

The Voice of EMPOWERMENT



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Financial Highlights:

INCOME:

GALA: \$13,579
Donations: 17,682
Total: **\$31,261**

EXPENSE:

GALA: \$6,309
Construction: 30,325
Administration: 3,480
Total: **\$41,114**

Net Loss: *(\$8,853)

* Loss funded by prior
year cash increase

Annual Donors Recognition

Champions: \$500+

The First Reformed Church
Mr. & Mrs. Francis Sio
Mr. & Mrs. Michael O'Brien
Ms. Kathy Sparrow
Ms. Stacy Williams
Ms. Linda Reeves
Mr. & Mrs. James Burrell

Supporters: \$200+

Mr. Leroy Foster
Mr. & Mrs. Dominic Ray
Ms. Annie Jones
Mr. & Mrs. Curtiss Spinks
Mr. Dwayne Smiley
Ms. Elenora Peters
Mr. & Mrs. Nuquie Beedoe
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Robinson
Mr. & Mrs. Togba Doe
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick Reeves
Mr. & Mrs. Cyrus Walker
Mr. Tim Miron
Mr. & Mrs. Tammy Raines

Partners: \$150+

Mr. Gary Lewis
Ms. Erica Corbin
Ms. Regina Moss
Ms. Chloe-Mai Howard
Mr. Ben Sanvee
Ms. Clare Wesley
Mr. & Mrs. Henry Atkinson
Bishop & Mrs. Edward Kofi
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Mr. & Mrs. Chris Dillard

Message from the Chairman

Dear Partners and Friends:

Over one year ago on August 12th, 2011, the Annie T. Doe Memorial Foundation was officially launched. We asked you to believe and give us your unwavering support at the time. Some started and are still with us today, carving their unique historic roles in this life-long journey, while others saw this dream as being too difficult a task to accomplish and decided to let go. We praise God for those who left and those of us who still believe in accomplishing the seemingly humongous task. Empowering underprivileged kids and women is the core reason the Annie T. Doe Foundation exist. We believe education is a fundamental human right, not a privilege and every child should be given an opportunity. Together as a global, enlightened community, we pledge to incessantly promote the three core objectives of the Annie T. Doe Memorial Foundation:

- Provide Free Primary Christian Education to 200 under-privileged Liberian kids yearly via the Annie Doe Memorial Academy
- Provide Free Women Literacy & Empowerment Programs
- Provide Free Family Health Center

With God's blessings which has kept and sustained this Mission; and your continuous support, we are proud to highlight few major accomplishments in 2012:

- 501(c)3 Approval which makes donations to the Foundation tax-deductible
- Raised about \$31K of which \$30K is being used towards the Academy construction
- Annie T. Doe Memorial Academy facility is at roof level (**see construction photo below**)
- Formally launched The Voice of Empowerment Newsletter
- His Excellency, Hon. Joseph Boika, Vice President of Liberia officially endorsed the Foundation

The distance we have to travel may be long; nevertheless with perseverance and passion, together we can achieve the set goals of this Foundation. Accept the clarion call to join us in this worthy humanitarian cause and make this world a better place for every "CHILD" and "WOMAN."

In this edition of the Voice of Empowerment you will find, among other things, highlights of our first annual fund-raising Gala, on-going construction project at the Annie T. Doe Memorial Academy, as well as some testimonies of our recently completed women empowerment micro-financing workshops.

We remain resolute in 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 being touched by your generosity; please accept our profound thanks again and we pray the ensuing year be filled with peace, love and opportunities of empowerment for all!

Sincerely,

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

Annie T. Doe Academy Roof Level Construction Pictorial

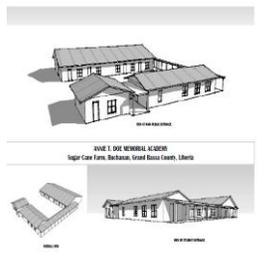
Yesterday, August, 2011



Today, December 2012



Tomorrow with Your Help



You can Help us complete the Academy by donating.
Click <http://atdoemf.org/ATDMF/donate-image/> to donate

See more information at the Future home of [Annie T. Doe Academy](http://atdoemf.org/ATDMF/future-home/) or <http://atdoemf.org/ATDMF/future-home/>

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Meet the Team:

*Saya Doe-Sio, Chair & Founder

*Francis Sio, Director Strategy & Finance

*Togba Doe, Director Operations & Communications

*Rachel Robinson, Director Programs

*Janneh Beedoe, Director Health

*Caroline Doe, Asst. Director of Health

*Tanya Burrell, Special Projects

*Ruth Reeves, Advisory Board

*Linda Reeves, Advisory Board

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Women Empowerment Micro-Financing Testimonies



Mrs. Susannah Nimely, an elderly woman in her late 50s with three (3) children and an unemployed husband, had been surviving on a small business to keep her family up. She said, "Since I received this loan, it has greatly helped improve my business." She sells dry fish during the dry season as well as tea & bread during the rainy season. "It has helped me improve support to my family, in that I am now able to help my husband pay our children school fees, hospital bills and provide meal for them daily." "I want to appeal to the ATDMF to please increase the loan during the next phase as well as include other less fortunate women in the program. Thank God for the ATDMF that has brought smiles to my family."



Madam Julia Wallace: an elderly woman in her 60s said she was barely surviving on a very small business. "Since I got the loan, my business (dry goods) has improved and my daily profit has also increased. Currently, my husband is not working. We are now surviving on this little business. I want to express thanks and appreciation to God for the ATDMF. You have greatly helped us by lifting up our hands to support our family. I pray that the next loan be increased to help us expand our business. I am appealing to the ATDMF to please complete the school and clinic quickly, so our children will go to school and we will have easy access to the medical treatment. God bless the ATDMF



TERESA SHERMAN is a mother of five (5) children. In her own words: "I was not doing anything at all. No work, no business. But I thank God for the ATDMF that has greatly turned my life around. The loan I got from them to do business has changed my situation. I am now able to support my family fully. The loan has put me back in life because I was doing absolutely nothing." "I appeal to the ATDMF to please increase the next loan during the 2nd Phase and also consider bringing goods to give us instead of only money. I also want the ATDMF to please complete the school and clinic project so we can send our children to school right in this community because other schools are too expensive for us



SARAH WEAVER who is in her mid-30s is a single mother with a child. She's been engage in a mini petty business on which she and her little daughter are surviving. She said, "Upon receiving the loan, I was able to increase my business and I have join a local savings club (Susu). I am thankful to the ATDMF for the help that has improved my business. I am also thankful to the ATDMF for the level of patience exhibited during the repayment of the loan. I want to suggest that during the next phase, the ATDMF also give us goods and not only money." She prays God's blessings upon the ATDMF projects and its chairman. "I am also suggesting the speedy completion of the school and clinic for our children to benefit. I also recommend the inclusion of skills training in future programs



NANCY DAVIES, a middle age woman explains her story. "I started from nowhere, I had nothing at all. I am so thankful to God for the ATDMF. The loan I got was able to put me in business. I now sell dry goods and run a local cook shop. I am now able to support my family form these businesses. I suggest that the next phase include goods as well as cash. If the Foundation brings goods for us, it will greatly help some of us. I am asking the ATDMF to quickly complete the school and clinic to help the community children. The loan has helped me to keep my children in school.

Annual Fund-Raising Gala Pictorial Honoring Michael O'Brien



Michael O'Brien, Principal, O'Brien Architecture was honored at our 1st GALA. We salute Michael for spending numerous hours to voluntarily design the Annie T. Doe Memorial Academy. His work will forever remain with the Liberian generations who will benefit from this Foundation. We are also sincerely grateful to our spirited community and generous supporters for another successful Gala which raised about \$15,000. See more information at our [Media Page](#) or <http://atdoemf.org/ATDMF/media/>

Children & Women That Your Contributions Are Making a Difference For

