



## South Carolina Tents of Hope

### Information for Youth Pastors

The South Carolina Tents of Hope program is a creative community-based project to help raise awareness about the Darfur crisis and to involve all members of a family, school, faith community, or neighborhood in our efforts to help the people of Darfur. The tents symbolize our compassion for the survivors of the Darfur genocide, and give kids an opportunity to get involved in a fun project that will provide much needed shelter for Darfurians living in refugee camps.

The tents can be built and decorated by small or large youth groups, either as a church project or as part of a joint effort with other local churches. The tent-making process helps nurture team-building skills and allows kids to express themselves creatively. Our focus for this program is to provide youth groups with a practical way to help Darfurian refugees that also gives them an opportunity to consider the different ways that others lives, and what it means to be part of a global community. By setting up and decorating a tent, groups work together to create a home for a refugee family and send a message of love to Darfur through their creative labors.

There are no requirements for groups that wish to join the program, but we hope that you will consider entering your group's tent in the SC competition for the national exhibition in November. We also hope that you will join with and support a group from another state during the tent-building process, to share your experiences and promote fellowship with other communities.

# Group Registration

Group name:

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Contact:

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Email:

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Phone:

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Do you wish to enter the statewide competition?

Y/N

Would you like to partner with a group in another state during your tent project?

Y/N

How did you find out about SC Tents of Hope?

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Please email this form to Jo Read at [darfuractionsc@aol.com](mailto:darfuractionsc@aol.com) or by mail:  
Darfur Action Group of South Carolina, c/o Main Street Methodist Church, 1830  
Main Street, Columbia, SC 29201

For any questions, issues or news about your tent please contact us by email to let us know how we can help!

# Your Tent

Purchasing your tent: Tents can be ordered from Reliable Tents Co., which offers discounted prices to participants in the Tents of Hope project. Reliable Tents Co. also will make a 14% donation to the project for each tent that is purchased. The cost of a new 8 x 10 ft. canvas wall tent with an aluminum frame is \$500.

Reliable Tents Co. contact details: Connie Kellogg (800) 544-1039 ext. 103  
[connie@reliabletent.com](mailto:connie@reliabletent.com)

Tents can be viewed at [www.reliabletent.com](http://www.reliabletent.com) (standard Tents of Hope tent is 8 x10 ft)

Decorating your tent: The design of your tent is completely up to you, but if you send us pictures of what you're doing we can share them with others through our website to help other people with ideas!

Quick-drying acrylic paint is recommended for decorating your tent, and many groups choose to divide the tent into panels for small groups to work on together. You might also like to paint a mural on your tent, or use the canvas to tell the story of your group's involvement in the project and the tent's journey between your group and Darfur.

Documenting the progress of your tent can make a great display for your church or school, and also helps other groups by showing what the project entails.

