



AMERICAN FOUNDATION
for CHILDREN *with* AIDS

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Dear Friends,

AFCA continues to be successful in fulfilling the promises we have made to those we serve. Our commitment, targeted approach, and meaningful impact is the reason people continue to support the organization. It is why we have board members, past and present, who dedicate their time and resources to the cause. Because of AFCA, there are children and families who lead productive and healthy lives. If we can do that for one individual, it makes it all worthwhile.

We continue to support an area in the Democratic Republic of the Congo where many other organizations do not go, due to almost non-existent infrastructure and ongoing conflicts. Just recently one of our former board members visited and had fantastic news to report. It was obvious which children were benefiting from our work, as they were visibly stronger and bigger than other children who, unfortunately, are not part of our program. The livelihoods project directly benefits kids through the provision of vegetables, fruit, meat, eggs, and milk.

In Kenya, we are managing a sisal project (fiber from where bags, baskets, and rope are made) which hires HIV+ mothers so that their children can go to school, so that they can all eat well, and so that they have enough funds for their basic necessities. Attached to that project is a school, for which we built good, decent, hygienic bathrooms and a small library. AFCA supports a local orphanage, as well, through the setting up of a kitchen, dining hall and bathrooms, as well as by providing beds, lockers, and other necessities to the children and caregivers. A large set of gardens is also part of our work, providing food and funds for the orphanage.

Containers of medical equipment continue to be shipped from AFCA's warehouse for Baylor Uganda to distribute throughout the country. Site visits confirm that equipment is arriving and being utilized in some of the most remote parts of Uganda. AFCA also provides life-saving medication to children who have shown resistance to the first and second lines of antiretroviral medicine. The number of children who fall into this category continues to increase and this is another case where AFCA fills in where the need is and no one else will support.

AFCA's presence in Zimbabwe exemplifies the organizations goal to become irrelevant. AFCA's livelihood programs are helping children and their care-takers learn how to become self-sustaining. Through animal distribution, veterinary training, and small-scale farming, orphan families are thriving on their own. Every now and again, due to famine or drought, AFCA will ensure they receive emergency, short term relief in the form of porridge so they can keep going.

As an organization, we want to do more and to continue to fulfill the promises we have made to those we help. In order for AFCA to move forward and grow, we must make some investments. We must expand the reach of our messaging and work beyond Central Pennsylvania and the immediate circles around each of our board members. Given AFCA's dedication to providing as much of the organization's fundraising into the programs we support, some of these decisions may be uncomfortable for the short term but would be a long-term investment. We are excited to see where these changes lead us as an organization and are grateful to have you by our side.

Thank you!



Stephanie Watkins
Board President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Stephanie Watkins', written in black ink on a light-colored background.



MISSION

The American Foundation for Children with AIDS (AFCA) is a non-profit organization providing critical comprehensive services to infected and affected HIV+ children and their caregivers. Our programs are efficient, promoting self-reliance and sustainability. Since 2005, in collaboration with our in-country partners, we have served tens of thousands of families in some of the most underserved and marginalized communities in Africa. Our areas of impact include: medical support, livelihoods, educational support and emergency relief.

Currently, AFCA is transforming lives in Kenya, Uganda, Zimbabwe, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

CORE VALUES

1. Efficient and sustainable programs that promote self-reliance, with measurable results
2. Comprehensive services for children and their families/caregivers
3. Support in regions that are underserved and marginalized



PROGRAMS

Sustainable Food Solutions

Because most orphan households have no financial resources to purchase livestock or seed, this program makes resources available to them in order to support their efforts at building their capacity to sustain themselves. Thus, the project will leave orphan families better positioned to actively participate in livelihood activities and for children's nutritional levels to improve. The strength of this project lies in that it is rooted in communities in which it is implemented.

Since the needs were identified at the lowest community level and solutions also originated from the beneficiary communities, the sense of ownership that is gained through this process motivates beneficiaries to succeed and sustain benefits.

This program includes: livestock and gardens, veterinary and husbandry trainings, provision of veterinary kits, water filters provision, and short term-food solutions until gardens grow and produce.

Medical Support

AFCA partners with pre-approved local clinics and hospitals that are registered with their government's Ministry of Health. The trained doctors and medical directors request medicine (ARVs or to combat opportunistic infections such as pneumonia, thrush, etc) from AFCA and we fill their requests by supplying their pharmacies with requested medications.

AFCA has a medical surplus program, where collects opened but unused and new but unneeded medical supplies and equipment from hospitals, manufacturers, and distributors, diverting them from landfills and shipping them for use in the countries where we work. AFCA also provides testing kits to partners who find they don't have enough to test mothers and children in their programs.





Education

AFCA believes in the strength of educating a child and with this in mind, we pay for school fees, uniforms and books for some children in our programs. School supplies – erasers, pens, pencils, notebooks, file folders, scissors, and glue – are sent to students, as well as teaching supplies which are sent to partner schools, helping the schools with much-needed items, such as maps, art supplies, room decorations, etc.

AFCA keeps girls in school by providing them with reusable sanitary pad kits. Not only do we donate these kits, but we also conduct trainings and teach older girls and women how to make the kits so they can start small businesses.

Building Stronger Partners

AFCA believes that sustainable programs are the best programs to support. We want the clinics, hospitals and projects we support to be able to carry on their work in a sustainable manner, well into the future. With this in mind, AFCA funds and helps manage projects such as:

- Sisal project where HIV+ mothers can earn a decent living while working a 3-day week
- Community gardens where everyone who works, eats
- Multiplication centers where animals are bred and raised, providing the animals needed to sustain our Livelihoods Projects
- Greenhouses to provide training and food for young adults
- Tailoring shops where people learn to sew and start small businesses
- Chicken projects where eggs not only provide food for orphaned children, but a salary for caregivers and for the expansion of the project



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By The Numbers - 2018



Africa

is a continent with 54 countries and a population of 1.2 billion inhabitants who speak over 2000 different languages



4 Countries and 13 cities, towns, villages

- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Kenya
- Uganda
- Zimbabwe



Income generation

30 HIV+ moms hired to work in sisal and garden projects, providing for their children



6 Types of Programs

- Livestock
- Gardens
- Medicine
- Medical supplies
- Sustainability
- Education



3 Greenhouses

to teach young women how to garden and farm



9,607 Children

who received medicine, feminine kits and school kits

Stars earned with Charity Navigator due to financial and programmatic excellence

3



Percentage of all donations that go directly to programs

90



6371 beneficiaries

received livestock, seeds, garden tools, training, water filters, and solar lights so they can become self-sufficient



40-ft containers

\$800,000+ worth of medical supplies and equipment sent to partner hospitals



2000 laying hens

feeding 1800 school children, 5 orphanages and 1 nursing home

IMPACT STORY

Kids for Kids

With an eye on sustainability is all we do, AFCA started a goat multiplication center in Matopos, Zimbabwe in 2017. AFCA has built these elsewhere, but it would be the first in this area of Zimbabwe, so climate, water, foliage, and cultural differences were discussed to make sure that the project had merit and that the project would have a high chance at success.

The multiplication center would not only focus on animal reproduction and growth, but the farm would be a place for families to receive hands-on training, as well. Together with a Zimbabwean farmer, the idea grew until it became a reality. Goat housing was expanded, feed and goats were purchased, and a beautiful project was born.

This project doesn't start and end with goats, though! Seeds and training in how to grow a good, nutritious garden are given to all beneficiaries and to the community in general, even if they have not been selected for the goat program. Water filters are given to families, as well, decreasing the chance of contracting water-borne illnesses. A solar light is also gifted to families. Trainings, trainings and more trainings are held for both beneficiary families and for the community members in how to build appropriate goat housing, how to diagnose simple illnesses, how to deworm a goat, how to help birth a goat, and much more.

Once a family has been selected and fully trained, when their gardens are growing, and they have good housing for their goats, they receive three full grown, pregnant goats. Immediately, they can drink milk! The combination of clean water, vegetables, fruit, and milk is a game changer for families who lack protein and good fats in their diet. While they may not barter, sell, or eat their goats at this point, their nutrition improves. After three years (when a flock is established), they give three full grown goats back to the project, blessing another family in need and getting them on the road to self-sustainability.

Once a year, AFCA hosts the Kids4Kids campaign, where donors may purchase a goat, a year of vaccinations and care, a year of food, the cost to train a family, and naming rights to the goat, all for \$250. 100% of funds raised through this campaign are used to fund our goat projects in the various countries where we work. We welcome you to be part of this great project!



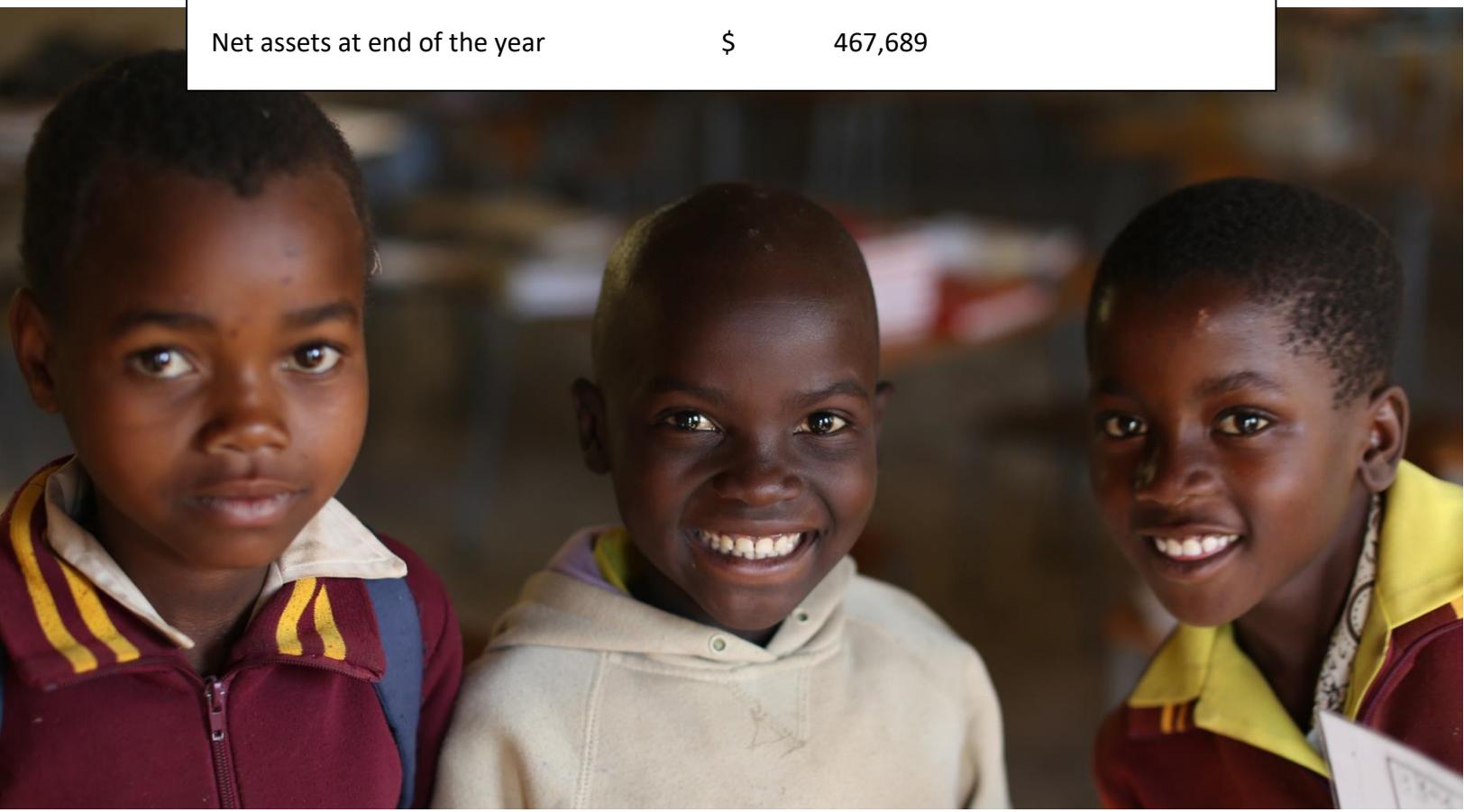
FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Revenue

Contributions	\$	407,000
Gifts in Kind		858,054
Grants		12,840
Interest		1,266
Net Assets Released from Restrictions		0
Total Revenue		1,279,160

Expenses

Program		
Commodity Distribution		1,101,216
Support Services		
Fund Raising		82,614
Administration		47,120
Total Expenses		1,230,950
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets		48,210
Net assets at beginning of the year		419,479
Net assets at end of the year	\$	467,689





WE NEED YOUR HELP

Together we can keep making a difference in the lives of children. Please consider how you can join AFCA, whether it is as a donor, as a volunteer or as an adventure seeker. We need you, that is for sure!

Every Penny Matters

You are welcome to make a donation towards our good work by following this link to our [donations page](#). You will receive a tax receipt by email. Be sure to print and keep it for tax season!

If online giving is not for you, you are welcome to donate by post, mailing your donation made out to AFCA to:

AFCA
1520 Greening Lane
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Craving Adventure?

If you'd like to be part of our work by volunteering from your own corner of the world or internationally through Vacation with a Purpose, please let us know, as we'd love to have you as part of our team! Perhaps, you'd like to go on an adventure to Nepal, Patagonia, Kilimanjaro, or Peru – if so, you are welcome to join one of our Climb Up trips! Let us know your interest, as we'd be happy to welcome you to AFCA's team. Feel free to email, connect on Facebook or call.

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