

# Annual Report 2024



AMERICAN FOUNDATION  
for CHILDREN with AIDS

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# About AFCA

## MISSION

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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 the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Malawi, Uganda, and Zimbabwe.

## CORE VALUES

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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

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Stephanie Watkins (President)

Emily Gingrich

Erin Medeiros (Secretary)

David Yavoich

Craig Lowrie (Treasurer)

Tanya Weaver - Executive Director



Dear Friends and Supporters of AFCA,

As we reflect on this past year, we are reminded that uncertainty has been a constant theme. From economic instability and shifting global health crises to unpredictable and uncontrollable weather events, we have faced challenges we could not have foreseen. For example, ongoing droughts and erratic rainfall in countries like Zimbabwe, Congo and Kenya continue to disrupt lives, putting immense strain on our families and kids already facing hardships. Thanks to your support and AFCA's nimbleness, we were able to respond to unforeseen drought, flooding, civil unrest, and unexpected sickness by supporting 485 individuals.

While the future remains unpredictable, one thing is certain: AFCA's work is needed now more than ever. The children we support depend on us for life-saving medical care, nutrition, education, and the stability that comes from knowing they are not alone in their struggles. Whether it's the uncertainty of the rains or the current instability of international relief we must continue to be a rock for these children and families, offering them the support they need to navigate an unpredictable world.

In 2024 this is how we provided some stability to our families and kids:

- 652,146 benefitted from medical care
- 12,120 benefitted from nutritional programs
- 5,592 benefitted from self-sustaining economic improvement programs
- 3,243 benefitted from education support

As we look ahead, we know that challenges will continue to emerge. But with your support, we are confident we can continue to rise to meet them. Together, we will ensure these children have access to the care, hope, and future they deserve, no matter what uncertainties lie ahead.

Thank you for standing with us during these uncertain times. Your continued support makes all the difference in the lives of the children we serve.

With gratitude,

Stephanie  
Board President



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## Financial Summary

### OPERATING SUPPORT AND REVENUE

Contributions	\$499,142
Trip Income	\$33,392
Grants	\$81,795
Gifts in Kind	\$1,047,382
Interest income	\$160
Total Revenue	\$1,661,871

### EXPENSES

Program	
Commodity Distribution	\$1,395,478
Support Services	
Fundraising	\$56,462
Management and General	\$38,235
Total Expenses	\$1,490,175
Change in Net Assets	\$171,696
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	\$469,341
Net Assets, End of Year	\$641,037

# Programs

## MEDICAL SUPPORT

AFCA partners with pre-approved local clinics and hospitals. The trained medical directors request medicine from AFCA and we fill their requests by supplying their pharmacies with requested medications.

AFCA collects opened but unused and new but unneeded medical supplies and equipment from hospitals and distributors, diverting them from landfills and shipping them for use in the countries where we work.

## LIVELIHOODS

This program makes resources available to orphaned families in order to support their efforts to sustain themselves. 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 originate 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, gardens, veterinary and husbandry trainings, veterinary supplies, water filters, solar lights, latrines, and short term-food solutions until gardens and livestock grow and produce.

## EDUCATION

AFCA believes in the strength of educating a child. We cover the costs of school fees, uniforms and books for some children in our programs from preschool to trade school or university. School supplies – erasers, pens, pencils, notebooks, file folders, scissors, and glue – are sent to students, as well as teaching supplies.

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 PARTNER CAPACITY

Knowing that sustainable programs are the best programs to support, AFCA funds and helps manage projects such as:

- Sisal project where HIV+ mothers earn a good living while working a 3-day week
- Community gardens
- Multiplication centers where animals are bred and raised
- Greenhouses to provide training and food for orphanages
- Tailoring shops where HIV+ women learn to sew and start small businesses
- Tree and Bee projects that provide work for families while improving the world
- Orphanage support has included digging wells when needed at children's homes, as well as building a home for children who don't have one.



## NUTRITION

Livestock, rice, beans, gardens, honey, fruit and moringa trees, water, non GMO seeds, tools, water filters, solar lights, training, and long term support are part of what we do to help families produce the food they need to be healthy and to earn extra cash. 12,120 benefitted in 2024.

## MEDICAL CARE

Medical supplies and equipment is sent to partner clinics where our children are cared for. From maternity to orthopedics to eye and dental care, we are invested in the overall health of the kids. 652,146 benefitted in 2024.

## ORPHAN CARE

Besides starting the building of an orphanage, AFCA supports a baby home and other homes for children through volunteer work.

## EDUCATION

School fees, school supplies, desks, chairs, uniforms, books, computers, educational toys, feminine pad kits, and teacher supplies are some of the ways we support schools so our kids get the best education possible. 3,243 benefitted in 2024.

## ECONOMIC IMPROVEMENT

Greenhouses, animal multiplication centers, bees and honey, pigs, community gardens, hairdressing and tailoring shops, and a sisal project help make orphanages and communities self sufficient. 5,592 benefitted in 2024.



AFCA CURRENTLY WORKS  
IN FIVE AFRICAN  
COUNTRIES:

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC  
OF THE CONGO, KENYA,  
MALAWI, UGANDA, AND  
ZIMBABWE

## EMERGENCY RELIEF

Drought, flooding, civil unrest, famine, cholera outbreaks, and unexpected sickness are things we can't always plan for but which we need to respond to, for the sake of our kids. 485 individuals received emergency help in 2024.

AFCA HAS 1.5 STAFF IN USA  
AND 9 IN AFRICA .  
COUNTLESS INDIRECT  
BENEFICIARIES.

93.7% OF ALL DONATIONS  
GO DIRECTLY TO OUR  
PROGRAMS



## Opportunities for YOU

### DONATE

You can donate by check made out to AFCA or online at [AFCAids.org](http://AFCAids.org).

Want to discuss estate planning? Call us at 717.489.0206.

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### VOLUNTEER

Whether you donate your time and talent in USA or join a volunteer team to Africa, your help is indispensable.

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### ADVENTURE

Visit [AFCAids.org](http://AFCAids.org) to find out how you can join a Climb Up team.

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