible awareness and fundraising platform that has raised more than \$350,000 for GRS. It has also given students the opportunity to learn more about the global HIV/AIDS epidemic and has empowered them to get personally involved.

Please visit [www.grassrootsoccer.org/host-a-tournament](http://www.grassrootsoccer.org/host-a-tournament) to learn more about these tournaments and our fight to eliminate HIV/AIDS in Africa through soccer. Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "T S Clark".

Thomas S. Clark, MD  
Founder, CEO  
Grassroot Soccer