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Projects

□ **DesignBuildBLUFF**, Bluff, UT, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide architectural students with a real-world educational experience, announced its 2008 projects. For the past eight years, the program has centered on building homes for the Navajo Nation, but this year the project will be to create new student housing for the burgeoning DesignBuildBLUFF program. The building will be designed around three discarded steel shipping containers and will incorporate a workshop, kitchenette, bathroom and sleeping quarters for eight. The project will facilitate the school's long-term goal of being able to prefabricate pieces in the workshop that can be transported to building sites on the reservation. A bathhouse also will be built. In Uganda, in partnership with the Ssejinja Foundation, DesignBuildBLUFF will design and build a medical center for AIDS-orphaned children in the village of Bira. Already the students are working on solutions for the limited supply of construction materials. www.designbuildbluff.org