

Kenya ABY Program Highlighted at Unite for Sight Conference in New Haven

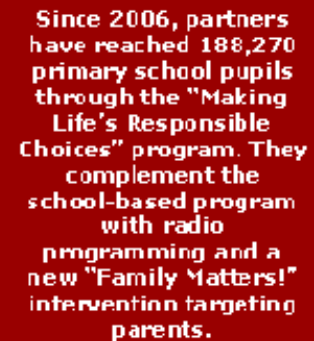
Twinning Center partners at DePaul University shared the work they are doing with the Kenya Episcopal Conference - Catholic Secretariat at the 2009 Unite for Sight Global Health Conference in New Haven, Connecticut.

Held at Yale University April 18-19, the annual event attracted more than 2,200 participants from all 50 states and some 55 countries around the globe.

Leah Neubauer, Andrew Riplinger, and Traci Akron of DePaul presented a poster titled, "Developing School-Based HIV Prevention for Kenyan Youth: Leveraging Multiple Resources through an Institution-to-Institution Multidisciplinary Partnership," which detailed some of the key accomplishments of the partnership since 2006.

To date, partners have reached more than 188,000 primary school pupils between the ages of 10-14 through "Making Life's Responsible Choices," the abstinence and behavior change program they developed together.

The program is currently being implemented in more than 1,400 Catholic and public schools across Kenya. Partners have trained nearly 2,000 teachers to deliver the material.



Since 2006, partners have reached 188,270 primary school pupils through the "Making Life's Responsible Choices" program. They complement the school-based program with radio programming and a new "Family Matters!" intervention targeting parents.