



## Africa Classroom Connection Annual Report 2012

### Vision and Mission

Africa Classroom Connection holds a vision that every child in KwaZulu Natal has the opportunity for an excellent education. Our mission is providing resources to help build and improve schools in KwaZulu Natal. We work to get buildings built, help kids stay in school, and facilitate cultural exchanges/overseas travel.

### Changing Lives

*When we build classrooms in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, we're changing lives – not only for the young learners themselves, but for the countless families and communities that benefit from the opportunities afforded by a better education.*

*For many, it's the one change that can have a profound impact on their lives going forward. Our South African partner, Eshowe Community Action Group (ECAG), said it best: "The parents and children, some so poor that it is painful to see, are given new life and hope when ACC partners with us to build a classroom. Your new classrooms take the children and their entire village over a threshold to new life and opportunity."*

*In early Fall our 2012 Learning Tour traveled to South Africa and witnessed first-hand the eager smiles and concentrated learning energy of the children in some of these classrooms. The travelers' lives were transformed, too. Many came home and started raising more money for more classrooms. Others contributed to our Stay in School Fund to provide ongoing resources for Zulu children whose lives were in crisis and would otherwise be forced to drop out of school.*

*We're proud to say we experienced a 22 percent increase in the number of individuals supporting our mission. This was due to individual networking efforts by Board members, word of mouth from our current donors, and new contacts in the worldwide Combined Federated Campaign, the federal employees' fundraising initiative that raised enough for two more classrooms.*

*Imagine your school years, when you were always warm and dry indoors. We thank you for your care for providing the same for "our" kids in South Africa. They know.*

*Sala kahle! ("Be well!" in Zulu.)*

*Henry A. Bromelkamp, Chair*



## 2012 Program Summary

**Classroom Funding:** In 2012, we granted a total of **\$106,400** to our South African partner, Eshowe Community Action Group, to build **eight classrooms**. These eight classrooms mean that **400 Zulu children** in grades K-12—and dozens of teachers—can now have class indoors and in less crowded spaces, which significantly impacts their chances for success. For example, at Umphezeni Secondary School the graduation rate rose from 50% to 85% after three new classrooms were built with ACC funds. [See the impact](#) in our video.

**Stay in School Fund:** Contributions to our Stay in School fund helped 12 individual students with emergency expenses (e.g., school uniforms or transportation) that they were unable to cover due to family or health crises, and that would otherwise force them to drop out of school. One young student received assistance with a school uniform, a relatively small expense which her family could not afford, and was allowed to remain in school.

**Learning and Cultural Exchange:** In August and September, we took 22 of our supporters to visit our classroom building sites on our annual Learning Tour of South Africa and Malawi. These cultural exchange tours, which informed participants about the issues surrounding education in rural Zululand, South Africa, raised \$19,000 for nearly two classrooms.

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Balance Sheet: 01/01/2012 through 12/31/2012

	<u>01/01/2012</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>12/31/2012</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
Cash - Africa Travel account	3,871.46	(547.95)	3,323.51
Cash – General charity account	11,514.35	58,001.65	69,516.00
Accounts Receivable	2,016.65	9,567.35	11,584.00
Prepaid Expenses	308.00	0.00	308.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$17,710.46</b>	<b>\$67,021.05</b>	<b>\$84,731.51</b>
<b><u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u></b>			
Accounts Payable	2,948.00	55,437.39	58,385.39
<b>Subtotal Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,948.00</b>	<b>\$55,437.39</b>	<b>\$58,385.39</b>
Net Assets - Spendable	14,762.46	11,583.66	26,346.12
<b>Subtotal Net Assets</b>	<b>\$14,762.46</b>	<b>\$11,583.66</b>	<b>\$26,346.12</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$17,710.46</b>	<b>\$67,021.05</b>	<b>\$84,731.51</b>



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Revenues and Expenditures: 01/01/2012 through 12/31/2012

	<u>General</u>	<u>Cultural Exchange</u>	<u>Stay in School</u>	<u>End</u>
<b><u>Support and Revenue</u></b>				
Contributions	127,085.60		35.00	127,120.60
Interest Income	0.02			0.02
Capital Gain - Realized	(45.28)			(45.28)
Fee Income - Travel		86,750.00		86,750.00
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$127,040.34</b>	<b>\$86,750.00</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$213,825.34</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Grants	106,400.00			106,400.00
Bank Service Charges	80.00	10.66		90.66
Credit Card Processing Fees	1,327.00			1,327.00
Memberships	100.00			100.00
Insurance	1,169.00			1,169.00
Office Supplies	166.53			166.53
Postage	415.98			415.98
Contracted Services	4,045.00			4,045.00
Fundraising Expenses	3,063.78			3,063.78
Travel - Air Transportation		50,305.08		50,305.08
Travel - Ground Transportation		6,999.18		6,999.18
Travel - Accommodation		19,338.64		19,338.64
Travel - Food		3,755.94		3,755.94
Travel - Miscellaneous		3,750.85		3,750.85
Miscellaneous Expense	375.00	939.04		1,314.04
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$117,142.29</b>	<b>\$85,099.39</b>		<b>\$202,241.68</b>
<b>Excess Support &amp; Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<b>\$9,898.05</b>	<b>\$1,650.61</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$11,513.66</b>
<b><u>Net Assets</u></b>				
	<u>General</u>	<u>Cultural Exchange</u>	<u>Stay in School</u>	<u>End</u>
Net Assets - Spendable	23,813.18	2,497.94	35.00	26,346.12
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$23,813.18</b>	<b>\$2,497.94</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>\$26,346.12</b>