



## A Program of Central Asia Institute

A service learning program of Central Asia Institute that aims to broaden students' cultural horizons and teach them about their capacities as philanthropists.

Greg Mortenson, the founder and executive director of the Central Asia Institute and co-author of "*Three Cups of Tea*" will be in Rockford September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 2008, through the efforts of the Rockford Public Library Foundation and the International Day of Peace sponsored by the Keeling-Puri Peace Plaza. The Rockford Public Library has named "*Three Cups of Tea*" the One Book, One Rockford for 2008.

Mr. Mortenson and CAI are responsible for building over 60 schools throughout Pakistan and Afghanistan since 1996. He has requests for more schools from over 300 villages in these countries. The cost of building and endowing a school's operation for 5 years is \$50,000.

As part of the celebration of this visit by Greg Mortenson, we would like to build a school in honor of the Rock River Valley children. We will begin a "Pennies for Peace" initiative this spring in the hopes of reaching our goal by Sept 19<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

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