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## SIFAT Needs Your Support on GivingTuesday 2024

Dear SIFAT family,

I am humbled and thankful for your prayers and support during the last 45 years. When SIFAT was founded in 1979, we had a budget of \$12,000 and a call to help the poor learn to stand on their own feet. We have come a long way in 45 years, but now have an urgent need for funding that only God, through you, can help.



**GivingTuesday is December 3.** We ask for your help to continue the work for which God has called us. Generous donors have committed to double donations up to the first \$65,000 we raise. We cannot do it alone, but with your support, we can make a difference in the world for some of the least of these.

In October, I led a team to Ecuador to help SIFAT graduate Anita and her husband, Pastor Rafael, plant their eighth church, which includes an after-school program that offers support, spiritual and educational tutoring, meals and medical attention for 75+ street children. Through these churches and others we have served, thousands of children have received opportunities that most of us take for granted. Young adult leaders are now serving as tutors, pastors and musicians because their lives were changed because of these programs. God is allowing us to impact the future of Ecuador one child at a time.

The last few years have been difficult financially for our ministry. We need you to join SIFAT at this critical time, so that we can continue to make an impact for years to come. Information on how to donate is on the back of this letter. Thank you in advance for your gift to **help us meet our goal to raise \$200,000 on GivingTuesday.**

With gratitude and appreciation,

Tom Corson  
Executive Director

Learn more at  
[www.sifat.org/givingtuesday2024](http://www.sifat.org/givingtuesday2024)  
or find ways to give on the back.

I'M SUPPORTING  
**SIFAT** FOR  
GIVING  
TUESDAY

Goal: \$200,000  
Matching Fund: \$65,000

December 3, 2024



## Three Ways to Participate

**Share your SIFAT Experience.** Everyone needs a smile and encouragement these days. Share one of your favorite SIFAT memories (funny or serious) on social media. Use the hashtag #MySIFATMoment, so we can share them.

**Commit to Pray and/or Participate.** Pray for SIFAT staff, projects and programs. Your daily prayers are heard and are such an encouragement. Choose a way to get personally involved in SIFAT. Begin to volunteer, choose a Learn & Serve retreat to bring a group to experience our campus or join an international mission team!

**Donate to SIFAT.** Generous donors created a \$65,000 matching fund that doubles your donation! Our goal is \$200,000. **You can donate by check or online.**

Designate your check *GivingTuesday* and mail by Dec. 3. Any designated donations received for GivingTuesday count toward our goals!

## Three Online Giving Options

[www.sifat.org/donate](http://www.sifat.org/donate)

**Give directly to SIFAT.** You will be redirected to our PayPal page, where you can donate with your credit/debit card. A transaction fee will be deducted from your donation, or you can choose to supplement this fee. Remember, SIFAT's legal name is Southern Institute for Appropriate Technology.

**Give through the PayPal Giving Fund.** You will be redirected to the PayPal Giving Fund, which covers the transaction fee. Donations given through this method can take up to 45 days for us to receive. To designate your gift for GivingTuesday, please e-mail [accounting@sifat.org](mailto:accounting@sifat.org).

**Give through The Advance (UMC Global Ministries).** SIFAT receives 100% of each donation without any transaction fees being taken. Donors can choose to give credit to their local UMC congregation, as well. There is a delay for SIFAT to receive funds and donor information.



## Maximize Your Gift to SIFAT



**Matching Funds from Employers** Have you checked to see if your company matches donations made to nonprofits? Many companies will double or triple your donation! Check with your employer to see if they offer matches for donations to 501(c)(3) organizations. Let us know if you need any supporting paperwork from SIFAT—[accounting@sifat.org](mailto:accounting@sifat.org).

**Give Directly from IRA** If you are required to take a disbursement from your IRA, you can donate a percentage or all of it directly to SIFAT. By donating to a nonprofit without receiving the disbursement, you do not pay taxes on the disbursement. For higher income earners, the taxable gross income used to calculate Social Security payments is less and, depending on income level, can result in higher monthly Social Security payments. Consult your tax advisor to see if donating directly to SIFAT could benefit you.

**Donate Stock to SIFAT** Did you know that you can donate stock to SIFAT? You generally take a tax deduction for the full fair market value. By donating stock that has appreciated for more than a year, you are actually giving 20% more than if you sold the stock and then made a cash donation because of taxes. Consult your tax advisor about your options for giving stock to SIFAT.