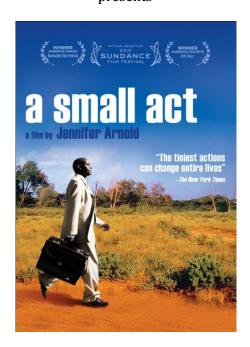
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# A SMALL ACT, AN INSPIRING JOURNEY OF HOPE, TO BE RELEASED MAY 24 ON DIGITAL AND DVD

## "The Tiniest Actions Can Change Entire Lives" - New York Times

April 16, 2011 – A single gesture can have the greatest impact. Students at Mukubu Primary School in Kenya can't afford to pay expensive school fees and top students rely on sponsors to continue their education. At 11 years old, Chris Mburu was one of those students. Now a Harvard Law School graduate and Human Rights Lawyer at the United Nations in Geneva, Chris finds and befriends the woman who made it possible for him to reach his highest potential – Hilde Back. An 85-year-old Jewish Holocaust refugee and school teacher in Sweden, Hilde supported Chris through primary school and secondary school with a small monthly payment. As a result, Chris completed his school requirements, graduated at the top of his class at Nairobi University and continued his education at Harvard Law School with a full scholarship.

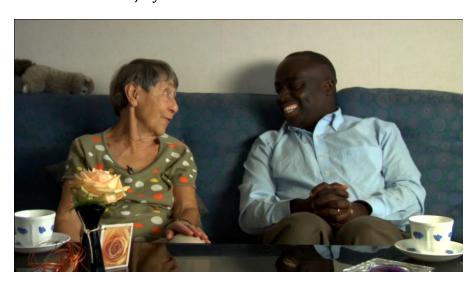
As an adult, Chris created the Hilde Back Education Fund, a program that provides scholarships for top students in Kenya who can't afford to attend secondary school. At the time, Chris had not yet met Hilde and, with the help of the Swedish Embassy in Nairobi, he

was able to finally locate her, thank her in person and invite her to the inauguration ceremony of the education fund bearing her name.

Also featured in *A SMALL ACT* are current students from Chris's village. Kimani, Ruth and Caroline are at the top of their class and they share their struggles and determination to improve their lives through education. Their story is reminiscent of Chris's and his belief that education is the key to improving society. Once they are done with their studies, they plan to give back to their community.

A SMALL ACT reveals the power behind generosity. Set against the backdrop of the villages in Kenya and picturesque Sweden, Award-winning director Jennifer Arnold captures the parallels of both worlds in this feature-length documentary, and the ripple effect a single action can create.

The film premiered on HBO in July 2010.



Along with being a *New York Times* critics' pick and one of Roger Ebert's top documentary picks for 2010, the film has received rave reviews from publications including *The Wall Street Journal* and *The Huffington Post.* 

"A Small Act is a blazing rhapsody: an enormously big-hearted work which, in its devastating simplicity, effectively demonstrates the exponential impact of a single gesture of goodwill," said *Time Out London*.

The film was an official selection at the 2010 Sundance Film Festival and has received numerous awards including the Humanitas Prize for a documentary, the Audience Award at the Nantucket Film Festival and a top ten Audience Favorite nod at Hot Docs.

Visitors of the film's website can share their small acts and donate to one of the many causes listed on <a href="http://www.networkforgood.org/ASmallAct">http://www.networkforgood.org/ASmallAct</a>. A SMALL ACT has also teamed up with Boom Boom! Cards to encourage people to spread an act of kindness and share their story online.

**A SMALL ACT** is directed by Jennifer Arnold; produced by Arnold, Patti Lee and Jeffrey Soros; executive produced by Joan Huang; cinematography by Patti Lee; edited by Carl Pfirman and Tyler Hubby; music by Joel Goodman. The DVD features deleted scenes; a "Homecoming" feature; and trailers.

Pricing: \$29.95 US

Runtime: 88 mins., plus extras

Rating: NR

Catalog #: NNVG244091

Language: English Color: Color

Audio Format: Dolby Digital 2.0 Stereo

Genre: Documentary

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