



Orphanages for Africa – International 2014 Annual Report

Message from the President



This year Orphanages for Africa continued to professionalize our global charitable work to operate according to the highest standards in the non-profit sector.

Throughout 2014 we provided humanitarian and development assistance to our children and youth across the continent in five nations. Thank you for helping us to change one life at a time.

Catherine L. Evans
Founder and President



Our Vision is to see God glorified by a world where Africa's orphans can fulfill their potential.

Our Mission is to demonstrate to the world that there is a personal God who hears and answers prayer by meeting the needs of orphaned and abandoned children across the African continent.

Our Values underpin all of our work as a charity:

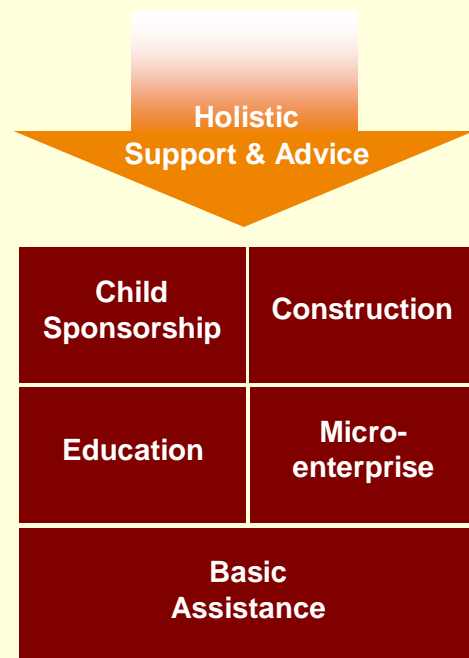
- Accountability
- Stewardship
- Sustainability

Our Strategy and Programs

We focus on building the capacity of our partners and helping them to develop into self-sustaining organizations that have a real impact on the lives of orphaned and abandoned children in their communities.

We implement our strategy through **five key programs**. Each program focuses on a different aspect of the work of our partner organizations and targets our involvement as we support them to **meet critical needs** (basic assistance), **support children's development** (child sponsorship and education) and **build longer-term capacity** (construction and micro-enterprise).

To complement the focused approach of our specific programs, we also work in a holistic way to ensure our partners have robust governance and finances as well as the necessary blend of skills to take their organizations forward.



Meeting critical needs: Basic Assistance Program

The basic assistance program meets fundamental needs for food, shelter, clothing, medical care, utilities and supplies for the children and youth we serve. We are highlighting here medical care for two orphans. Periodically emergency medical care or routine interventions are needed for our children across the continent and these needs are met through the basic assistance program.

Throughout 2014 OFA-International intervened in a variety of emergency situations for our partner in West Africa (Sierra Leone) due to the Ebola virus epidemic. Additionally, educational funding is being provided for one of our young adults to attend medical school and she was working on the front lines to eradicate the virus.

Personal Story: East Africa

Nancy Owuor Atieno, Kenya (15 years old)

Nancy lost her mother in 2004 and her father in 2009. In 2012 Nancy and her aunt were in a tragic accident resulting in the death of her aunt and a partial right leg amputation for Nancy. In the spring of 2014 OFA-USA worked in partnership with a non-profit to bring Nancy to the USA for medical care. A Certified Prosthetist cast, fabricated and delivered a prosthetic leg for Nancy as a non-cash donation worth approximately \$12,000 USD. The medical care and physical therapy were provided by one of the foremost prosthetic companies in the world. We are very grateful to Grace's Lamp, the Prosthetist and Pilots for Christ which provided domestic transportation services.



Personal Story: West Africa

Alhassan Konteh, Sierra Leone (15 years old)

Alhassan's parents were both killed in a road accident making him a complete orphan.

On April 1st OFA was notified that Alhassan had a hernia and needed surgery. Just two days earlier a donor had made a contribution to OFA-UK. This donation was certainly timely and was transferred to Sierra Leone the very day OFA was informed of this need. Alhassan had successful surgery and ten days later was discharged.

The funding transferred from the Child Sponsorship Program has continued to provide for his basic needs.



Supporting children's development: Child Sponsorship Program

Matching up sponsors and children is a powerful way to impact the life of children dealing with the loss of one or both parents. Two lives are forever changed. In 2014 children were sponsored in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Kenya, Uganda and Sierra Leone. Additional information is available by contacting our Child Sponsorship Coordinator, Ms. Katherine Sandifer, at: childsponsorship@orphanagesforafrica.org

Personal Story: Central Africa

Centre Elembo Orphanage, Democratic Republic of the Congo (200 children & youth)

The work of Centre Elembo is funded primarily through the Child Sponsorship and Education programs.

In 2014 finances were provided on a monthly basis for food, basic supplies, staff salaries and education. The 44 secondary students attended school off site and the older students studied trades such as construction, auto mechanics and sewing. Due to our generous donors the tuition fees were covered for all three school terms throughout 2014.



Personal Story: East Africa

COCED in Western Kenya (70 children & youth)

Christian Outreach for Community Empowerment and Development (COCED) is located in rural Western Kenya and the children are living throughout the countryside with guardians who are frequently elderly, infirm and destitute. Through the child sponsorship program OFA is providing assistance for food, basic supplies, medical care and educational needs as funding becomes available. Photos below:



Blankets and school uniforms being distributed.



Supporting children's development: Education Program

The education program provides funding for school fees and other tuition-related expenses, uniforms, books and school supplies. A robust education will enable our children and youth to become successful adults who contribute back to society and fulfill their divine destiny and purpose in their chosen occupations.

As we are enabled, our group of charities makes it possible for older orphans to learn a trade or attend college to further their education and find hope, opportunity and significance as they move into adulthood.

Personal Story: East Africa

Child Support Uganda (CSU)

Child Support Uganda works with 200 children and youth through a variety of programs. OFA transferred funding each term to enable the children in Kampala, the capital of Uganda, to attend private boarding schools. The submission of grade reports is required. During a random sample OFA calculated the second term grades and discovered that 76% of the sponsored students were ranked within the top 5-20% of their classes.



Building long-term capacity: Construction Program

Basic infrastructure needs for the African organizations that OFA-International is in partnership with are provided through the construction program. Projects may include building an orphanage, providing repairs to existing buildings, constructing a well or other various ventures.

Personal Story: West Africa

Endless Hope for Children (EHFC) in Sierra Leone

A home was needed to separate the older boys from the girls and EHFC started this project by faith alone with no funding. OFA provided resources for the walls and the construction of the roof. Below is the new building.



Building long-term capacity: Micro-enterprise Program

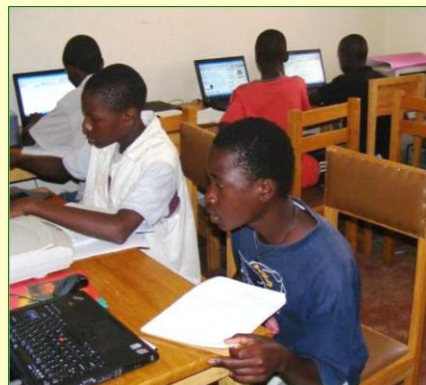
Promoting long-term viability in orphan care is central to OFA-International's mission. One of the best ways to promote sustainability is through our micro-enterprise program. Every month we gather data for the businesses with respect to revenues, expenses, net income and purchases made for the orphans out of the net income. To monitor our business investments, we are currently using a very simple Return on Investment (ROI) calculation which results in an ROI of 100% indicating the breakeven point. Every ROI percentage above 100% means that providing funds for the business is a more cost effective investment than simply transferring our partners the cash to provide humanitarian assistance to the orphans.

Business Report: East Africa

IT Skills Training Centre (Kampala, Uganda)

OFA-International has provided periodical funding for this centre for the past seven years. The long-term strategy is to develop the centre into a full-fledged Community IT College, providing National level Certificate and Diploma courses in ICT.

The opening of an onsite computer shop is another goal for the sales and service of computer equipment, sales of software and hardware, mobile phones and computer accessories. The ROI from 2011-2014 was 443%, the highest of any of the businesses we are investing in. The profits help to defray costs for rent, food, school fees, supplies and medication for up to 95 orphans.



Business Report: East Africa

Sewing Shop (Bondo, Kenya)

One of our partners in Kenya, Young People of Purpose Community Centre (YPPCC), has been operating a tailoring institute in the Kibera slum since 2006. The institute has been unable to generate profits due to excessive overhead expenses and fierce competition in the capital, Nairobi.

In 2012 we assisted our partner in opening up a sewing shop in the countryside in Western Kenya. The profits from this shop are utilized to purchase food for two school-based feeding programs for orphans. The ROI from 2012-2014 was 266%.



Business Reports: Across the African continent

OFA-International funded agricultural and livestock businesses in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Kenya in 2014. Unfortunately, the very successful goat farming business operated in Sierra Leone for seven years was forced to be discontinued due to the Ebola virus. Our partner was required to release the goats into the wild.

Governance and Management

In 2014 all of the trustees jointly served on the individual board of directors for OFA-Canada, OFA-UK and OFA-USA, with the exception of Dr. Shannon L. Tracey, who served exclusively on the board of OFA-Canada.

Ms. Etmonia R. Benjamin is a native of Liberia who narrowly escaped great peril during the civil war. Ms. Benjamin has worked in accounting for twenty-seven years, and for the past thirteen years she has served as a Cost Accountant with the Boeing Corporation.

Ms. Catherine L. Evans is a licensed clinical social worker with additional education in alcohol and other drug studies/recovery services, public policy and non-profit management. Ms. Evans formerly worked for the Department of Defense, and for eight years she has been employed as the President of OFA-USA.

Ms. Dottie W. Glading worked for Verizon for thirty years and is a retired Telecommunications Manager. Ms. Glading is a very active volunteer serving in prison ministry, extensive outreach to the poor and serving on several boards of directors. Every year she also travels internationally on mission's trips.

Dr. Shannon L. Tracey works as a Research Officer with the Alberta Livestock and Meat Agency. Dr. Tracey has over twenty years of experience in animal science and is fluent in French. She has volunteered in the past on two boards of directors.

Ms. Janet S. Whited is employed as a Recycling Program Specialist/Supervisor with the San Diego Unified School District. She formerly served in a similar position for twenty years with the City of San Diego. Ms. Whited volunteered previously as the Secretary for two boards of directors.

Ms. Evans oversees the daily management of OFA-Canada and OFA-USA. **Dr. Gavin A. Forrest** is the Executive Director of OFA-UK.

Accountability: Every African partner has undergone a long and rigorous screening process prior to entering a partnership with OFA-International, including reference checks and onsite visits. Reports and receipts are required from our African partners for all funds received. Scheduled and surprise onsite visits are conducted when possible.

Performance Measurement: OFA-International is currently in the process of long-term strategic planning. The planning process includes performance measurement. OFA-International does not simply monitor inputs (e.g., funds transferred to Africa), but also, and more importantly, outputs and outcomes (e.g., direct benefits to the children).

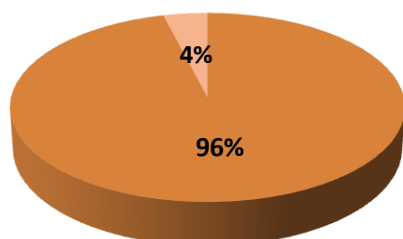
Sustainability: Building longer-term capacity, to enable our partners to operate self-sustaining organizations, is one of our core values. Our interventions are designed to decrease dependency while promoting a strong work ethic, resulting in long-term viability in orphan care ministries.

Finances

All branches of the charity seek independent financial reviews by accounting professionals. Support expenses are minimized and donations are never utilized for fund raising expenses. This model enables OFA to maximize donor gifts to directly benefit the children. Program and support percentages for 2014 are listed below. Please contact us for more detailed financial information.

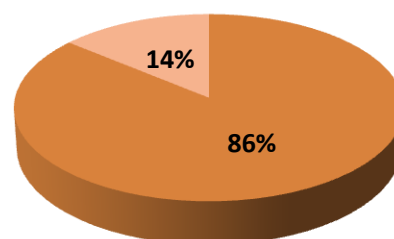
OFA-Canada

- Programs (\$4,286)
- Support (\$159)



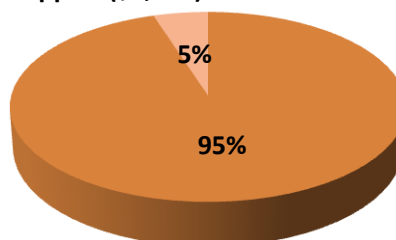
OFA-UK

- Programs (£2,794)
- Support (£468)



OFA-USA

- Programs (\$136,551)
- Support (\$7,002)



History

OFA was founded by Ms. Evans after a trip to Swaziland in late 2005. Upon her return to the USA a friend handed her a \$100 bill to start a non-profit corporation. Eight months later OFA-USA became a tax-exempt non-profit in 2006. In 2007 OFA-Canada was incorporated, followed by OFA-UK in 2008. The work initially began in 2005 with one of OFA-International's current partners in Zimbabwe with 14 orphans. Nine years later OFA-International is operating in five African nations, providing humanitarian and development assistance to over 650 children and youth.

OFA-International is based upon the life and work of George Müller who cared for orphans in 19th century Bristol, England through faith and prayer alone without ever engaging in any fundraising events. Mr. Müller's primary goal was to glorify God and demonstrate to others that there is a personal God who hears and answers prayer. In today's currency, by the time he died in 1898, Mr. Müller had received the equivalent of an astonishing 180 million dollars as a direct result of prayer. OFA's goal is to carry on this legacy, and bring it to various nations around the world.

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