



The Alliance for Youth Achievement Annual Report 2010

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AYA's Mission

AYA works with established partners on the ground in Africa to help the children of Africa. Our mission is to improve the lives of children in Africa by meeting their basic needs and providing opportunities for them to reach their fullest potential.

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Turning unmet needs into success stories

Dear AYA Supporters,

It is with pleasure that we share with you our 2010 Annual Report. Much of the correspondence you receive from AYA focuses on unmet needs and partners who are struggling. This Annual Report, however, will showcase how the work of AYA in 2010 addressed some of the ongoing needs of our partners.

Many of the stories will be familiar to our supporters: the AYA farm expanding to feed more children, the USAID-funded clean water projects in Uganda nearing completion after just one short year of construction, the Building Blocks for

Africa race proving to be a successful annual event, Sandota Primary School students moving into their new home, the Teacher Training College graduating its fifth class of teachers, and the remarkable journey of an AYA-supported child.

It is because of your generosity and compassion that we are able to continue providing for basic needs and giving hope to children in Africa. Our Report concludes with an overview of some of our continuing greatest needs, which we anticipate being able to meet with your help. **Please consider joining us in financially supporting this next round of success stories!**



Children at Rehema Children's Centre in the Korogocho slum of Nairobi, Kenya

7-acre addition to AYA's farm in Kitale, Kenya

As we shared in last year's Annual Report, one of AYA's major accomplishments in 2009 was purchasing 5 acres of farmland in Kenya's fertile region. East Africa Director Fred Afwai and his wife Alice oversee this farming project, which in 2010 fed approximately 4,000 children throughout AYA's partner programs in Kenya.

However, with food costs continually rising and partners struggling to afford food for the children in their care, the Afwais quickly realized that the farm needed to expand in order to feed more children across a longer period of time.

During Fred Afwai's visit to AYA's U.S. headquarters this fall, he spoke to several groups and at our fundraising gala about the funds needed to expand the farm. Thanks to the generosity of AYA's supporters, in just a few months all of the funds were raised to **purchase 7 additional acres of farmland adjacent to AYA's existing farm!**

The Afwais began preparing for this year's harvest in early 2011, and we are eager to share updates of how the increased food supply will change lives and free resources to meet the other needs of our partners.



Students eating lunch (provided through AYA's farm) at Galilee Primary School in Nairobi, Kenya



AYA Regional Director Mary at one of the USAID-funded clean water projects in Fort Portal, Uganda

Nearing completion on 29 clean water projects in Uganda

For years AYA regional directors Mary Abigaba and Vincents Okethcwinya witnessed the toll of water-borne illness on the children in our Ugandan partner projects. The challenges ranged from the long travel time it took specifically girls and women to fetch water, diarrhea and other illnesses that affected school attendance and overall health, and even death associated with more serious diseases.

Thanks to a grant from USAID (the international humanitarian arm of the U.S. government),

Mary and Vincents have been diligently overseeing the construction of 29 clean water projects throughout AYA's partner communities in Uganda. These projects range from protecting natural springs and shallow wells to rainwater harvesting using specially-designed roofs and gutter systems. In addition to ensuring these communities have access to clean water, AYA is also providing hygiene and sanitation education through local leadership teams in schools and among community members. By

addressing waterborne illnesses on these two fronts, AYA's goal for the grant is to substantially reduce the spread of disease in our partner communities in Uganda.

At the close of 2010, AYA had completed 85% of the clean water projects and was busy providing sanitation and hygiene education throughout the communities with new projects. **Once completed, 15,000 people will benefit from the clean water and education provided through this program.**



Runners at the starting line of the 2010 "Building Blocks for Africa" race

2nd Annual Building Blocks race generates income & interest

People regularly contact us wanting to know how they can become personally involved in our mission. One of the best ways to be actively engaged in our work is to organize a fundraising event in your hometown to raise interest and support for one of AYA's partners.

In early 2009, board member Katie Logan approached AYA with an idea for a fundraiser—a 5K race and family block walk for Maximum Impact School in

Nairobi, Kenya, that would raise funds to build the extremely needy school a new facility. The first "Building Blocks for Africa" race was held in October 2009, and generated not only funds, but also a growing interest of the local community in the work of AYA.

This past year, Katie and her team of dedicated volunteers organized the 2nd annual "Building Blocks for Africa" race, which again raised

support and awareness for Maximum Impact School and AYA's mission to improve the lives of children in Africa.

Combined, these two events have raised almost \$20,000 and supplied the funds for Maximum Impact to complete a substantial portion of its new school facility. The Race Planning Team's goal is that the 2011 race will raise the remaining funds needed to complete construction of the new school.



Students on their first day of school in the new Sandota Primary School facility

New home for Sandota Primary School

Sandota Primary School is an AYA partner that has been "adopted" by one of our supporters. Tessa Gaines first heard the story of Sandota three years ago, when AYA representatives were visiting partners in Kenya. Tessa was immediately drawn to the poor school and especially its director Carolyn, who was struggling to provide for the young children in her care. Knowing she wanted to help, Tessa began organizing a series of garage sales to raise support

for Sandota. She also created a holiday gift giving program, in which people could sponsor a student or teacher at Sandota in honor of someone. Over the past three years, Tessa and fellow supporters have raised the funds to purchase a plot of land and construct the foundation of a new school facility.

In the fall of 2010 Carolyn received an ultimatum from her landlord—Sandota must be moved by the end of the year

or she would be evicted. Tessa began a major push to rush completion of the new school. With the help of a generous donation collected by members at Tessa's church, Sandota was able to raise the remaining funds needed and quickly completed construction of its new facility just as classes resumed in mid-January. AYA is thrilled to share stories like this partnership between an AYA supporter and partner.

Teacher Training College graduates 5th class of students

AYA has partnered with non-formal (i.e. non-government supported) schools in Africa since we were founded in 1999. At first, our goal was to find sponsors to assist with school fees for students, to provide textbooks and desks, and to build classrooms to improve the overall learning environment. Yet in spite of our efforts, AYA East Africa Director Fred Afwai continued to witness students in our partner schools score poorly on national exams. In 2004 Mr. Afwai conducted a survey across AYA's partner schools in Kenya to determine the

cause of the students' poor performance, and the results showed the majority of schools did not have trained teachers.

The solution was to train the teachers in our partner schools, but AYA did not have the funds for teachers to attend established teacher training colleges. Therefore, Mr. Afwai founded the AYA Teacher Training College, where we as an organization could train the teachers from our partner schools.

In 2005 the AYA Teacher Training College commenced

with its first class of teachers from 5 partner schools. **Since then, the AYA Teacher Training College has trained over 250 teachers from more than 150 non-formal schools in Kenya.**

The results are that students in AYA's partner schools have improved performance on national exams, and the trained teachers have a new-found confidence and motivation. In November 2010 the 5th class of teachers graduated from the AYA Teacher Training College and returned to their schools better equipped to educate the children in their care.



AYA Teacher Training College graduate celebrating with one of her instructors at the November 2010 graduation ceremony

Child Profile: Joseph Kinyua

Joseph Kinyua was born in the Kibera slum of Nairobi, Kenya, which regularly vies as one of the largest slums in the world. At age 12 his father passed away, and Joseph's mother was unable to care for her children. Joseph was taken in by a neighbor, Pastor Patrick Kimawachi, who ran the AYA partner Gospel Believers Children's Centre. Afterwards, Joseph's mother also died.

Gospel Believers provided Joseph with not only a home

and food, but also a loving environment where he thrived. Through the support of an AYA donor in the U.S., Joseph was able to attend primary and secondary school.

Following graduation, Joseph enrolled in the Mountaintop Institute, through which he currently has an internship working in the Ambassador Hotel in downtown Nairobi. In April 2011 Joseph will graduate with a diploma in Hospitality Management. His goal is to

find a job in a hotel in southern Kenya and to begin saving to start a family of his own. Joseph enjoys traveling to new places, mentoring and coaching, spending time with friends, watching action and comedy movies, listening to music, cooking and learning new recipes, and playing piano.

Joseph is one of hundreds of AYA-supported children who are cared for in our partner programs. As AYA's mission states, he has been given the opportunity to reach his fullest potential!



Joseph today, as a 22-year-old Hospitality Management intern in Nairobi, Kenya

Greatest needs of AYA's partners in 2011

With 30 partner programs across Africa, it's a continual challenge to address the many needs with which we're presented. At the beginning of 2011, AYA created a "Wish List" of the greatest needs of our partners that we hope to address over the course of the year. If you feel connected to a particular partner or cause, please feel free to make donations to that specific need:

- As mentioned in the "Building Blocks" article, Maximum Impact is close to completing the first phase of its new facility. Our goal for 2011 is to raise \$12,000 to complete the ground floor of the school.
- Although the students have moved into Sandota's new facility, there are still long-term needs for the school, such as funds to replace the temporary classroom walls, floors, and roof with permanent materials.
- AYA's Teacher Training College has yet to receive the \$7,000 to fund its newest class of students.
- Comboni Missionary Sisters Medical Clinic in the slums of Nairobi and Bringing Hope to the Family Medical Clinic in rural western Uganda serve HIV+ children and their families. Both programs are in need of funding for medicine and nursing salaries for 2011.
- Rehema Children's Centre and Gospel Believers

Children's Center are two of AYA's oldest and most effective partnerships with orphanages, both having received funding for facilities. AYA's ultimate goal for our partners is that they would be self-sustaining, and we are looking for donors to give \$3,000 each for these two homes to have income-generating livestock projects that will support their programs.

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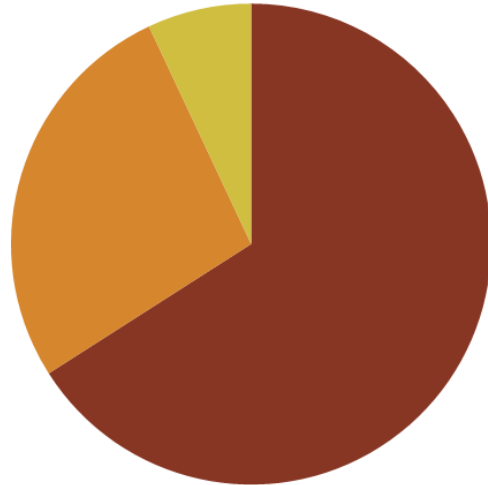
Students at Hands with Hope children's home in Kitale, Kenya

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AYA's 2010 Financial Report

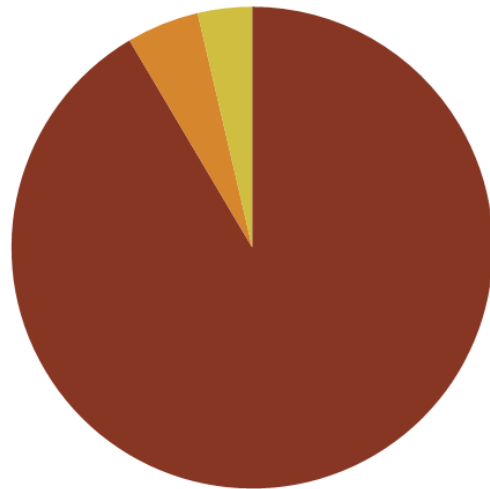
2010 Revenue = \$304,734

- Private Donors = \$201,009
- Government Grants = \$82,399
- Fundraisers = \$21,326



2010 Expenses = \$316,141

- Program Services = \$289,213
- Fundraising = \$15,391
- Administrative = \$11,537



AYA's net assets at the end of 2010 were \$86,887. For a detailed breakdown of income and expenses, please see our IRS 990 form at www.allforyouth.org/financial.html. Audited financial statements are available upon request.