



## **2011 Partners Profile**

Since our founding in 2008, Dignitas Project has actively pursued meaningful partnerships with organizations that support our mission to empower children and families in the poorest communities around the world through education and opportunity. Our current partners include:

### **Aga Khan Foundation – EMACK Project (Education for Marginalized Children in Kenya)**

The Aga Khan Foundation has operated in East Africa for more than 100 years and supports a myriad of education initiatives as a part of its philanthropy and development division. The foundation's EMACK Project, funded through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and operated in partnership with Kenya's Ministry of Education, entered its second phase in late 2010 with the expansion of its work to Nairobi's informal settlements. EMACK and Dignitas Project are working together to improve teaching and learning environments for learner competencies and performance, and strengthen school management and leadership practices in primary and lower secondary schools. As a partner, Dignitas Project receives technical support, professional development, and funding, and is expected to meet rigorous program targets and reporting requirements as mandated by USAID.

### **Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) – Doctors Without Borders**

Medecins Sans Frontieres is an international medical humanitarian organization working in nearly 70 countries to assist people whose survival is threatened by violence, neglect, or catastrophe. With two clinical offices in Mathare Valley, MSF provides important services in HIV/AIDS and TB prevention and treatment, as well as services and resources to address sexual gender-based violence. Since 2008, Dignitas Project and MSF have worked together to enhance awareness and build skills among teachers, students, and community members to be able to better address prevailing health and social challenges in Mathare.

### **Strathmore University & United States International University (USIU)**

Strathmore University & USIU operate in Kenya as two of the country's top private universities awarding undergraduate and graduate degrees in various disciplines. As a partner to Dignitas Project, Strathmore and USIU generously provide classroom space and other technical support to enhance Dignitas Project's core leadership institute program training and developing teachers, principals, and community leaders from Mathare Valley schools.

### **TeachAIDS**

TeachAIDS is a nonprofit organization that works to address and overcome the social and cultural challenges related to HIV/AIDS prevention education. Since 2009, TeachAIDS and Dignitas Project provide research-based curriculum to support teachers and community leaders in their efforts to educate children and youth on healthy practices and prevention. TeachAIDS provides all curriculum – including an award-winning animation – while Dignitas Project leads implementation efforts and coaches teachers and community leaders in facilitation workshops.

### **WellDone International**

WellDone International is an organization of young individuals working to raise awareness on the global water crisis and provide clean water to communities in need. Since January 2010, WellDone and Dignitas Project have partnered together to provide clean water storage solutions to two schools serving more than 1,500 children and school staff. Two additional school projects are underway, slated for completion by June 2011. WellDone provides 100% of project funding needs while Dignitas Project manages all implementation, monitoring, and evaluation activities.