



Fall/Winter 2014

Dear Friends of Caravan to Class and Global Giving:

I thank you in advance for reading this short letter and reviewing our project to build a school in the village Samdiar, near Timbuktu, Mali.

Caravan to Class is an all-volunteer registered 501(c)3 charitable organization I founded in 2010 with the very focused mission of bringing literacy to the children of villages around Timbuktu in Mali, West Africa. While the cost to bring literacy to a child in Timbuktu is less than 1% of what it costs to educate a child in the U.S., political circumstances have left literacy rates close to zero in many of the region's villages. Once one of the Islamic world's most vital centers of learning, Timbuktu is now tragically one of Africa's most illiterate areas. Of the 960 villages in the Timbuktu region of Mali, less than half have schools.

Caravan to Class seeks to provide the opportunity and dream of an education for the children of villages around Timbuktu by building schools in carefully-selected villages, providing ongoing funding to pay teacher's salaries, and providing supplementary food and school supplies. We work through a local NGO partner to vet proposed sites thereby assuring each school's success. To date, along with our partners, we have built eight schools which follow the Malian National curriculum in French and currently have over 1,000 enrolled students ages 6 – 12.

I returned from a trip to Timbuktu this past May to see our latest school being built and to scout out our next school project in the village of Samdiar. Like many times since I founded Caravan to Class, I saw the joy on the face of a young Tuareg girl reading aloud in French, knowing that she will be the first generation in her family to be literate. There is nothing better! Being the only NGO building and funding the operations of schools in the area, we see our work as vital to a deserving but severely at-risk population. With a solid 5-year history of successful projects and stable funding, Caravan to Class is a compelling philanthropic investment.

Thank you for considering making a donation to our Samdiar school project.

Sincerely and with gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry Hoffner".

Barry Hoffner, Founder and Executive Director

Education in Villages in Timbuktu and Across the Southern Sahara

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## Samdiar School Construction Project 2014-15

### **Operational Budget**

Allowances for School Director	\$ 375
Salaries of Teachers	\$2,187
Support for School Cantine (lunch)	\$2,025
Support for School Supplies (books, materials)	<u>\$1,041</u>
<b>Total Operational Support</b>	<b>\$ 5,628</b>

### **Construction Budget**

Construction of 1 Blocks of 3 classrooms, concrete	\$40,303
Purchase of tables/chairs	\$ 2,625
2 Solar Panels	625
Desk for Director of classes	\$ 562
Transport of tables/chairs	<u>\$ 187</u>
<b>Total Construction of Classes and Equipment</b>	<b>\$ 43,677</b>

**Administrative Costs (Local Supervision + Transport) \$ 5,625**

**Total Cost of School Project \$ 60,288**

### **Funding of Samdiar School Project**

**Co-Investment from FACES.org \$ 28,000**

**Lead Grant (Hurlbut - Johnson Charitable Trust) \$ 5,000**

**Global Giving Campaign \$ 27,288**

**Total Expected Funding of School Project \$ 60,288**