

# **Aid for Orphans Relief Foundation**

## **Annual Report 2012**

In a very short time, Aid for Orphans Relief Foundation, (AORF) has been able to send over \$500,000 of medical supplies to targeted recipient orphanages around the world. At the same time, we have researched additional urgent needs and have added a new facility in Africa, making it our fourth. We have instituted qualification materials to justify the need for medical supplies, as well as documents of receipt and ongoing reports regarding the usage of the supplies. We are cultivating relationships with the on-site professional who take care of the children so we can learn about any special needs and progress. All of this effort will ensure the continuity and sustainability of our programs.

We have spent a considerable amount of time searching for new resources for our supplies as well as financial resources to fund our foundation. We have partnered with AmeriCares and receive regular shipments from them which we forward to our recipient orphanages in Poland, Africa and Appalachia. We recently have been approved and have been receiving products from Brother,s Brother Foundation and Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB). Students from the Yale School of Management are interning with us, providing us with a strategy to approach our work in Kenya and Appalachia. They are forging new relationships and are researching new donors for the products.

The Foundation has held a couple of significant events in the past year. In April we held a benefit concert at the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York City, with acclaimed violinists Ania and Piotr Filochowski, accompanied by David Fung, renowned Austrian pianist. The artists donated their honorariums to AORF. Ticket sales and the sale of their CD recordings were added to our proceeds.

In September we had a rare opportunity to meet with Ambassador Wenwa, the Consul General of the Kenya consulate in the Greater Los Angeles area. She was accompanied by April Sutton, a T.V. personality and activist on behalf of HIV/Aids. This collaboration advanced our desire to designate an orphanage in Kenya with which Ambassador is familiar and knows the dire need of the children. We continue to look at additional ways in which we can partner to move our respective missions forward.

Following up on an article in the New York Times by Nicholas Kristof, we met with a student at Yale University who at the age of five migrated from the Sudan to a Northern Kenya resettlement facility, where he and his siblings were raised by an uncle. He went to schools in Nairobi and eventually was recommended for admission to Yale. Because he returns to see his siblings, still living in the same settlement, he is providing us with firsthand knowledge of the conditions and needs of children in Africa.

We are fortunate that our foundation is in New Haven where we can benefit from the many resources and individuals who are committed to Global Health. We have networked with many of the doctors and professors at Yale who are involved in Global Health and have programs abroad. We have also taken opportunities to meet faculty at the Yale School of Public Health learning about their efforts around the world and how they deal with ways to solve critical health problems. We have met with Dr. Magid Sadigh and Ramin Almadi at Danbury Hospital who administer the Global Health Program. They have helped us understand the importance of training physicians for international work as well as bringing

physicians to the United States so they can learn skills to take back to their country. All of these new relationships set the path for significant working partnerships and the ability to enhance and increase our impact.

Our grass roots efforts to inform the community of our work and be recognized are beginning to show very positive results. An active volunteer planned a holiday party with AORF as the recipient of funds requested and received. We then met with the local Rotary Club and have the opportunity to address a young leadership group of high school students who belong to Interact, a club sponsored nationally by Rotary. We hope to meet with other Rotary groups and encourage students to sponsor events on our behalf. The response from other young high school and college students, as volunteers, has been very rewarding and they have taken on projects that have been productive.

**In 2012, We have impacted lives of over 12,000 children.**

We have partnered with other professionals in the field of Global Health.

We have planned for our sustainability with a fund raising plan for operation as well as products.