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About Carolina for Kibera

Carolina for Kibera (CFK) invests in sustainable solutions to poverty by developing local leaders, catalyzing social and economic progress, and promoting peace. Working across four major focus areas – physical health, peace through sports, youth development, and financial and economic stability – we combine service with responsible research to inform and assist participatory development in Kibera and other informal settlements globally. CFK is a major associated entity of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

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