



## Africa Classroom Connection Annual Report 2016

### Vision and Mission

Africa Classroom Connection (ACC) 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.



### Education Matters

*Education empowers people, families, and communities to be more successful and self-sufficient. But if you have to go to class outdoors in the cold or rain for lack of a building, it's difficult to get a real education. In rural KwaZulu-Natal, hundreds of thousands of children live on the margins of society. They want to go to school, but often it's a daunting challenge. Some have to walk miles and many don't even have a building to go to.*

*Because of ACC, thousands of kids are now getting a better education because they finally have a warm, dry classroom in which to learn.*

*Your gifts to ACC support an inspiring track record of accomplishment:*

- **100% success.** No school built by ACC and ECAG has ever closed or been used for anything other than a school.
- **100% efficiency.** Our board members cover all administrative costs so every dollar you donate goes toward building the classrooms – and building young lives.
- **100% gender equality.** Boys and girls are equally represented and nurtured in our schools.
- **100% jobs.** Local people from the community are hired to build the schools, which provides badly needed jobs, skills, and income for extended families.
- **100% quality.** Construction is monitored so that the simple classrooms are built cost-effectively and to high standards of quality and durability.

*To date, ACC has helped build more than 3,000 classrooms in rural KwaZulu-Natal—that's about 150,000 kids in school, thanks to you! **In 2016 we built more classrooms than ever before, contributing \$173,470 which is a 70% funding increase over 2015!** But there's so much more to be done in 2017. More than 150 communities are on the waiting list to receive a classroom, and some have been waiting for seven years. **With your help, we will do more.***

*Thank you for investing in the promise of the world's children. They know you care.*

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

*Henry A. Bromelkamp, Chair*



## 2016 Program Summary

**Classroom Funding:** In 2016, we granted a record total of **\$173,470** to our South African partner, Eshowe Community Action Group (ECAG), to build **17 classrooms**. These 17 classrooms mean that each year **765 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. We can already see evidence of this success in our schools. For example, schools sponsored by ACC had the top five highest scores on high school graduation examinations among 40 schools surveyed by ECAG. Pass rates at a third of the 40 schools were below 50% whereas our top schools had pass rates of 87-95%, an amazing achievement! [See the impact](#) in our video.

**Learning and Cultural Exchange:** In February and September 2016, ACC partnered with Books for Africa to take 26 total supporters on two separate group Learning Tours to South Africa and Malawi. Participants in this cultural exchange visited ACC school building sites and Books for Africa recipients, and **contributed \$38,325** toward classroom construction, enough for almost four classrooms.



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Balance Sheet: 01/01/2016 through 12/31/2016

	<u>01/01/2016</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>12/31/2016</u>
<b><u>Assets</u></b>			
Cash - Africa Travel account	20,534.39	(20,038.00)	496.39
Cash – General charity account	6,559.34	(2,723.93)	3,835.41
Investments – Scott Trade	(25.00)	25.01	0.01
Accounts Receivable	8,511.69	(3,843.49)	4,668.20
Prepaid Expenses	857.92	(442.92)	415.00
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$36,438.34</b>	<b>(\$27,023.33)</b>	<b>\$9,415.01</b>
<b><u>Liabilities and Net Assets</u></b>			
Deferred Revenue	23,011.37	(23,011.37)	0.00
<b>Subtotal Liabilities</b>	<b>\$23,011.37</b>	<b>(\$23,011.37)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Net Assets - Spendable	13,426.97	(4,011.96)	9,415.01
<b>Subtotal Net Assets</b>	<b>\$13,426.97</b>	<b>(\$4,011.96)</b>	<b>\$9,415.01</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Net Assets</b>	<b>\$36,438.34</b>	<b>(\$27,023.33)</b>	<b>\$9,415.01</b>





## Financial Reports

Revenues and Expenditures: 01/01/2016 through 12/31/2016

	<u>General</u>	<u>Cultural Exchange</u>	<u>Stay in School</u>	<u>End 12/31/16</u>
<b><u>Support and Revenue</u></b>				
Contributions	131,869.72			131,869.72
Interfund Contribution	18,490.48			18,490.48
Contributions – in-kind	15,563.60			15,563.60
Interest Income	0.03			0.03
Capital Gain - Realized	50.66			50.66
Event Revenue	32,754.00			32,754.00
Fee Income - Travel		80,858.08		80,858.08
Miscellaneous Income		1,394.39		1,394.39
<b>Total Support and Revenue</b>	<b>\$198,728.49</b>	<b>\$82,252.47</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$280,980.96</b>
<b><u>Expenditures</u></b>				
Grants	178,082.22			178,082.22
Interfund Grant		18,490.48		18,490.48
In-kind Expense	15,563.60			15,563.60
Bank Service Charges	92.04	100.88		192.92
Credit Card Processing Fees	588.20			588.20
Memberships/Publications/Subscriptions	29.94			29.94
Equipment/Software	146.70			146.70
Insurance	1,434.00			1,434.00
Office Supplies	199.96			199.96
Postage	564.30			564.30
Contracted Services	4,010.00			4,010.00
Meals/Entertainment/Gifts	50.00			50.00
Fundraising Expenses	1,467.13			1,467.13
Travel - Air Transportation		30,982.51		30,982.51
Travel - Ground Transportation		5,873.25		5,873.25
Travel - Accommodation		12,081.22		12,081.22
Travel - Food		5,979.75		5,979.75
Travel - Miscellaneous		8,135.60		8,135.60
Miscellaneous Expense	1,121.14			1,121.14
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$203,349.23</b>	<b>\$81,643.69</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$284,992.92</b>
<b>Excess Support &amp; Revenue over Expenditures</b>	<b>(\$4,620.74)</b>	<b>\$608.78</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$4,011.96)</b>
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>\$15,277.40</b>	<b>\$7,249.13</b>	<b>(\$13,111.52)</b>	<b>\$9,415.01</b>



**Thank you for your support of "our" kids!  
They know that strangers far away care about their success.**

