



EDUCATE Foundation, Inc.

The Empower Campaign 2008 Annual Report



Their dreams, your commitment, Africa's Future



A year of increased commitment to and expansion for The Empower Campaign.



June 2008: Richard, Andria, Adolf
and Ronald

During my visit to Uganda in June, 2008, I was pleased to find the students and the families we serve doing well. Our in country committees are successfully completing each child's in-home evaluation and the women's cooperatives we work with enthusiastically approved the new video we made about their work. We were also able to expand our network of support into 3 additional schools.

Through the dedication of our committed volunteers, a small idea to help a handful of children in one Ugandan village has grown into a sustainable community development partnership in two counties in Uganda. I am very proud of where we are today because I can see the incredible impact of the services we are able to provide.



Community Action Project
viewing and approving
Empower's fundraising materials.

In the words of one of our students: "My name is Ayebazibwe Francis, and I speak as a student affected by the great efforts of Empower. I am very grateful to be given the opportunity to attend school. Two years ago I could not go to school because of the costs. Now I study hard and one day I want to become a doctor so I can help others."

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Andria".

Andria Sherrow, M.A. Executive Director
The Empower Campaign



The Empower Campaign Overview

Who we are

The Empower Campaign is an awareness-building and fundraising initiative dedicated to helping support children living in HIV/AIDS-affected communities in sub-Saharan Africa. Empower strives to better the lives of children who have been orphaned or made vulnerable by HIV/AIDS by providing comprehensive, holistic, school-based support for all children attending the schools we serve.

Why we do it

More than 12 million African children have lost either one or both parents to HIV/AIDS; this number is expected to grow to 20 million by 2010. Millions more children live in households with sick and dying family members. Although not all children are orphans, the effect of HIV/AIDS on their families and community can make them vulnerable; jeopardizing their emotional well-being, physical security, mental development and overall health.

How we do it

Empower works with in-country partners including CBOs, women's cooperatives and other grassroots groups in rural communities to create healthy learning environments and strengthen schools' responses to their most vulnerable learners. Our goal is to provide the schools we serve with a comprehensive Empower Package of support:

- Health & Nutrition (daily lunch programs, health education, visiting nurse)
- Capacity Building (vocational training, gardening projects, teacher training)
- Infrastructure (the construction or repair of classrooms)
- Psycho-Social Support (counseling groups)
- Water & Sanitation (toilets and water wells)
- School Resources (school books, recreational supplies)



Katie Devlin and Christina Conrad writing letters to Empower students in Uganda



Annie Krystowski gives a smile during the student involvement fair at Ohio University

Expanding across Ohio with Empower Student Organizations

In 2008 The Empower Campaign went out on a limb and joined with our current volunteer network at Ohio University to create an official student organization. This small initiative exploded into 3 additional student organizations forming on additional campuses; Ohio State University, University of Miami at Ohio and Bowling Green University.

From Ohio University Empower Campaign Chapter President, Brandon Croke

The Empower Campaign has been the single greatest professional development experience I have had in college. It has allowed me to discover strengths I did not know I had while working towards a cause that is of great importance to me. It is my only hope that others will see what we are doing and continue our legacy.

Most people in the United States take for granted their educational opportunities and often do not stop to realize how important this foundation is for the rest of one's life. This is just one of the many reasons this cause is important to me. To know that I am helping to enrich the lives of children who may not have access to an education is one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life.

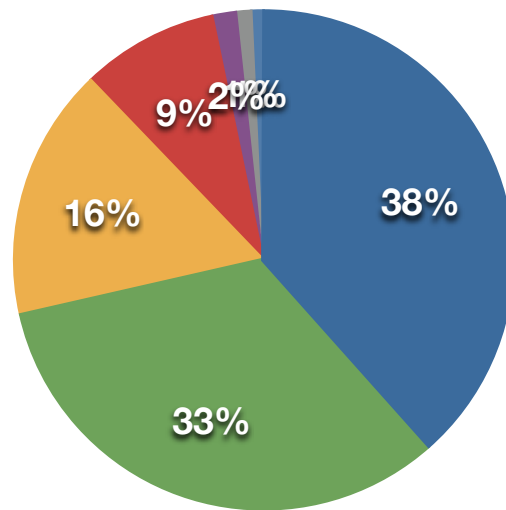


Empower Campaign Executive Director, Andria Sherrow with Ohio University Empower Campaign Chapter President, Brandon Croke at a fundraiser for Empower.

The Empower Campaign Expense Report

Fiscal Year End 12/31 (in Thousands)	2008
Cash Flow from Operating Activities	\$51,270
Empower Campaign Donations	\$51,270
Total Income	\$51,270
Expenses	
Office Supplies, Software & Utilities	\$15,424
Orphan & Vulnerable Child Support	\$13,233
Fundraising Expenses	\$6,546
Travel	\$3,555
Mailing/Postage	\$615
Bank Wire Fees	\$394
Event Costs	\$316
Total Expenses	\$40,085
Cash, End of Year	\$11,185

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Moving forward into 2009

In addition to continuing to support the projects and schools we currently serve, Empower's goal for 2009 is to complete the construction of the Bigodi Nursery and Primary School. This school was started by one of the women's cooperatives Empower works with in rural southern Uganda. For the past 10 years the school has been conducted under tin sheets and poles. No protection from the wind or rain. I visited the school in June and promised that Empower would help. In October a huge windstorm destroyed the school and the children were left without a structure to continue their schooling. We are working with Ugandan contractors to solicit construction bids. Please see our website for updates, www.empowercampaign.org.

How you can help Empower

It may seem like the children in Uganda are far away and that because of the distance, there is not much we can do to help. This is simply not the case. For only fifty U.S. dollars we can send one child to elementary school for an entire year.

By supporting our endeavors you are changing the lives of children that would not have access to education.

Become a part of our mission today. Join us and change the future of Africa's orphans and vulnerable children and the communities that care for them. Please visit www.empowercampaign.org to donate online or contact us at andria@empowercampaign.org to learn how to start a student organization or host a fundraiser for Empower.