



# UNDER THE SAME SUN

We help people with albinism overcome  
often deadly discrimination through

**education and advocacy**

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# THE PROBLEM

In many African countries, discrimination against persons with albinism is commonplace. Too often it has escalated into grisly mutilations, murder and trafficking in human body parts due to widespread myths about albinism and witchcraft practices. Many of the victims are children.



# OUR VISION

"I have a dream that one day people with albinism will take their rightful place throughout every level of society, and that the days of discrimination against persons with albinism will be a faint memory - EVERYWHERE!"

- Peter Ash, Founder & CEO

# OUR MANDATE

We are passionately committed to ending discrimination and violence against persons with albinism and facilitating social inclusion and participation. UTSS acts globally, with a focus on Africa.

## OUR APPROACH

We work to empower people with albinism through a two-pronged education-based strategy:

- 1 Provide access to education for people with albinism
- 2 Educate the public of the truths about albinism and advocating for Human Rights



# OUR GOAL

Facing intense discrimination, fear, visual limitations and the harsh effects of the sun, are daily realities for people living with albinism in Tanzania and other parts of Africa.

Our ultimate aim is that people with albinism will be fully contributing members of an inclusive and equitable society.

# OUR VALUES

UTSS is a Christian organization. This means that we are driven by the belief that all people have intrinsic value because they are created in God's image. Every individual is worthy of love, respect and dignity.





# EDUCATION

We care for disadvantaged students with albinism, placing them in select boarding schools, where they are protected, integrated, and provided with the tools they need to learn and find employment.

The UTSS Education and Career Program is managed in partnership with a local organization, Villages of Hope, who has experience in supporting vulnerable children.

Young people with albinism, with the help of our donors, can complete schooling from primary school to post-secondary. They are graduating and starting careers as lawyers, teachers, medical professionals, artists, engineers and more.

Currently our Education and Career Program is focused solely in Tanzania.



# ADVOCACY

The Human Rights Advocacy program educates people on the truths about albinism and fights for the protection of people with albinism in all areas of life.

Be it educating a small community or engaging the United Nations, we always have the same message: **People with albinism are just like everyone** else with 2 simple differences: low vision and the lack of pigment (color) in their skin, hair and eyes. They deserve the same rights and opportunities as every person.



We are also active at the African Union (AU) and in the international media to bring awareness and worldwide attention to the issue.

Additionally, we are leading the administration of the first and only albinism movement through the **African Albinism Network**.

# OUR IMPACT



## **100+ GRADUATES**

There have been 100+ graduates from the UTSS Education Program since 2010. 80% have found jobs in their field of study, started a business, or gone on to higher education.



## **400+ STUDENTS**

400+ students with albinism have received or are receiving a high-quality education.



## **22+ ALBINISM GROUPS**

22+ albinism groups in 7+ Countries receiving capacity development based on our success



## **10+ RESOLUTIONS SUPPORTED**

8 United Nations and 4 African Union resolutions passed condemning the atrocities against people with albinism and calling for their Human Rights to be upheld.



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