



Educate!

Annual Report

2005-2006



PROVIDING FOR THE WELL-BEING AND EDUCATION OF STUDENTS IN AFRICA

From the President

Last June, we provided for the well-being and education of 14 young men and women in Uganda and Rwanda. I am proud to tell you that we now sponsor 48 students. Revenues have increased six fold since then and the number of Educate! high school and college student clubs has grown to ten. Even with this expansion we were able to keep administrative and fundraising costs at only 4% thanks to the hard work of the student volunteers who run Educate!.

As we continue to expand, we want to increase the scope and depth of our programs. The trip we took to Africa in June, 2006 marked a big step in that direction. Six students – five from Amherst College, including myself, and one from Dartmouth College – went to Uganda and Rwanda to select motivated, intelligent, and trustworthy students to sponsor and build the personal relationships we maintain with our students. The trip was funded by a generous grant from The Red Empress Foundation of Boulder, Colorado and Amherst College.

Meeting the Educate! students this summer made apparent the impact Educate! is having on their lives. They attend some of the best schools where they eat three meals per day, receive healthcare, and have hope to pursue their dreams after graduation. As we expand, we will be able to give more students this opportunity. New fundraising possibilities and ideas arise everyday and we are confident this coming year will be as successful as the last.

Sincerely,



Eric Glustrom

From the Vice-President

This year has been one of tremendous growth for Educate!, both in terms of revenue and impact. The growth has been accompanied by a similar expansion in the network of people who support our students. Numerous donors and student club members are now paired with Educate! students, providing both sides a unique cultural experience and allowing us to maintain a strong link to our students.

We hope to focus on the development of our organizational infrastructure during the upcoming year. In addition, we want to incorporate a growing number of student and adult volunteers in order to pool the passion of our supporters for helping educate students in Africa. To diversify our fundraising and programming, we even set up an endowment that will support several students and allow us to expand in new directions.

We welcome comments and suggestions from our supporters as we continue growing and strive to achieve these goals. We look forward to working with you to fulfill our shared passion of helping educate impoverished students to create the future leaders of Africa's tomorrow.

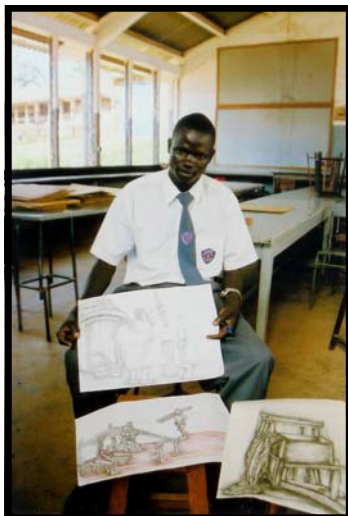
Sincerely,



Boris Bulayev

The Educate! Students

Below are profiles of six Educate! students



JOSEPH OKUYE - Joseph, seen here with some of his artwork, is a refugee from Sudan and will graduate from Lubiri Secondary School in Kampala, Uganda next year. Lubiri S.S. is one of the best schools in Uganda and has won several governmental awards. Joseph excels in his classes and will go on to university hoping to become a doctor.

CHRISTOPHER RUGADYA - Outside of school, Christopher volunteers for UNICEF by counseling younger students and teaching them about AIDS, unwanted pregnancies, and drugs. In his own words, "Before becoming an Educate! student, I had no hope for education since there was no other option apart from dropping out of school."



ISABELLA AND CAROL OPIRA - Shown here with Educate! volunteer, Sarah Tracy, Isabella and Carol are in their last year of primary school. Isabella was recently elected to be the student leader of her dormitory and Carol was elected as the sports and games prefect.

IRAGUHA CALVIN - Calvin (age 15) is pictured here with Eric Glustrom. When they first met in 2002, Calvin was malnourished. Now, with the help of Educate!, he attends Murubya Primary School in Hoima, Uganda where he eats well, receives proper healthcare, and is succeeding in school. He enjoys taking photos in his free time and has a great sense of humor.



JOSEPH MUNYAMBANZA - Joseph consistently places among the top three students in his class and hopes to be an engineer in the future. He has an incredible heart, loves to laugh and spend time with friends, and helps take care of the younger Educate! students, like Calvin (above). "My classmates no longer believe me to be a refugee because by now things like exercise books and text books are provided without any problem."



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Featured Educate! Student

Marcel Bahati

HIS EDUCATION: Marcel Bahati will graduate this year from Sir Tito Winyi Secondary School in Hoima, Uganda. Bahati is charismatic, intelligent, and kind. His personality even led him to be elected head boy of Sir Tito. A refugee from the Democratic Republic of Congo, Bahati is the first Congolese head boy the school has had. As head boy, Bahati met members of the Ugandan parliament and other head boys and girls from schools around the country, and developed his leadership skills. The administration at Bahati's school expressed their respect for his ability to balance the interests of the students and administration, and work with both sides to reach a compromise. They plan to hang a plaque in the school to commemorate Bahati after his term as head boy finishes this year.



Bahati (right) with family in front of the home he built for them in Kyangwali Refugee Camp

HIS FAMILY: Earlier this year Bahati's father died, leaving him, as the eldest child, to take care of his family. He has risen to this responsibility. During his vacation from school, he built his family a home in Kyangwali Refugee Camp to honor his father's death.

HIS FUTURE: It is Bahati's dream to use the leadership skills he has learned to play a role in solving the conflict tearing apart his homeland.

COBURWAS Educate! Club

There are ten high school and college Educate! clubs across the US that help fundraise and give members the chance to develop cross-cultural friendships with the Educate! students. These clubs have spent many hours organizing fundraisers such as a dodgeball tournament, date auction, and numerous successful bake sales. Yet the most compelling story comes from an Educate! club in Uganda.



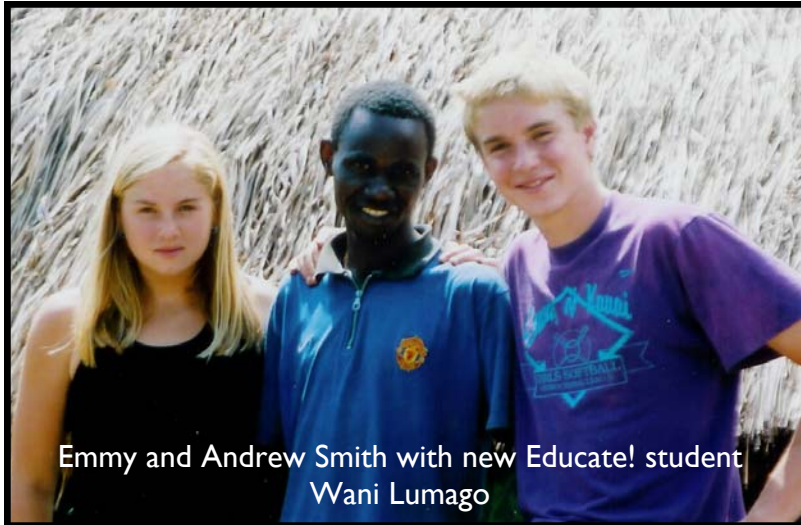
COBURWAS members in Kyangwali Refugee Camp. Wereje Benson, is second from right.

Started by Educate! student Wereje Benson, the COBURWAS Educate! Club operates in Kyangwali Refugee Camp, Uganda. Benson and the other club members, many of whom are also Educate! students, have raised over \$300 by farming for residents of the camp at the wage of \$1 per day. The club uses the money to buy books for those who cannot afford supplies and tutor students who are falling behind. In addition to academic help, the club members teach younger boys and girls in the camp about the dangers of AIDS and other STD's.

Their motto is "Peace, love, and unity to promote education." In a community riddled with malnutrition, disease and poverty, they have united behind a common vision of a better life. Perhaps the founders of the club say it best: "We have come together to do our level best to... join hands with other Educate! clubs, supporters in America and the world at large to eradicate illiteracy and poverty in Africa."

Educate! Internship

The summer of 2006 marked a large step forward in Educate!'s operations. Five students from Amherst College and one from Dartmouth College went to Uganda and Rwanda to meet the Educate! students in person and individually select more students for Educate! to sponsor as it expands. The Educate! volunteers – Jeanne Nishimoto, Emmy Smith, Andrew Smith, Sarah Tracy, Jay Hepburn, and Eric Glustrom – spent three weeks traveling



Emmy and Andrew Smith with new Educate! student Wani Lumago

around Uganda and Rwanda, visiting the schools that the Educate! students attend. The volunteers attended classes with the Educate! students, met their teachers, saw their dormitories, and were able to see first hand what life is like for the students Educate! sponsors. Many volunteers and Educate! students developed close friendships. For the Educate! students, who come from difficult family backgrounds, the support given to them by the volunteers is in many respects as important as an education. For the volunteers, friendship with the Educate! students was an opportunity to learn about the life, culture, and personality of people of similar age, but entirely different backgrounds.

The volunteers spent one week in Kyangwali Refugee Camp searching for motivated, honest, and intelligent students for Educate! to sponsor in the future. Educate! students guided the volunteers around the camp, where they selected five new students for sponsorship. The volunteers also found several more students that Educate! hopes to sponsor in the future.



Interns with the Educate! students of Duhaga Secondary School in Hoima, Uganda



Jeanne Nishimoto with Educate! students Isaac Rukundo and Sarah Munguiko

The internship was funded by a generous grant from the Red Empress Foundation of Boulder, Colorado and help from the Fellowship for Action program of Amherst College. With the success of the trip, Educate! hopes to develop the internship into an integral part of its yearly operations.

Read a three day series about the trip published in the Boulder, Colorado Daily Camera on our website.



Expense Sheet

Total Expenses: \$47,710

Program: \$45,698 (96%)

Student Expenses: \$37,745

Academic 63%

Health Needs 5%

Transfer Costs 10%

Other 22%

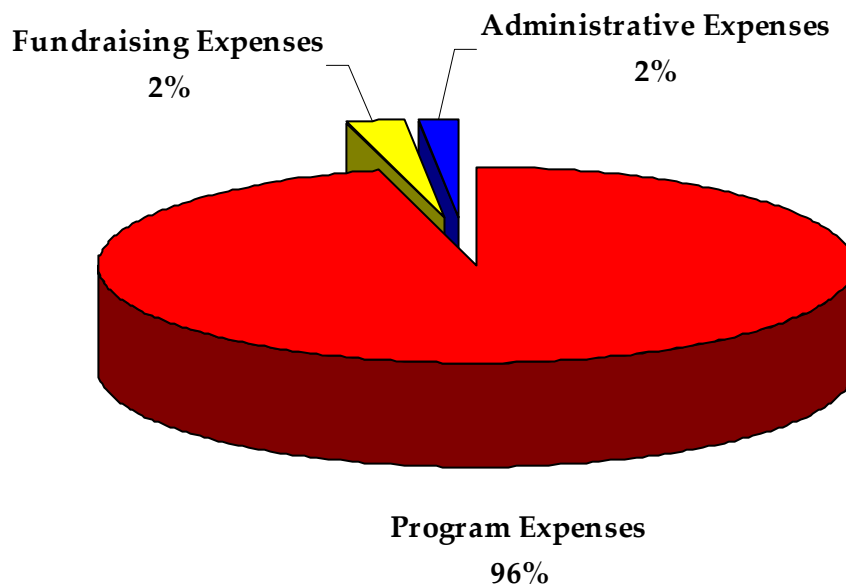
Internship: \$7,952*

Administrative: \$855 (2%)

Fundraising: \$1,158 (2%)

**The Educate! internship was funded by a generous grant from the Red Empress Foundation of Boulder, Colorado and the Fellowship for Action Program of Amherst College. Additional expenses of approximately \$1,800 will be recorded in next fiscal year's accounting.*

Expenses



Revenues

Total Revenues: \$95,824

Club Fundraisers: \$6,083 (6%)

Donations: \$44,620 (47%)

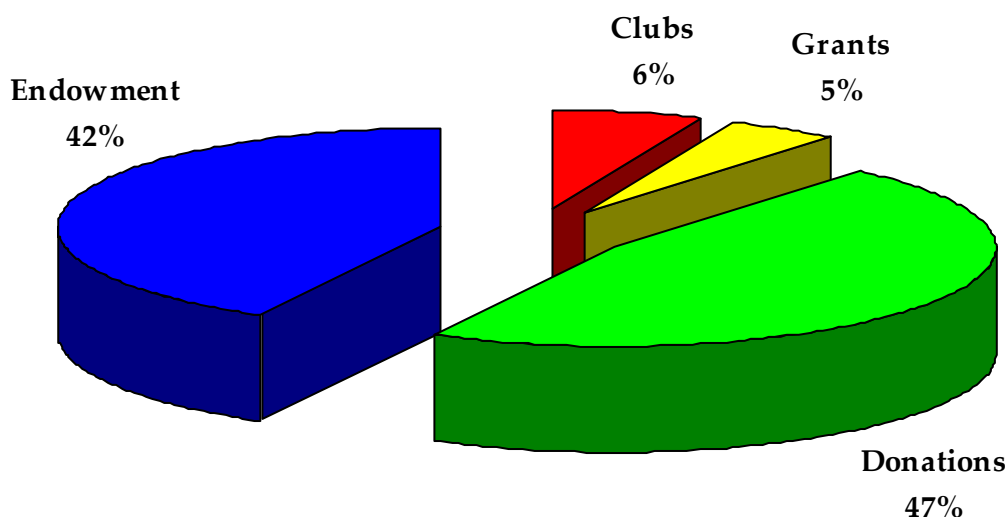
Grants: \$4,682 (5%)*

Ward Watson Endowment: \$40,000 (42%)

Interest: \$438 (<1%)

** To help finance the Educate! internship, a grant from Amherst College totaling \$4,000 and participant fees of approximately \$1,800 were received, but not during this fiscal year. The money will be recorded in next fiscal year's accounting.*

Revenues





Donation Information

All donations to Educate! are tax deductible. If you would like to begin communicating with one of the Educate! students through email and letters, please let us know with your donation.

Average tuition for one trimester: \$100



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