

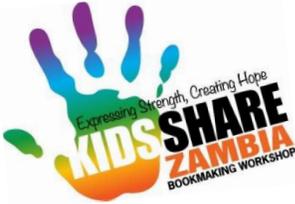
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Kids Share Workshops is heading to Zambia, Africa with World Vision!

Kristina Applegate, founder of the non-profit organization Kids Share Workshops and Publishing, Inc., (KSWP) is now contracted as an authorized vendor with [World Vision, U.S.A](#) (WVUSA), Programs Group and Child Protection Team for the next five years! WVUSA works to prevent and respond to abuse, neglect, exploitation, and all other forms of violence against children.



The workshops are specifically designed to create a safe environment for self-expression. The primary goal is to empower children by using art and literature as the tools in order to explore their identities through a carefully designed book-building workshop. The result of these workshops will be a published book. This partnership will allow Kids Share Workshops to provide empowering workshops for girls and boys in schools and girls living in **Houses of Hope** (a refuge for girls).



May 18, 2017, Kristina and her team will leave for Zambia, Africa. The **Kids Share Zambia** team is; **Kathy Chatteraj**, Art Teacher from Greenwich, Connecticut and **Wari Om**, Filmmaker and Photographer from Barcelona. **Rahsaan Graham**; *World Vision's Sr. Director, Child Development and Protection* for International Programs Group, will be flying to Africa and assisting Kristina and her organization. KSWP's team will be teaching in World Vision's **Kapalulwe (ADP)** area development program, outside of Lusaka, Zambia. Kristina will also train World Vision Zambia field leaders how to instruct the children in the two-week, book making process. The team will be teaching two workshops per day.

Wari Om, filmmaker/photographer will follow Kids Share's team to carefully share the children's story. Additional filming will be: **The Journey for Education**, documenting children's daily journey from school to home.

A return trip will take place after the book publishing, to deliver the books and professionally co-created community illustrations. Plans are also underway to surprise the children with a young U.S.A. pop singer, who has signed with **Beyoncé**.

Kristina began Kids Share Workshops in 2007/2008 in the state of Vermont. Founded in 2010 the mission started focusing on helping children living in disadvantaged communities or rebounding from devastating events. To learn more please visit: **Kids Share Kids Zambia**: <https://kidssharezambia.wordpress.com> and www.kidsshareworkshops.com

****Pictured above:** Rahsaan Graham, World Vision's Sr. Director, Child Development and Protection Team, with Kristina Applegate, Program Director and Founder of Kids Share Workshops and Publishing, Inc.