

## **Who We Are**

We are The Giving Child! We are a nonprofit that builds Android (and as of last year iOS) games for children. Our goal is to empower children to help change the world. Our theme is "Every child can be a superhero!" and this year we are building a game for children who love animals!!

## **The Game**

This year we are building an animal caretaking game app. The goal of this game will be an interaction that develops during short play sessions over a longer period of time. The player will start by creating a safe place for their animal and when they are finished, their animal (most likely an elephant or rhino) will drop by, or maybe not, in which case they will have to build other fun stuff to entice animals to their sanctuary. Once an animal shows up they will get to feed it, take it on walks to the river, build it play areas, take care of it if it gets sick, etc. If their animal is happy then other animals will join them and the player's sanctuary gets bigger. If the animal is neglected then it will disappear. The goal is that this game could be played over months, and if all goes well and we can add expansions, years!

## **Who We Need**

A team of 5 or 6, gamers, game builders, coders, animators, 2D artists and anyone else who thinks this project sounds fantastic!

## **Why You Would Choose This Project**

- We will value you, your opinions and your suggestions.
- We are building a game... Who wouldn't want to be part of that?!
- We will feed you delicious, yummy food at our weekly meetings.
- I have taken up knitting, you might get a nice scarf out of the deal?
- We will give you freedom in this project, to make it yours and to make it even better than what we envision!
- Two former field session students who have been on our previous teams will be leading this project (and possibly a couple students from our team last year will be helping out), they will know what you are going through, what you have to work with, and how best to support you. We also have a professional graphic artist who will be working with us during the session!
- We are trying to make a difference... You could join us!
- We love it when our team members land amazing jobs so we are always happy to write letters of recommendation and make phone calls if that will help you in the future. While we don't specifically offer internships if you have something in mind that you would like to be able to put on your resume, let us know and we will be happy to try and work something out for you!

For more info on who we are you can check out our website:

[www.thegivingchild.org](http://www.thegivingchild.org)

For more information on some of the animal sanctuaries we will be supporting check out the following:

<https://www.sheldrickwildlifetrust.org/asp/orphans.asp>

A sanctuary in South Africa that raises orphaned elephants.

<http://www.blesele.org/>

A rescue and preserve in Thailand for abused and working elephants.

<https://virunga.org>

A national park in the Democratic Republic of Congo that is facing some pretty horrific threats.

Thanks for considering us and we cannot wait to meet you!

- Asha and Evie Barnes

The Giving Child Co-directors