

# Give Back Africa Foundation

## Annual Report 2011



Give Back Africa Foundation supports learning among children in underprivileged communities by

- ⊕ **Providing** educational facilities and materials (libraries, books, computers) to underserved communities and schools in Africa
- ⊕ And **creating** an environment that promotes early childhood learning and physical activities through the provision of community playgrounds for kids



*“You don’t need to attend the best school in the world to make your dreams come true. Give Back Africa Foundation chose you for this partnership because they believe you can still learn under this roof and get to the top” (Mr. David Owusu-Ameyaw, PTA Chairman, Asueyi Basic Primary School, told school children during GBAF donation event in Ghana in Feb 2012)*

## Message from the Executive Board

Dear Friend,

As a supporter and partner of Give Back Africa Foundation (GBAF), you are the cornerstone of our present and future success. The organization exists to make a difference in the lives of people because of you. We thank you very much for your support in the past year.

During the past year, we have witnessed remarkable success in our core programs. In February, GBAF visited two communities, Piase in the Ashanti and Asueyi in the Brong-Ahafo Regions of Ghana. During this visit, we met with heads and teachers of all basic schools in the communities as well as the PTA, community heads, county officials and parents, in order to emphasize the importance of education in the future of the children in the communities. On your behalf, GBAF presented educational materials (books, computers and other learning aids) worth approximately \$10, 200 to the schools in these communities. For some of the schools, (for example, Asueyi Primary School), this was the first time ever that they have had a computer in the school. This is a huge accomplishment for GBAF, an organization that is yet to celebrate its one-year anniversary.

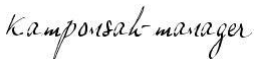
It is important to note that GBAF is completely run by volunteers. No board member is compensated for any services rendered onto the organization. This means that 100% of your donations are used to the benefit of these communities in need.

Our successes over the past year have encouraged us to make 2012 a year of even greater contributions to our friends in need.

We believe it is a privilege that we can share in these successes thanks to your generous efforts. Your faith in us has maintained our strength during this exciting first year.

We thank you very much for your support.

With our sincere gratitude,



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**Kirby Amponsah-Manager**  
President



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**Jed Record**  
VP, Director of Strategy & Finance



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**Joseph Gyamfi**  
Director of Accounts & Operations

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# Acknowledgement of Donors and Special Supporters

We would like to thank all those individuals, corporations, and groups that have contributed so generously in diverse ways towards Give Back Africa Foundation’s mission of providing hope for the children in the communities we have adopted through education.

## 2011 Donor List

### Corporate Partners

- Ocean Elite Marine Products
- Compass Point Research & Trading Charitable Foundation, Inc.

### Groups

- UNC Kenan-Flagler Business School, WEMBA Class of 2012
- Hayes Barton Baptist Preschool Missions
- NC Division of Water Quality, Infrastructure Finance Section
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While we strive to be accurate, we apologize for any errors or omissions. If you have been listed incorrectly or not acknowledged on the donor list, please accept our apologies and contact us as soon as possible so that we can correct our records.

Because of the way our educational drives were conducted, we are not able to acknowledge everyone who supported by donating used or new books, backpacks, and other electronic devices. However, we humbly appreciate all contributions that came in different forms.

## **Fiscal Year 2011 Major Accomplishments**

In less than a year in formal operation, Give Back Africa Foundation, with the support of our partners, has achieved remarkable success from both organizational perspective and especially in regard to our projects that make a real difference in the lives of people.

### **Organizational Successes**

1. We recruited and established a Board of Directors and a Board of Advisors who have been instrumental in making major decisions that affect the direction of the organization.
2. GBAF was registered as a member of North Carolina Center of Non Profits, an organization that ensures GBAF stay abreast of news and issues related to non-profits as well as compliance at state and federal levels.
3. Books and Educational Drive in the Triangle area, NC, in the fall of 2011. As a result of donations received in kind and cash from the drive, GBAF donated following items to schools in two communities in Ghana in February of 2012:
  - Five boxes of educational materials with estimated value of \$7000.00 including
    - Over 2000 thousand reading and math books
    - One hundred backpacks
    - Ninety pen (flash) drives
    - Ten calculators, and
    - Other general supplies
  - Six computers with monitors with estimated value of \$3,000.00
  - Four printers with an approximate value of \$ 200.00

The total value of the donation is estimated at \$10,200.00



Children at Piase Primary school meet at school assembly ground to be addressed by GBAF representative prior to a donation event in Feb 2012

### Making a Difference in Children Lives

For villages with no community library system, the books donated by GBAF were described as just what *“is needed to give the children a guaranteed future”* (Headmaster, Asueyi Primary School).



Computers and accessories donated by GBAF displayed prior to donation ceremony at Piase

Describing the joy of having computers in his school for the first time, Mr. Yeboah Assiamah, a native of Asueyi remarked

*“It is exciting day because for some of these children computers are things they would never touch or may be not seen unless they go to college, but now they can sit in front of computers and play games right here. I’m so happy today”.*



Chief (*Nana Osei Afriyie Gyamera II*) and elders of Piase arrive at donation durbar (celebration) and inspect computer accessories donated to school by GBAF

At Piase, the entire community showed up at the school compound on the day of the donation to see the donated items and hear speeches from GBAF representatives and school officials about the importance of education in the future of the children.



Piase community gathers to hear speeches by GBAF representatives and community leaders during a donation ceremony in February 2012



School children dance to traditional music during a GBAF donation ceremony at PIASE in Feb. 2012

## How You May Continue to Support Us

As stated earlier, we have been able to do all this in less than one year in existence. We couldn't have done this without the support of many individuals and groups that we acknowledged earlier. As a young organization, we continue to deal with many startup challenges. We therefore ask for your continued support in diverse ways to help GBAF make a difference.

This year we would like to provide at least ten more computers to additional needy schools and start work on our Community Playground for Kids (CP4K) initiative.

Please check below for the many ways you can support GBAF this year to even make a bigger difference.

- Monetary donation (Online donations may be made at <http://givebackafrica.org>. Checks and money orders may be mailed to us at the address below.)
- Gift Cards: (Amazon, Best Buy, Walmart, TigerDirect/CompUSA, and many more)
- Computers, Printers, Scanners (Used or New)

Donations other than those made online may be mailed to

Give Back Africa Foundation  
P. O. Box 90321  
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For questions or concerns, please email us at  
[feedback@givebackafrica.org](mailto:feedback@givebackafrica.org)



## Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2011

<b>Support</b>	USD	<p>Notes: GBAF's current financial liability is an operating loan offered by a Board Member to help the organization handle the initial start-up cost in our effort to make a difference in the communities that we adopted.</p> <p>GBAF is completely volunteer run. No Board member is compensated for services offered for the organization.</p> <p>Details of any item in the statement may be obtained by contacting our Accountant at <a href="mailto:promotions@givebackafrica.org">promotions@givebackafrica.org</a></p>
Individuals	2,763	
Foundations, Corporations, Groups	1,250	
<b>Total Support</b>	<b>4013</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>		
Start-up cost (Incorporation, exempt application etc)	2632.37	
General Administration	575.32	
Project Outreach to Ghana	3293.29	
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>6500.98</b>	
<b>Current Assets</b>		
<b>Cash or cash equivalents</b>	<b>144.39</b>	
<b>Current liability</b>	<b>2632.37</b>	

We THANK YOU very much for your support

# PIASE DISTRICT ASSEMBLY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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THE DIRECTOR,  
GIVE BACK AFRICA FOUNDATION  
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USA

Dear Sir,

## LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Piase Basic Schools acknowledge with thanks the provision of the schools with two desktop computers, one laptop and two printers, school bags, library books and other accessories.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2012, David Gyamfi representing Give Back Africa Foundation presented these items to the schools at a community durbar.

In presence, were the chief(Nana Osei Afriyie Gyamra II) and elders of Piase, the executives of the school management committee, the town committee, the executives of the Parents Teacher Association and the District Director of Education(Mr. D. A. Williams Awuni) Bosomtwe District.

The Heads, Staff and the pupils assured the representative of GBAF to use the items to improve the academic performance of pupils in Piase schools.

Your Faithfully,



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