

## What is EWB-NU?

The Engineers Without Borders University of Nebraska Student Chapter (EWB-NU) is part of a national non-profit, humanitarian organization that partners with developing communities to improve their quality of life through the implementation of environmentally sustainable, equitable, and economical engineering projects. Our mission is to build foundations for growth in developing countries while growing the leadership skills of University of Nebraska Students through local and global collaborations.

# **International Projects**

#### Madagascar Solar Power Project

Beginning in 2010, this project aims to install solar-powered lighting for schools in several villages of Kianjavato, Madagascar to **improve study conditions** and provide additional **safety** for students of all ages, where power is expensive and not easily accessible.

- Project progress includes the completion of **seven** installations in **six** rural schools since 2012.
- Last summer, we travelled for the first time since 2019, sending a team of five students to assess the conditions of six schools, where we were able to repair three of the systems.
- This year, our team is excited to start working on a new system and finish updating the two remaining systems this coming year.
- Additionally, our team is developing a universal Operations and Maintenance Manual to ensure our partner communities can use the systems long after implementation on their own.

#### Zambia Bridge Project

During the rainy season, the Kalomo River becomes impassable, cutting off markets, schools, and medical care from the members of the Simulunda community. **At least one person dies every year** crossing the river because they would rather risk death to receive help than stand helplessly ill on the other side. In 2017, we signed a partnership with the Sindowe and Simulunda communities **to construct a pedestrian footbridge** connecting the community members across the Kalomo River.

- In 2018 and 2022 we traveled to collect data used to create a preliminary design.
- This past summer, we traveled to present our design draft and cost estimation to the community and government officials.
- We are currently iterating our design and preparing for implementation.
- In the future, we plan to receive final design approval, purchase materials from nearby suppliers, begin multiphase construction, and conduct post-construction monitoring.
- For the first phase of construction to begin, we must raise at least \$45,000.

# **Our Meeting Structure**

**Our chapter** spans across two campuses, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and the University of Nebraska Omaha, holding regular meetings throughout the academic year, supplemented by various

community service events, fundraising initiatives, conferences, and social gatherings. Our meeting structure is designed to foster both project-specific development and broader member engagement.

We follow a **weekly meeting rotation**, with dedicated Thursdays for chapter-wide meetings. These meetings alternate between three formats: Project Meetings, General Meetings, and Officer Meetings. Additionally, our project teams – Madagascar and Zambia – hold independent work meetings on weekends to focus on project-specific tasks and challenges.

- **Project Meetings** are core to our chapter's mission. These sessions provide a platform for members to actively contribute to our international projects. Whether you're a seasoned member or just starting out, project meetings offer opportunities to engage in all phases of the engineering design process, from conceptualization to implementation. Team members collaborate on design, analysis, and project planning, gaining valuable hands-on experience.
- **General Meetings** serve as a hub for information sharing and community building. We provide updates on project progress, invite guest speakers from the engineering industry and EWB-USA to share insights, and facilitate interactions between students and professionals. These meetings are also an **ideal platform for sponsors** to connect with our members and showcase their work.

By combining focused project work with broader chapter engagement, we create a dynamic and impactful environment for our members and partners.

## Nebraska Fundraising Team

The purpose of the Nebraska Team is to raise money for our international projects in Madagascar and Zambia through Engineers Without Bogeys, Pizza Thursday, a charity dinner, and a campus wide day of giving called Glow Big Red. The Nebraska Team also leads community outreach here in Nebraska such as a semesterly stream clean-up and participating with local nonprofit organizations.

### Engineers Without Bogeys

Our chapter hosts an annual minigolf fundraiser at Prehistoric Putt in Lincoln, which will be **moved to the fall this year**. Attendees will be able to explore our reserved golf course and play casually against their friends, family, students, and industry representatives. Students and professionals have the opportunity to connect and network over golf and lunch.

### Spring Charity Dinner Night

In the spring, our chapter will host a **NEW** fundraising banquet at the University of Nebraska Omaha. This night is an exciting and informative night for family, students, and professionals to learn more about what it's like to live in the partner communities that our projects are benefiting. Companies and students are invited to attend for an opportunity to network over cuisine and entertainment inspired by our Malagasy and Zambian partner communities, and a chance to hear directly from our members about their experiences both locally and abroad.

### Pizza Thursday

#### Connecting Students and Employers with the Power of Pizza

On Thursdays, we host Pizza Thursday to raise money to fund our projects in our partner communities at Kiewit Hall, our engineering building on campus. Students from all engineering majors come to Pizza Thursday to network with the company who sponsored us and enjoy free pizza. Companies also have the option to hand out flyers or company branded merchandise if they choose. This is a wonderful way to get lots of engagement with students and the company's recruiters since our advertisement reaches all corners of the College of Engineering. We typically see over a hundred students talk to recruiters at these events.

Pizza Partnerships				
Sponsorship Perks	Price			
Pizza Thursday Silver	\$350*			
1 Pizza Thursday Sponsorship				
Social media post and student email chain advertisement with company name and logo				
Pizza Thursday Gold	\$450*			
2 Pizza Thursday Sponsorships				
Social media post and student email chain advertisement with company name and logo				
2 complimentary EWB Dinner tickets				

Additional Cost: each person who talks to the recruiters receives one free pizza voucher. If they provide their resume, they receive two vouchers. At the end of the event, we will tally up the total vouchers that were distributed and charge the company accordingly for the pizza each student took (\$5.50 for one slice, \$9 for two), plus the sponsorship base charge. We are also open to alternative approaches that align with your company's goals and preferences.

## **Become Our Sponsor**

With a modest gift to EWB-NU, we can build a valuable **partnership** together in which our goals of providing sustainable engineering solutions to communities in need and give valuable hands-on engineering and intercultural communication learning experiences for young engineers can be reached.

Your support will allow us to obtain the necessary materials to implement projects that affect people across the globe. Our club and our partner communities deeply appreciate donations of any amount. **Listed below are our sponsorship tiers** which provide ways that **you** can help, with perks that are our way of showing our appreciation for your support.

Sponsorship Tiers				
	Silver	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
Sponsorship Perks	\$500	\$1,000	\$2,500	\$5,000+
Engineers Without Bogeys				
Mini golf tickets	5	10	20	25
Company name and logo showcased at event	Х	Х	Х	Х
Promotional material placed at event	Х	Х	Х	Х
Sponsor a hole		Х	Х	Х
Company banner and name and logo on all printed event				
materials			Х	Х
Spring Dinner				
Dinner Tickets	5	10	20	30
Company name and logo showcased at event	Х	Х	Х	Х
Promotional material placed at event	Х	Х	Х	Х
Company logo on the slideshow played throughout the night		Х	Х	Х
Company logo on all dinner table tents			Х	Х
Other				
Logo on EWB T-shirts for all club members		Х	Х	Х
Social media and newsletter feature of travel team wearing the				
shirts in Madagascar		Х	Х	Х
Exclusive larger company logo on EWB shirts given to travel team			х	х
Request an additional perk				Х
Present at a chapter meeting				Х

# Closing

Thank you very much for your consideration with working with EWB-NU. Our student organization and partner community members are truly grateful for the company sponsorships we receive. You can visit our website to learn more information about of organization: <u>ewb.unl.edu</u> We would be pleased to share our individual experiences and tell you more about the plans for our projects in Zambia and Madagascar or answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

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