

The Victoria-Taiama Partnership

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Annual Report 2017

Vision: The people of Taiama and Korie Chiefdom are educated and healthy, and empowered to live self-sufficient lives.

Mission: To improve the health, education and social well-being of the people of Korie Chiefdom, particularly women and children.

Maternal Health Program



Judy Smith Health Centre



Solar Technicians



Soap-making Program



Eye Health Program



Accomplishments:

- ✚ Construction of ten classrooms and block of 10 latrines (2007-10)
- ✚ Container of supplies (2010)
- ✚ Construction and operation of Judy Smith Health Education Centre (2010-17)
- ✚ Secondary School Program at Ahmadiyya School: Sept. 2012-17
- ✚ Food and medical supplies for Ebola victims (2015-16)
- ✚ 40 girls enrolled in Secondary School; 10 Post-Secondary students
- ✚ Zoie Gardner Education Centre: 22 graduates of soap making and marketing program; study centre for 40 scholarship girls; social support of scholarship students
- ✚ Maternal Health Program: 65 healthy moms and babies since June 2016: zero deaths!
- ✚ Eye Health Program: over 500 children treated for eye diseases and 100 prescribed eye glasses.

Continuing and future projects:

- ✚ Health Centre support (Primary and Under Fives and Eye Health)
- ✚ Maternal Health
- ✚ Girls' education (scholarships)
- ✚ Vocational programs for young women (soap making, computer training, agricultural training and marketing, textiles and traditional crafts)
- ✚ Social enterprise strategies for financial support of the health and education centres
- ✚ Support of Ahmadiyya Primary and Secondary School programs
- ✚ School garden and market
- ✚ School library

Letter from the Chair

November 2017

This year the Victoria-Taiama Partnership has continued to support six programs in the two key areas of Health (Primary Care, Maternal Health, Eye Health) and Education (Zoie Gardner Scholarship Program, vocational (Soap-making) program, and Ahmadiyya School program support). We also saw the completion of several important improvements to the Judy Smith Health Centre and Ahmadiyya School.

Highlights:

- The Judy Smith Health Centre registered a monthly average of 50 older children and adults for primary care and 90 children in the under- fives program. Our mid-wives have brought 65 babies safely into the world and are proud of their record of “zero deaths” for moms and babes. A new well(compliments of the South Cowichan Rotary), completion of the septic system and incinerator have enhanced the sanitation of the Health Centre.
- The academic scholarship program, supported by the Zoie Gardner Foundation, continued to support 40 girls in Secondary School and 10 Post-Secondary students who are studying nursing, education, computer science, accounting and solar installation.
- The soap-making vocational project at the Zoie Gardner Education Centre trained an additional seven young women in soap production. The three varieties of soap, handwashing, antiseptic and laundry are well received in the local markets. A co-op business will soon assist with the production and marketing of graduates’ products, while those choosing independent businesses have access to small business loans.
- The Eye Health Project under the direction of Mr. Steven Jambaway, treated over 500 children in area schools. The Victoria Lions Club’s donation of over 200 pairs of glasses to the community has improved the vision of many.
- Renovations to the roof and improvements to the school latrines at Ahmadiyya Primary and Secondary School have improved the safety and comfort of the 350 students.

Generous donations from regular donors have continued to support this project. We thank

- Zoie Gardner Trust Fund
- The Victoria-Taiama Giving Circle
- Faint/Smith Family
- Mark/Gates Family
- St. John’s Anglican Church
- South Cowichan Rotary
- Victoria Lions Club
- Anonymous \$20,000 donation

Thank you so much for making a difference in the lives of the people in Taiama and surrounding villages!

Maureen Mark, Chair, November 2017

Global education component:

Over the past 20 years students of several schools in Victoria have exchanged letters with students from Sierra Leone, with the goal of exploring relationships to create intercultural understanding and peaceful communication. This past year, students at Central Middle School and St. Margaret's Girls School exchanged letters with students of Ahmadiyya Primary and Secondary School.

Board of Directors 2016-17

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| Victoria-Taiama School Project Financial Statement 2016-17 | |
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| Statement of Income and Expenditures | |
| <u>Revenue:</u> | |
| Donations: | \$58,831.50 |
| Fundraising: | 0 |
| <u>Total income:</u> | \$58,831.50 |
| <u>Expenses</u> | |
| Administration (communications and bank fees) | 1611.77 |
| Program: | 36,049.15 |
| total expenses | 37660.92 |
| Assets and liabilities | |
| Net assets-beginning of year | 32,009.40 |
| Assets June 30, 2016: | \$21,170.58 |
| Accounts receivable: | 0 |
| Net assets: | \$21,170.58 |
| Total liabilities and net assets : | \$21,170.58 |
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