

The Alliance for Youth Achievement

Annual Report 2008



2008 was a challenging year for AYA. We definitely felt the strain of the struggling economy. AYA shared the same difficulties as charities throughout the world; donations were down and the needs were greater than ever. As a result, difficult decisions had to be made. In an effort to cut administrative costs, AYA stopped our sponsorship programs, which were our most time-consuming and costly components, to focus on raising larger amount of money to help schools, homes, and communities. To make the most of or limited resources, we felt it best to narrow our focus to Africa, where we have the most involvement and the greatest need.

Despite the challenges, we remain positive and are grateful for the many wonderful things we were able to accomplish with the help of our supporters. AYA was able to grant over \$317,000 to 44 organizations helping orphans and impoverished children in Africa and Asia. Here are just a few highlights of what we were able to accomplish in 2008.

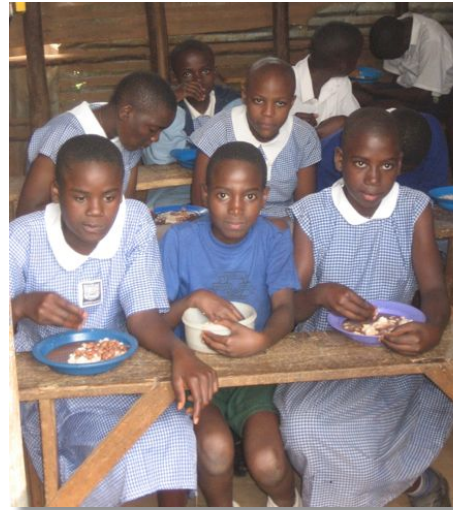
Food and Farming

Food security has been the most pressing issue throughout 2008. The Kenyan post-election violence of 2008 caused major food shortages and subsequent price increases through Kenya and Uganda. Increasing global food prices have harshly impacted all of AYA's partners. They are spending up to four times what they typically have on feeding programs, creating shortfalls in other program necessities or forcing the decrease in the number of children they can feed. However, AYA supporters have heeded the call for help allowing us to provide over \$10,000 in emergency food relief for Kenyan partners affected by post-election violence and

funding over \$25,000 to support regular feeding programs at our partner homes and schools. As well, supporters gave enough to purchase the first five acres of our Kenyan farm, so that AYA is on its way to a sustainable food source to supplement partner feeding programs. Not only has the first season of corn been planted, but the land has a water source that allowed us to create a pond for fish farming.



The AYA Farm in Kitale, Kenya



Support for feeding programs has allowed AYA partners to provide daily lunch to over 3000 students

Orphan Care

AYA remains committed to helping our partner orphanages provide a safe, well-constructed home with basic amenities like beds, mosquito nets, clean water and sanitary latrines. AYA provided support to nine orphanages serving four hundred children in 2008.



Thirty children moved into the new Rehema orphanage in Nairobi, Kenya. The children had been sleeping on the floor at Rehema's school and many were crammed into the personal home of Pastor Erastus Omukhango. Now they have a new brick home with comfortable beds and concrete floors. Best of all the children feel like a real family!



Immaculate Home of Peace is located in the drought-stricken town of Kibwezi in Southeast Kenya. Few resources exist and the home has been renting a house for the 32 children in its care, taking up a substantial portion of its very limited income where they were also facing eviction. In 2008, AYA purchased land for a permanent home, dug a well on the property, and began construction of the new brick home.



Bethesda International provides foster homes and education to hundreds of children in Jinja, Uganda. AYA teamed up with Malama International to provide over \$53,000 to Bethesda in 2008 for food, school fees, medical care, classroom construction and general operating support for the organization.

Ongoing Projects Fully Supported by AYA



60 children and 34 pregnant women with HIV received medical and support services through Comboni Mission Sisters

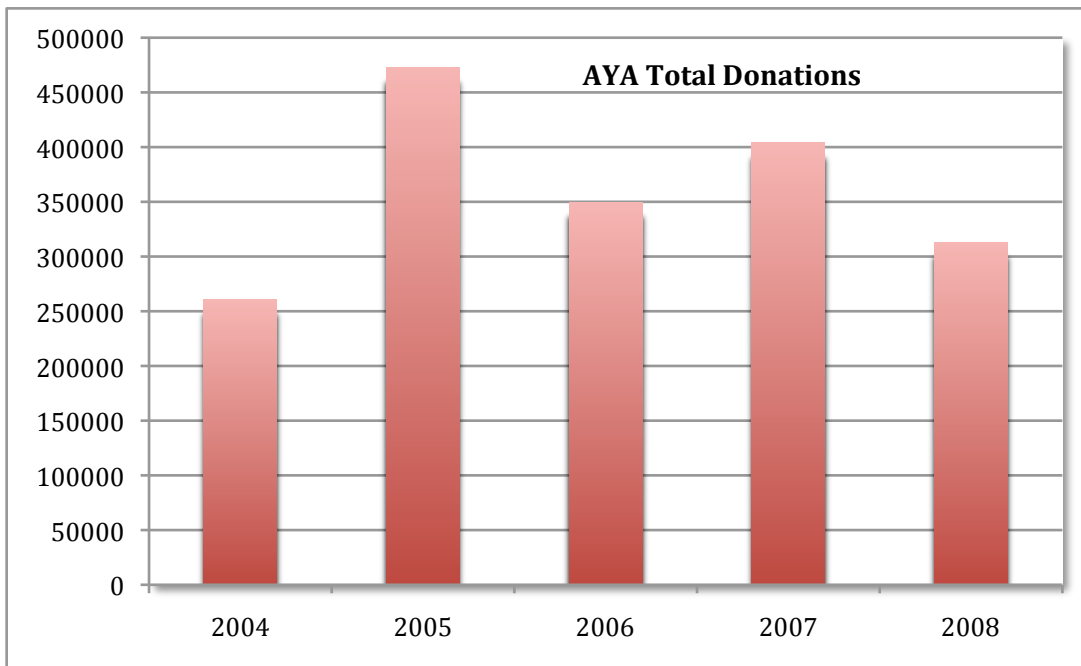
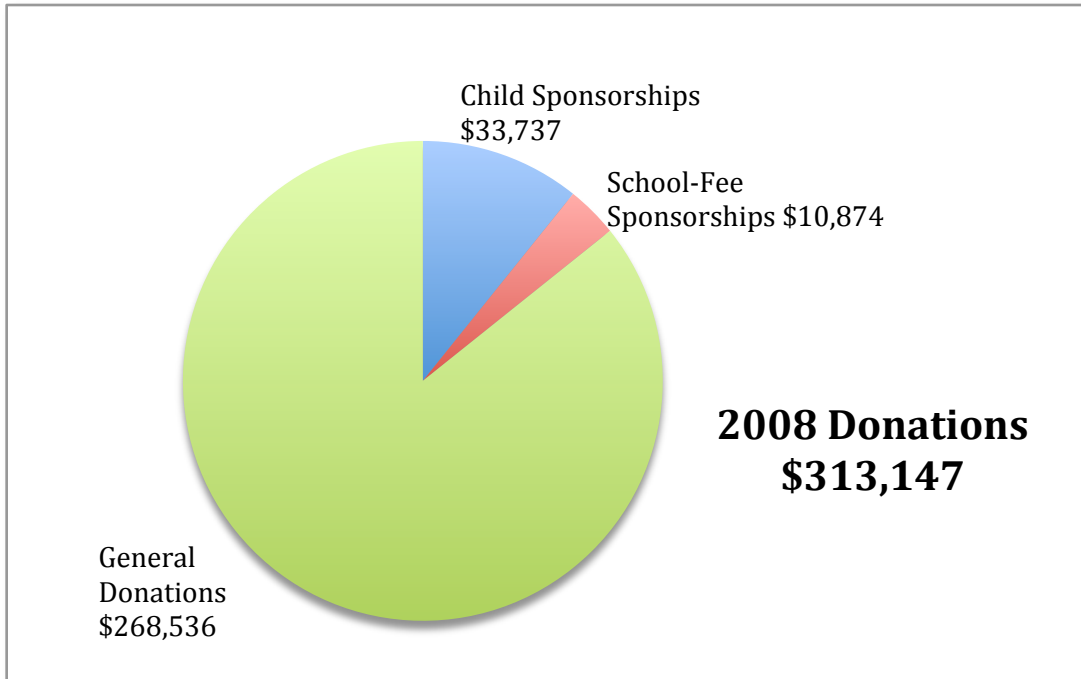


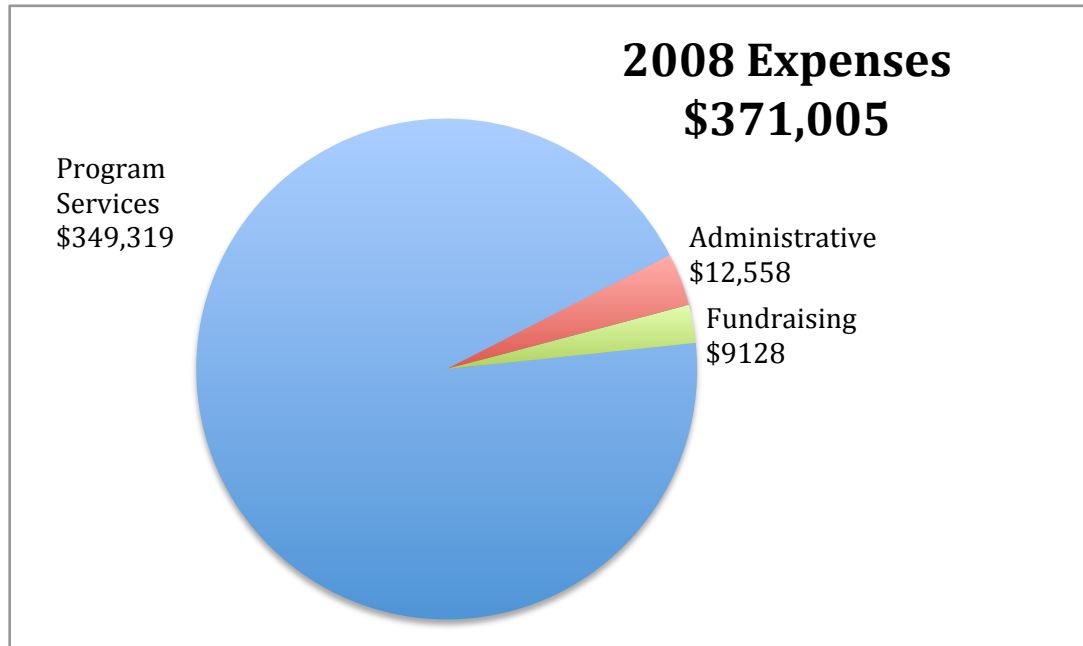
Another 40 guardians of orphans received grants to purchase cows and the opportunity to increase their income and self-sufficiency.



30 teachers completed the two-year, AYA teacher-training program, ensuring quality education for at least 900 children per year.

2008 AYA Financials





AYA's net assets at the end of 2008 were \$99,177. For a detailed breakdown of income and expenses please see our IRS form 990 posted at www.allforyouth.org/financial.html. Audited financial statements are available upon request.

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