



A Child For All

Bringing Hope to Malian Orphans

2010 Annual Report

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO

Dear friends and supporters of ACFA,

I can't believe it's already been a year since I last addressed you in our 2009 annual report. 2010 was a great year for ACFA, with things moving seriously fast. Indeed, we started our programs' implementation in 2010 and opened the doors to ACFA's first orphanage, located in Bamako, Mali, West Africa.

In June, ACFA-Mali opened its doors and received children from the streets of Bamako. We currently have 8 children that we take care of, and whose lives we have changed tremendously. We've seen them radically transformed from street kids to children who are well fed, well educated both academically and physically, having gained aspirations and dreams. Since the short time they have been with us, the children went from being at the bottom of their class ranking to being at the top 10% of their respective classes. During the past 6 months, the children have attended public schools, special extracurricular activities such as additional teaching hours from a tutor in French, English, and Math, Basketball, and Taekwondo Classes.

ACFA was able to secure partnerships with such organizations as the Segal Family Foundation, SIPROVET, the Seaside Center for Spiritual Living, and the One Heart, One Mind Center for Spiritual Living. These organizations have been true supporters, and we could have not open doors without their help.

ACFA was also blessed with the support of volunteers: a GlobalGiving team in July, the Klassen family from Canada in November, Beverly and Leah Henderson from Richmond Virginia in December and my daughter, board member Aissata Traore, and I in December. The December visitors spent Christmas and New Year with the children at the orphanage, and all of our volunteers have given so generously financially and through gifts in-kind. Our volunteer program supports individuals who are willing to spend time with the ACFA children while enjoying a robust cultural exchange program in Bamako, Mali. Be sure to read in this report the experiences of our volunteers.



Thank you for making my first six months at ACFA so memorable. Since opening, we have had the wonderful opportunity to meet many supporters who are passionate about expanding the opportunities for Mali's vulnerable children.

Every day I interact with donors who are helping to make us a top organization. One of the most important ways that you can help is by making gifts.

As you will see in the report and on our website, ACFA is bringing real solutions to a real problem. While we are focusing on the at hand problems of the children, we also are working towards a sustainable solution to the challenge. Please read this report and learn more about what we are doing, the challenges at hand, and the stories behind ACFA's achieved success.

Then I hope that you will identify ways that you can help. We are honored to bring hope to Mali's vulnerable children and we know that with your help, we can do even more. Thank you for your continued support.

Kady

Kadiatou Fatima Sidibe, ACFA CEO & Founder

A CHILD FOR ALL

In March, 2008 ACFA (A Child For All) was founded as a non-governmental and non-profit organization under a clear vision of its CEO and dedicated volunteers. Since then, ACFA has been bringing hope to vulnerable children. Established in Virginia, USA, ACFA is implemented in Bamako, Mali, West Africa and has two centers for operation:

ACFA-MALI

Safe Shelter

Located near the Niger River in the capital city of Bamako, ACFA-Mali is the home of Malian vulnerable children. Our live-in staff care for the children on a daily basis. We are blessed with volunteers who eagerly come on a daily basis and help our staff in caring for the children.

Nutritious Meals

A healthy balanced diet is essential to the children's physical and mental development. Our staff lovingly prepares and distributes our children's meals on a daily basis and give daily supplements to the children.

Health Care

In coordination with the Primary Health Care Center of Badalabougou, ACFA-Mali provides the highest health care service to our children. Further, doctors and pharmacists visit the kids and make in-kind donations.

Education

Education is a very important component of ACFA's strategy/programs. It is the way to break the chains of poverty. In coordination with the public education systems in Mali, we provide the best curriculum for our children.

The standard Malian educational curriculum is supplemented with added activities including arts and crafts, critical thinking skills, English language instruction and life skills, all conducive to the children's mental and intellectual development. Study and nap time is built into the schedule.

Education is the primary focus of ACFA's efforts. We believe that education is the one link that will break the chain of poverty in Mali. Our efforts in educational development are both academic and physical.

ACFA-USA

The CEO and the ACFA Board of Directors are based in the Washington, D.C. area and meet regularly to provide fiscal and governing oversight to the organization. The board is made up of Africans and Americans, working together to enable and encourage the Mali staff in their work with the ACFA kids.



ACFA supports vulnerable children and makes no distinction based gender or age. ACFA is bounded legally and officially to US, Mali, and all international laws that are required for its operation.

ACFA's vision and mission remain constant. The way ACFA actualizes these is through dynamic child centered programming, donor investment, local and international partnerships, and volunteer support.

MISSION

To bring hope to Mali's Vulnerable Children by securing for them a brighter future through the delivery of our programs: nutritious food, health care, safe shelter and education.

VISION

A Mali where all children are protected, safe, healthy, well-nourished, provided a home and an outstanding education that will allow them to be productive and contribute to the social and economic development of the country.

ACFA Accomplishments in 2010

CEO traveled to Mali in March to oversee that the renovation was completed and the house was equipped with all amenities.

ACFA received provisional approval for opening in March. After a period of six months of operations, the definitive authorization was approved by the national authorities.



Before



After

ACFA opened its doors on June 1 and received its first children on June 8. We started with 6 kids when the orphanage began and have since grown to taking care of, providing health care, food, and education to 8 children: 2 girls and 6 boys aged 5 to 8.

Several visitors came to ACFA-Mali to volunteer: a GlobalGiving team, 2 board members, our CEO, the Henderson family and the Klassen family visited ACFA-Mali. The people who visited were very pleased to see that children are active, happy, and very much at home.

The ACFA board has almost doubled and this increased strength in capacity has helped us to successfully grow the programs of ACFA-Mali. One strength is the establishment of a fundraising committee.

ACFA-Mali has established partnerships with local organizations like *le Centre d'Accueil du District de Bamako*. These local partnerships will help us work together and collaborate in the implementation of services to the Malian vulnerable children. In addition, several partnerships were established with individuals and organizations.

Just like other Malian children, the ACFA kids commenced 2009-2010 academic year in October. Additionally they are learning math, French, and English from a private tutor.



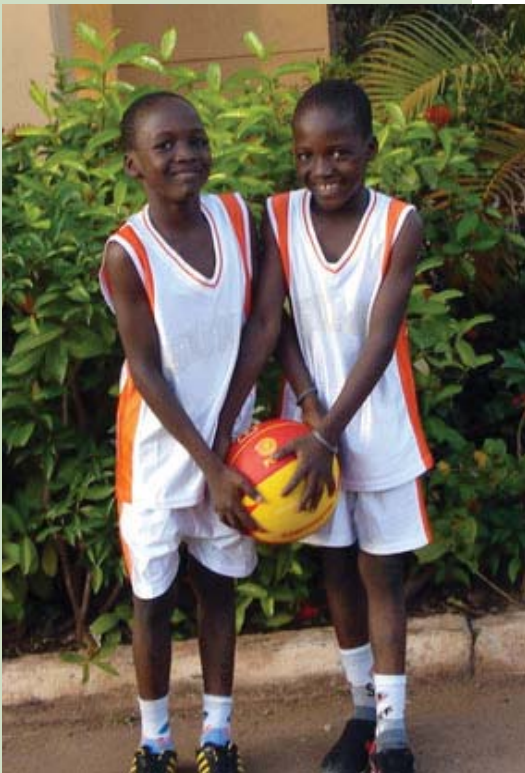
Tae Kwon Do Class

In addition to their academic studies, the ACFA kids have begun to participate in Tae Kwon Do and basketball as part of their physical education.



In sync with the Malian government philosophy, on the 50th Anniversary of the country's independence each of the kids planted a tree for Mali.

ACFA was successful in receiving a substantial funding and a pledge for 2011 funding from the Segal Family Foundation. Additionally, new strategic partnerships/donor relations were established in 2010.



The children had their first Christmas and New Year celebration which was attended and supported by our CEO, our board secretary, and 2 volunteers from Virginia. They visited Mali at their own expense to be with the kids.



ACFA-USA ended the year with an annual fundraising dinner, which was a big success. The Malian Ambassador His Excellency Mamadou Traore, Miss Africa USA Fifi Soumah, and World Taekwondo Champion Daba Modibo Keita were the guests of honor. The Annual Fundraising Dinner was well attended and helped ACFA USA to generate the much needed funds to support the ongoing activities of ACFA Mali.

The Children of AFCA



Lassine and Adama Traore

8 years old

Twins Adama and Lassine lost their father and have had a difficult life with their mother. As is customary for twins, they used to accompany their mother to the main mosque of Bamako to beg for food and money. Their mother gave up her horticulture business in order to beg on the street to feed her kids. Now Lassine and Adama are fully cared for by ACFA. Their academic situation has been regularized and now not only do they have a good academic position, but they also take basketball classes at the Palais de la Culture of Bamako. Both boys want to work in the cell phone communication field.



Salle and Korotoumou Sinayoko

6 & 7 years old

Salle and Korotoumou's mother is mentally ill and their father is an alcoholic. Due to the mother's mental status, she is unstable, and often abandons her children. Salle and Korotoumou have 9 brothers and sisters, none of whom were given the opportunity to attend school. Salle and Korotoumou joined ACFA in July 2010, have been issued birth certificates, and have been doing great since the beginning of this academic year. Korotoumou dreams of becoming a TV reporter, while Salle wants to be a police officer.



Assana and Fousseine Diallo

6 years old

Assana and Fousseine are twins and have lost their father. They were living on the street begging for food and money with their mother. Last year they were in 1st grade, but due to their lack of progress and having missed so many days of school because of begging on the street, they could not pass to the 2nd grade, so they are repeating 1st grade this year. They have improved their grades and now Assana wants to be a customs officer and Fousseine wants to be a government worker.



Bily and Fanta Konate

6 years old

Bily and Fanta's father left Mali for Guinea when their mother was expecting them and has never returned. Abandoned by her husband, their mother was forced to beg on the street to get food and money for her children. Currently they both are lodged, nourished, cared for and educated by ACFA. Bily wants to be a police officer while Fanta wants to serve in the military.



ACFA Volunteers

In November of 2010, fate stepped in and I had the honor and privilege of sitting next to Kadiatou Sidibe, founder of ACFA, at the Africana Children's book awards ceremony held at the Smithsonian African Arts Museum in Washington, DC. We struck up a conversation and I was intrigued by the work she was doing regarding A Child For All and wanted to find some way to lend my support. Within a few short weeks, I joined Kadiatou, her daughter, Aissata, and an extension of the ACFA family in Mali. It was an experience that captured my heart and soul in every way. The children are not just receiving a roof over their heads, Kady and the other members of ACFA have created a home for them—they have built a family. Within seconds, each child had nestled themselves within my heart. Their bright eyes and smiles, reminded me what is possible for every child once given the opportunity to learn and grow in a nurturing and uplifting environment.

During my time in Bamako, I was not only fortunate enough to help the children celebrate their first Christmas, I was also able to join them for an English lesson, a basketball practice, a trip to the zoo, and a ceremony where they received their new taekwondo uniforms courtesy of Olympic Gold Medalist, Daba Modibo Keita's *Fundación DMK de Mali*. Each experience reminded me why it is vital to aid organizations such as ACFA with continual funding and supplies so that the needs of these children, and others who have not yet crossed ACFA's door, may be blessed with a chance to grow.

Volunteer Leah Henderson-Diop



Leah with Aissata and the ACFA kids



*Alexis Nadin
GlobalGiving volunteer*

In July 2010, two colleagues and I had the opportunity to visit ACFA in Bamako, Mali. We truly enjoyed meeting and spending time with the four boys who were living at the newly opened children's home. Having a sense of the boys' past experiences, we were happy to see their confidence, curiosity, and genuine happiness. We noted that not only were the boys incredibly well behaved for their age, but they were the cleanest children we had seen in all of West Africa. We attributed much of this to their caretaker who manages the home.

GlobalGiving's visit to ACFA confirmed that the organization is serving a great need and providing an incredible home for Malian children. ACFA is well managed and passionately supported both in Bamako and here in the U.S. GlobalGiving is proud to be partnering with this grassroots initiative and looks forward to future collaboration.

Read more about our trip to ACFA in my colleague, Sarah Riczo's postcard, *A Visit to A Child for All* on ACFA's project page of GlobalGiving's web site.



*The Klassen Family, Gary & Lorna,
Brittany (18), Layne (16), & Kortney (11)*

Reflections of the Klassen family members about their trip to ACFA:

I am impressed with the homey atmosphere of the ACFA. When we visited, the children seemed relaxed and well adjusted. My opinion is that this small orphanage is able to maintain a much better environment for nurturing children than a bigger institution type of orphanage. I am also impressed with the efficiency and the wise use of funds.

About 6 months ago my family and I went to Mali. While we were there we visited Kadiatou's orphanage ACFA. It is a nice homey place with a very kind care taker. The ACFA house is clean and neat looking. The children are all very cute and seem very cheerful and excited!

If I were an orphan I would feel loved and at home in the ACFA orphanage. The children are very happy, contented, and healthy. Thank you for giving them such a good life.

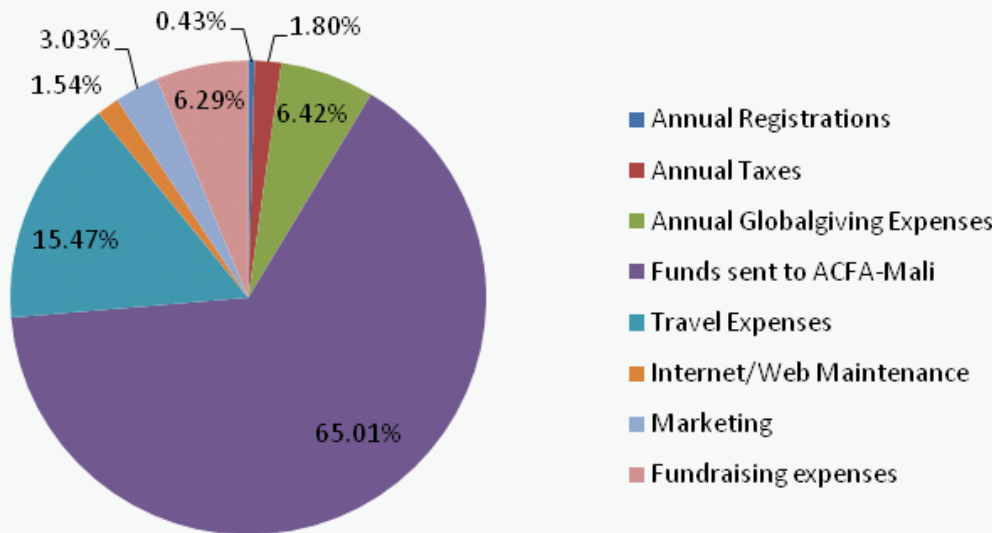
Good job! Keep up the good work!

BUDGET

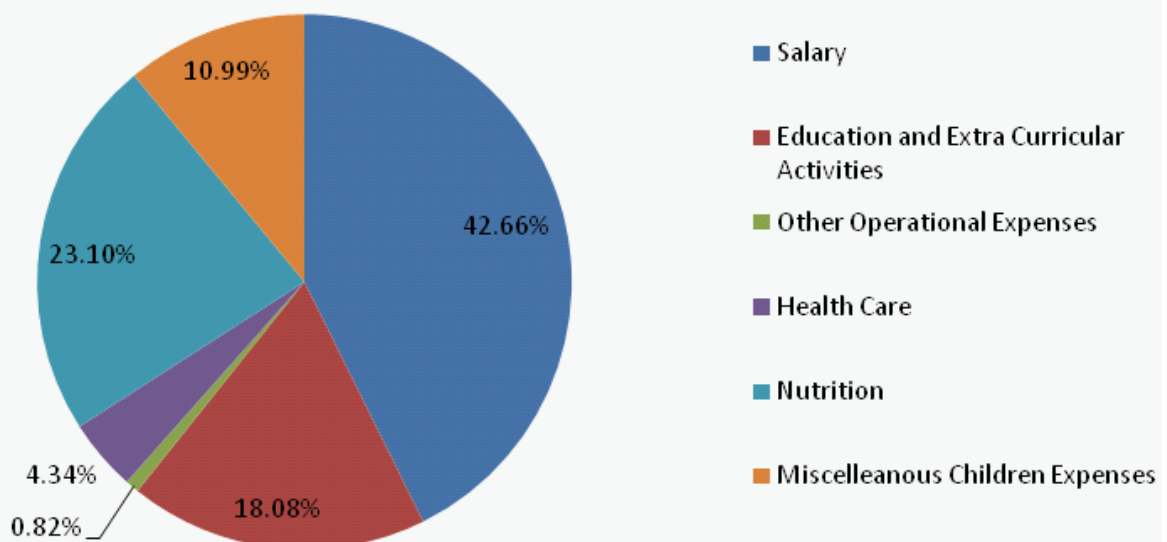
2010 proved to be a successful year for ACFA. After 2 years of hard work and dedication, ACFA-Mali opened in June 2010 giving opportunities to the first children to be accepted into the orphanage. We received a total of \$21,998 in revenue in 2010. Of our total budget for the 7 months of operations in 2010, 65% was allocated to support operations in Mali and we incurred no salary or compensation for ACFA-USA.

For ACFA-Mali, 30% of funds were allocated to operational costs, preparing the center for its opening, 30% to salary and 35% to the children's well being including education, health care, sports, meals, and other direct programming. ACFA spends approximately \$140 (US\$) on each child in our care.

2010 Expenditure by Category



2010 ACFA-Mali Expenditures Without Start Up Costs



2010 FINANCIALS

ASSETS

Cash in the Bank	18,254.57
Cash in the Paypal Account	285.92
Donations Receivables *	560.00
Prepaid Expenses	90.00
Gift Certificates	144.00
Donated Material for Silent Auction	386.71
Total Current Assets	19,721.20

LIABILITIES + NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Gifts Payable	144.00
Inventory Payable	386.71
Internet Fees payable	0.00
Accounts Payable (website)	0.00
Unpaid Globalgiving Fees	84.00
Total Liabilities	614.71

Net Assets

Unrestricted Assets	18,254.57
Temporarily Restricted	851.92
Total Net Assets	19,106.49

Total Assets	19,721.20	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	19,721.20
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* Global giving not yet received funds for Nov and Dec

BALANCE SHEET

REVENUE

Contributions	13,044.17
In-Kind	3,568.81
Foundations	2,800.00
Events	1,447.00
Corporate Giving	1,000.00
Online Revenue (Ebay, Mission Fish)	72.12
Bank Interest	65.65

TOTAL 2010 REVENUE **21,997.75**

EXPENSES

Program Support for ACFA-Mali	11,216.00
Travel	2,669.36
Events/Donor Cultivation	1,022.53
GlobalGiving Fees	695.25
Office & Admin Costs	661.64
Web Hosting/Maintenance	350.00

TOTAL 2010 EXPENSES **16,614.78**

NET 2010 INCOME **5,382.97**

2011 The Way Ahead

With a full board of directors including new members, ACFA-Mali has gained enthusiasm especially from the end of the year fundraising dinner in December which galvanized greater local community support and re-energized ACFA members.

Plans have been made by the board to focus on strengthening ACFA's operations through greater fundraising efforts and also increase ACFA's exposure. One of the plans is to increase ACFA-Mali's publicity through hiring a summer graduate student for a 10 week internship who will go to Mali and assist with efforts on the ground. The scope of work includes growing ACFA-Mali's exposure through personal contact with the US Embassy, government ministries, and international organizations, as well as through radio publicity.

In line with growing ACFA-Mali's exposure, the board wants to ensure ACFA children remain part of Malian culture and society. We have plans to establish more partnerships and a one on one community mentoring program for our children to foster relationships with other adults and older peers. ACFA wants to ensure that the children have access to psychological care, given some of the histories of abuse and abandonment. As such, ACFA is exploring relationships with other organizations to provide psychological training to ACFA-Mali's staff for improved emotional care to the children.

Aware of the fact that girls tend to be even more vulnerable, ACFA plans to take on six more girls to improve the gender balance for the ACFA kids. Similarly, there are plans to focus on improving the sustainability of ACFA Mali and having children participate in gardening on the compound and small business activities. We hope that more volunteers will participate to help expose the children to a global outlook.

ACFA Goals & Objectives

- *Increase ACFA's visibility through greater publicity and fundraising efforts, growing the US donor base*
- *Build an intern program to support both ACFA-Mali and USA programs*
- *Improve volunteering support in Mali and USA*
- *Continue to improve the orphanage and purchase a van to save transportation costs*
- *Sponsor an annual reunion for the ACFA kids off site so that there is positive connection with their extended families, reinforcing that their children are well provided for*
- *Establish a community mentoring program for ACFA kids*
- *Train ACFA-Mali staff in psychological care*
- *Seek gender equality in ACFA children by increasing the number of ACFA girls*
- *Focus on the self-sustainability of ACFA*

How You Can Help

Your donations are tax deductible, ACFA is a 501(c)(3) organization. You can make an immediate impact by contributing to ACFA financially or through gifts in-kind. Only a little makes a huge impact for the children of ACFA.

- \$5** pays the fees to establish a birth certificate for an orphan abandoned on ACFA's doorsteps
- \$40** provides a monthly food and school supplies for one child living at ACFA
- \$50** pays the monthly salaries of 2 caregivers who provide support to ten children
- \$100** sponsors 4 infants on formula providing full expenses
- \$500** provides for one orphan's yearly health care, meals, clothes, and school supplies

Please visit www.acfacorp.org to donate and to learn about volunteering for ACFA.