

The Identity of Acting on AIDS

Our Identity

Acting on AIDS is a program started by Christian college students to create awareness and promote activism on the global AIDS pandemic at colleges and universities across the United States. With the support of World Vision USA, Christian students at campuses across the US have formed a network of AoA chapters that seek to change hearts on campuses, create awareness in communities, and advocate for those impacted by the global AIDS pandemic. World Vision Canada is now supporting the growth of AoA campus groups at universities and colleges across Canada as well.

Our Motivation

Motivated by faith in Jesus, we serve the poor as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people. Acting on AIDS follows the Christian call to take care of orphans, widows, the poor, and those in distress by word and through deed. In response to these biblical mandates, Acting on AIDS is committed to providing opportunities for students to put their faith into action. Scriptural references include:

- **James 1:27a** (NIV) "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress...."
- **1 John 3:18** (NIV) "Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth."
- **Micah 6:8** (NASB) "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"



• **Zechariah 7:9-10** (NASB) “Thus has the LORD of hosts said, ‘Dispense true justice, and practice kindness and compassion each to his brother; and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.’”

• **Isaiah 58:6-7** (NASB) “Is this not the fast which I choose, to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke? Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the poor into the house; when you see the naked, to cover him; and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?”

Our Position

We serve the world’s poor—regardless of a person’s religion, race, ethnicity, or gender.

Our Action

Awareness :: Acting on AIDS seeks to bring awareness of the global AIDS pandemic to college & university students who will pass that awareness on to their peers, communities, and churches.

Activism :: Acting on AIDS seeks to provide the tools and resources necessary for students to “act on AIDS.” This includes opportunities such as political advocacy, fundraising, and church and community engagement.

Ownership :: Acting on AIDS seeks to develop student leadership, create resources, foster relationships, and educate college & university students in a way that allows them full ownership of the program that they create in response to the global AIDS pandemic.

Commitment :: Acting on AIDS seeks to encourage individual students, college & university campuses, and the entirety of Christian higher education to make a commitment to fight the global AIDS pandemic through academic and spiritual endeavours.

