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New Brunswick High School senior is changing children's lives in West Africa

Compassion For Peace And Child Survival Sierra Leone (CPCSSL) co-founded by 18-year-old Willietta A. Gombeh

NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ (March 16, 2017) – Born in Sierra Leone, New Brunswick High School student Willietta A. Gombeh is bridging the gap between poverty and prosperity for the less fortunate children of Sierra Leone, West Africa. Her non-profit organization Compassion For Peace And Child Survival Sierra Leone (CPCSSL) recognizes that education is fundamental for the development of children and advocates for improved learning opportunities and living conditions in Sierra Leone.

In addition, CPCSSL – which Gombeh and her uncle, Joseph Gbao, co-founded in 2005 – assists victims of HIV/AIDS, Ebola, various disabilities, and prostitution.

"I was extremely fortunate to have moved to the United States at a young age and enjoy opportunities not generally accessible in Sierra Leone," Gombeh says. "For this reason, I feel responsible to help make Sierra Leone a better, safer, healthier place."

CPCSSL also aids Sierra Leoneans following the civil war that raged from 1991 to 2002 and left 50,000 dead and more than two million displaced. In doing so, CPCSSL partners with health care providers, law enforcement, educators, clergy members, and business owners to ensure the needs of these victims are being met.

"Willietta's activism and commitment to children in West Africa proves that anyone is capable of making a real difference in the world we live in," says New Brunswick High School Principal Ken Redler. "We're extremely fortunate that she is a part of our school community. Willietta is an inspiring young woman and role model."

Additional information about [Compassion For Peace And Child Survival Sierra Leone](#)

[A portrait of Willietta A. Gombeh is available here](#)

About New Brunswick Public School

The New Brunswick, NJ public school district consists of two high schools (New Brunswick High School and Health Sciences Technology High School), a middle school (New Brunswick Middle School) and eight elementary schools (Lincoln, Livingston, Lord Stirling, McKinley, Redshaw, Roosevelt, Paul Robeson, and Woodrow Wilson schools). The New Brunswick Public Schools offer a comprehensive educational program for students in grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth grade and serve more than 10,000 students.

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