

The Voice of EMPOWERMENT



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2011 Financial Highlights:

INCOME:

GALA: \$17,500
Raffle: 3,350
Donations: 11,964
Total: \$32,814

EXPENSE:

GALA: \$7,252
Raffle: 712
Women Effort: 1,500
Construction: 22,000
Administration: 1,082
Total: \$32,546

Ending Cash: \$268

Women micro-
financing
workshop

Meet the Team:

*Saya Doe-Sio,
Chair & Founder

*Francis Sio, Director
Strategy & Finance

*Togba Doe, Director
Communications

*Rachel Robinson,
Director Programs

*Lynda Hunter,
Director Education

*Janneh Beedoe,
Director Health

*Caroline Doe,
Asst. Director Health

*Ruth Reeves,
Advisory Board

*Linda Reeves,
Advisory Board

Message from the Chairman

Dear Partners and Friends:

As we end the first quarter of a year full of opportunities, we want to thank you for your generous support towards the construction of the Annie T. Doe Memorial Academy and women empowerment initiatives in Liberia! Emerging from fourteen-years of civil war, every fabric of the Liberian society was devastated to the extent that, among other things, more than 70% of children are out of school, more than 80% of the population is illiterate, most schools do not use computers in classrooms and doctor-patient ratio at 1:50,000 (UNMIL, 2007). Many under-privileged families cannot afford to send their children to school especially since the parents are not skilled to work or do business. As such, children sometimes have to help to add to a family's economic well-being. Evidently, the best-intentioned efforts at development may fail if the basic right of primary education is not met.

With your contributions, two hundred children will be enrolled at the Annie T. Doe Memorial Academy in September and receive free primary CHRISTIAN education. It is also important to note that 10 women have been trained and benefited from our comprehensive women empowerment micro-financing workshops. With your continued support, we will fund and support even more projects to make primary education a right, not a privilege; and improve financial conditions of hundreds of women. In this edition of the Voice of Empowerment, you will find, among other things, highlights of our recently completed women empowerment micro-financing workshops as well as information on our on-going construction project at the Annie T. Doe Memorial Academy.

We are dedicated to improving lives by empowering individuals and communities to do for themselves what society may not be able to do for them. Therefore; we want to thank you for the invaluable roles you have played in helping us achieve this goal. On behalf of the under-privileged communities, women and children whose lives are touched by your generosity please accept our profound thanks again and we pray the rest of 2012 be filled with peace, love and opportunities of empowerment for all.

Sincerely,

Saya Doe-Sio, CPA, PMP®
Founder & Chair

Women empowerment micro-financing workshop

With an increasing number of women being heads of household, the assumption is that a large number of illiterate females pose a critical factor in the entrenchment of poverty for women and their families. This situation is a major bottleneck to the development of Liberia. In December 2011, our women empowerment team led by Mrs. Ruth Reeves, Advisory Board and Mrs. Rachel Robinson, Director of Programs, facilitated a 1 day Micro financing work shop with 15 women. The session mainly focused on budget and expense management and how to become a better entrepreneur leveraging limited capital. At the end of the workshop, 10 women were certificated and received \$100US each as small interest free loans to start small business. They were given 4 months to repay. We are targeting April for our 2nd women empowerment phase. Women are great leaders; by empowering them you empower many lives



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Annie T. Doe Academy construction



In December 2011, the Annie T. Doe Academy construction officially kicked off. The Annie T. Doe Memorial Academy is being built on 2 acres of land owned by the Late Annie T. Doe. This property has two houses where the late Annie T. Doe, a missionary, lived and raised and educated her nine children, several grand-children and other children in the community in the midst of Poverty. As of Feb 3, 2012, phase I & II (Foundation Footing) which is the concrete foundation footing and erecting the foundation walls are complete. We are only **\$50K** away from completing the construction. We believe people like you will make this dream a reality for 200 children who are waiting in anticipation. Our goal is to complete the Academy by August of this year in time for the 2012 September academic year. See more information at Future home of Annie T. Doe Academy: <http://atdoemf.org/ATDMF/future-home/>. The above photo shows prospective student waiting in anticipation for the completion of the Academy. Thanks for being a generous supporter and making this dream a reality for these kids.

2011 Official Launching GALA

Annie T. Doe Memorial Foundation, Inc. (ATDOEMF) is a non-profit, registered 501(c) (3) organization, based in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Foundation works to empower today's generation for a better tomorrow by improving education, healthcare services and empowering women through adult literacy and micro-finance initiatives in Liberia, West Africa. Liberia, "land of the free," was founded by free African-Americans and freed slaves from the United States in 1820 through the efforts of the American Colonization Society (ACS) which governed the Commonwealth of Liberia until independence in 1847.

The Foundation was officially launched on Saturday, August 13th, 2011 at The Embassy Suites, 5400 John Hammons, Concord, NC. 150 people together with 21 businesses and churches supported the event. A total of 125 supporters and well wishers attended the event which raised about \$20,000.00. The key objectives of the GALA were to raise awareness about the foundation which has been in existence for about 5 months and raise funds to begin the Annie T. Doe Memorial Academy construction, a facility that will be used to provide free primary education to 200 Liberian children.



2010-2011 Trips to Liberia

Several trips have been made to Liberia to establish and access the Foundation's programs in Buchanan, Grand Bassa County, Liberia. In 2010, our chairman/founder went to Liberia on a family vacation which culminated into the formation of Annie T. Doe Memorial Foundation with the aim to help meet some of the dire humanitarian needs in Liberia. The pictorial tells some of the story after the vacation:



Upcoming Events & Annual GALA

The GALA is an annual event which, among other things, is being used to heighten awareness and raise funds for future and on-going programs at the Annie T. Doe Memorial Foundation. The 2012 GALA is slated to be held in Charlotte, NC on August 4th at the Embassy Suites. More details to follow and we are counting on you to make this event a success. Also, under consideration are plans for sports events as means of publicity and raise funds to support future and on-going programs at the Annie T. Doe Memorial Foundation. Golf Tournament is one of such sporting events being planned, and may be implemented soon.