GLOBAL PHILANTHROPY ALLIANCE

Global Philanthropy Alliance develops young social entrepreneurs by funding youth-led or youth-engaged organizations that unleash the power of youth to advance the economic and social health of their families and communities.

This has been a very exciting year for Global Philanthropy Alliance (GPA) and our partners in Africa. We've made six grants so far in 2011 and three new organizations are in process with expected funding by the end of 2011. We continue to receive many more proposals than we are able to fund; this has allowed us to focus funding on truly outstanding proposals that best fit our mission.

Grantee Accomplishments

- Two recent grantees, Lin Wafula of Project Africa and Wiclif Otieno of Kito International, were awarded HiDefWeb Fellowships to attend Opportunity Collaboration in Ixtapa, Mexico in October. They are part of the Kenya pilot project sponsored by GPA and HiDefWeb to develop a web platform for young social entrepreneurs globally. More information on the GPA blog.
- One grantee -- Wiclif Otieno -- gave a TED talk in September about investing in youth. To view Wiclif's TED talk, click here.
- Joshua Arushei of Aglow was invited to a health and development conference in China.

Aglow, Kenya

Aglow Rescue Center, in Eldoret, Kenya, has proven to be an exceptional organization. They have greatly improved the level of business and agricultural skills of youth in their community by providing them with opportunities for training and connecting them with resources. Aglow assisted youth in accessing capital to start businesses such as farming, beekeeping, poultry raising, and shopkeeping. Aglow also assisted the community by improving access to markets for agricultural produce. This was made possible when Aglow, youth and other community members teamed formed a cooperative society to collective marketing their farm produce, thus receiving better prices for their goods. Aglow has assisted youth to gain both skills and income, and reduce the number of idle youth in the community. Aglow is making a difference because they have invested in the youth in their community, providing them with the knowledge and skills to generate income and be productive

members of society.
Photo:Crop production as income generation for Aglow's community.

Center for Health, Environment and Safety Studies (CHESS), Nigeria

CHESS is using entrepreneurship to solve three problems in Ibadan, Nigeria, that of poor solid waste management, underemployment of youth, and poor working conditions for waste scavengers who are mostly youth. CHESS trained waste scavengers and other unemployed youth to safely sort solid waste into multiple recycling categories and assisted them to sell many of the items for daily income, thus the concept of "waste to wealth." The transformation in the community resulting from the project includes improved income generation and career opportunities for youth, improved environmental conditions, and acceleration of skills development in biogas, organic farming, and small scale industries involving recycling and environmental protection springing up in the local area. GPA is looking forward to visiting CHESS in July 2012 during our face to face African Advisory Board meeting.
Photo: Youth produce biogas for use by the community.

Other Organizations GPA has funded this year:

- Kenya Network of Careleavers, Kenya
- Kliptown Bike Tours, South Africa
- Kito International, Kenya
- Miyela, South Africa
- Njia Panda Ya Tumaini, Kenya
- Project Africa, Kenya
  Photo: Project Africa's Lady Mekanika initiative

Proposals and Africa Advisory Board
This fall we received 45 proposals requesting funding for a wide range of activities supporting youth development and entrepreneurship. This is more than twice the number we have received for any other round of twice-annual grantmaking. This dramatic increase in the number of proposals worthy of support highlights the need for increased funding for these opportunities. The Africa Advisory Board (AAB) makes the initial decisions about which grants GPA should fund, an invaluable role for GPA. The AAB consists of two representatives from each of the countries where GPA makes grants: Kenya, Nigeria and South Africa. This outstanding group of distinguished professionals is able to assess which proposals will best support young social entrepreneurs who can contribute to the development of their country.

Interns
This year, GPA was fortunate to have five interns from the University of Michigan Ross School of Business and Kalamazoo College. We recruited interns from finance to help us with research on potential microcredit partners in Africa; Bo Wang (UM) and Ryan Veneri (KC) both did an excellent job in this area (plus lots more!) We also sought help with enhancing our social media presence, and gathering information for our website; Stephanie Marcon (KC), Christina Purcell (UM) and Brian Wang (UM) worked on this area, adding photos to the web, getting our Twitter account operational, and linking Facebook with both

of these. Christina and Stephanie also worked on an informational reception and silent-auction fundraiser at the Richard Hunt Studio Center in Benton Harbor, MI.

Events

Governing Board member Karen Stone hosted a FrankiWildTrunk Show in Los Angeles in October at which 15% of the proceeds were contributed to Global Philanthropy Alliance. Kevin Friedman, owner and designer of FrankiWild jewelry, has his shop in Johannesburg, South Africa. We are grateful to Kevin and to all who purchased his jewelry that day.

Photo: Karen Stone and Kevin Friedman

Board Meetings

In 2011, the GPA Governing Board met on January 15, June 13 and September 10th.

Major accomplishments of the board include moving our website to an improved platform,

and ensuring GPA meets the public support test to remain a public foundation. At our Annual Meeting in January 2012 we will engage five-year strategic planning and evaluate grantmaking strategies, the latter process begun by the African Advisory Board.

In July 2011, the GPA African Advisory Board met in South Africa for four days to review accomplishments, and refine approaches including the South African Country Committee initiated the previous year. The AAB deemed the South African experiment a great success and decided to spread the practice to the other two countries.

Top Photo: GPA AAB members at face to face meeting in South Africa. Bottom Photo: GPA AAB Member Michael Adewumi with youth in South Africa.

We hope that you will congribute to Global Philanthropy Alliance in your year-end giving. **100% of your contribution will go to organizations serving young social entrepreneurs in Africa**; the GPA governing Board provides funding for our other costs. Our initial grants provide up to $5000, and second grants award up to $10,000. While these are small grants, they make a tremendous difference for grantees in Africa, each providing training or jobs for many young people, with related multiplier effects in their communities. For these young people, there usually are no other legal alternatives to make a living. Your contribution could help a young person have a better life. Visit our website to donate to GPA.

Best Regards,

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