

Canadian Communities for Africa
President's Annual Report for 2020

The Year in Summary

Once again, it was a busy year for the Canadian Communities for Africa Society. The Board remains committed to the ongoing needs of children in central Africa and we continue to collaborate with our partners to deliver clear outcomes. However, this commitment was challenged, as we all know, due to the global pandemic.

Despite the ongoing challenges, we have been able to continue all of our programs, including support to child and teacher sponsorships at the Emmanuel Centre, the children of Gitega and our close friends who are currently seeking refuge in Kampala, Uganda while they await UN-sponsored emigration.

Regrettably, the Pandemic precluded our normal fundraising initiatives in Bella Coola and Kimberley that have normally raised more funds for CC4Africa. That said, a more recent initiative by Teresa Corbould achieved a very successful fundraising campaign that demonstrated the generous spirit of our communities, family and friends.

Regrettably, there were no visits by Board Directors to Africa this year due to COVID-19 travel restrictions, however we continue to be in touch with our representatives in Country as we conduct our quarterly transfers of funds to specific support initiatives in accordance with CRA guidelines.

Our core values regarding support to women, children and families recovering from war remain steadfast. Our focus on survival, family and education continues as we partner with other NGO's and groups in Africa.

Update on CC4Africa Board

At the 4 February 2020, Annual General Meeting the membership voted to extend the following directors for another term:

Teresa Corbould
Margaret Stewart
Michel Bazille
Nancy Anderson
Joan Cole
Ron Bragdon
Andre Corbould
David Corbould
Helen Comerford

The Board Executive continues to consist of:

President/Chair: Andre Corbould

Vice Chair: Margaret Stewart

Treasurer: David Corbould

Secretary: Vacant. Note that Marcus Corbould continues to serve as Recording Secretary for meetings.

Financial Update

In 2020, CC4Africa brought in \$41,500 through monthly and one-time annual donations. Of this, the Charity disbursed \$46,700 as Charitable Gifts and \$2,800 in Administration expenses, which includes insurance. Our administration fees for 2020 are running at 6 % compared to 7% in 2019. We dispersed more than earned, but this was achieved due to an intended reserve for tough times. Thus, no losses, but need to address with the Board for situational awareness.

Key charitable activities were:

- Emmanuel Centre Teacher Salaries,
- Emmanuel Centre Child Sponsorships,
- Gitega Children uniforms, food and school fees, and
- School Fees for specific individuals (University).

Holdings at the end of 2019 were: \$27,556. Holdings at end of 2020 were: \$19,625 (this includes \$8,641 set aside for the Gary Runka Legacy Project). – Note – Joan Sawicki authorized the funding support to one University student attending University of Bujumbura (\$1359).

CC4Africa was affected by our inability to conduct fundraising opportunities and the loss of a few of our monthly donors focused on the Emmanuel Centre. Some of our losses are primarily associated with loss of income based on loss of employment and/or business. A few others are the result of they having found charitable causes that are closer to home for them. That said, some of our donors (Glenmore Church for example) have increased their support based on increased salary levels of

Conclusion

Our future is bright, our finances are relatively solid, (but threatened) and our Board is focused. We remain steadfast in our commitment to our core values and developing our operations in a way that allows CC4Africa to concentrate our efforts on the health and education of women

and children. We truly appreciate all involved with CC4Africa and extend a vote of thanks to you all for your dedication and ongoing support.

Thank you!

Kenneth Andre Corbould
CC4Africa President

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