

The Colorado-Ghana Children's Fund is a non-profit Colorado organization that provides financial support for educational opportunities and basic needs for school-aged children living in Ghana, West Africa.

All donations are tax deductible.



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"Off to School"

This is our "Thank you" when you donate \$700 or more to the Colorado-Ghana Children's Fund.



Ed Dwight, internationally renowned master sculptor, generously donated this

beautiful sculpture created especially for the Colorado-Ghana Children's Fund.

This is the perfect opportunity to own a graceful, fine art piece by Denver's revered artist while helping to educate the Children of Africa. Your donation goes directly to the Fund, which is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and is fully tax deductible.

Why aren't you in SCHOOL?!



"We don't have the money."

"Mama can't afford uniforms."

"We barely get enough to eat."

"I must work to help my family."

"There is no way to get to school."

Educate A Child!

Sponsor a young student for a full year of school for only \$60/month (\$720/year).

This modest sum provides school fees, uniforms, books, medical care, transportation and a daily living allowance.

Select a boy or a girl in primary, middle or secondary school. Colorado-Ghana Children's Fund will send you the profile of your chosen student along with periodic progress reports. You may write to your sponsored child, or perhaps plan a trip to beautiful Ghana to visit the school, meet teachers and get acquainted with the young pupil.

Please call, email or go to our website to obtain details regarding donations and sponsorships.

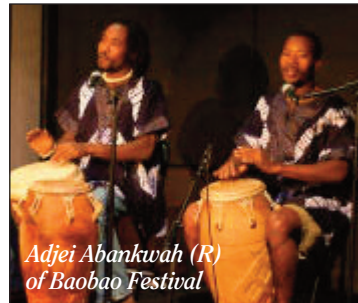
CGCF Celebrates Ghanaian Culture!

On October 2, 2009, the Colorado-Ghana Children's Fund partnered with Denver Open Media (www.denveropen-media.org) to broadcast a 90-minute television program highlighting Ghanaian culture and the work of the Fund. Two stellar, local Ghanaian performance groups provided



Maputo Mensah of Logo Ligi

the entertainment. Mr. Maputo Mensah brought his Ghanaian drumming and dance troupe, Logo Ligi, from Boulder, Colorado. Maputo teaches dancing and drumming at both the University of Colorado and Naropa University in Boulder, as well as community workshops. And, Mr. Adjei Abankwah, a former principal dancer with the Ghana Dance Ensemble and founder of the Baobao Festival in Colorado, entertained the studio and TV audiences with lively Ghanaian drumming and dancing. More information on these exceptional artists can be found on their respective



Adjei Abankwah (R) of Baobao Festival

websites: www.maputomensah.com and www.baobaofest.org. The program also featured a 15-minute video that provided the history and an overview of the CGCF program in Ghana, produced by Nancy Chrisbaum. The video can be viewed on our website at www.cgcfund.org. And, in addition to short interviews with CGCF President Emmanuel Eliason and Treasurer Dennis Chrisbaum, internationally-recognized sculptor Ed Dwight shared with the audience why he specially created a bronze piece, "Off to School," for the Fund, which he has donated as a fundraising incentive. The video will continue to be run periodically on local Denver Comcast Channels 57, 58 and 219. It was a fun evening! Thanks to all who participated.

Program Update

The 2009-2010 school year began in September with 33 students receiving financial support from the Fund: 30 in primary through senior high schools, two in universities and one in medical school. This marks the beginning of our seventh school year of enabling street children to get off the streets and to attend school. It also marks the first time that two of our sponsored children have been able to enter university. For children who formerly sold things on the streets in order to survive, entering university has been quite an achievement. It has been a major boost to their self-esteem and a wonderful gift back to the Fund, validating our mission. Please help us to continue building the next generation of educated citizens in Ghana by sending a check today. Thank you!

CGCF board members Dennis Chrisbaum (center) and Emmanuel Eliason (right) tell Deborah Lastowka, DOM Director of Community Productions, about the mission and success of the Fund.

Event photos courtesy of Daniel Sauve, metroAfrican.



"I look forward to when I can help others to be educated, too!"

WINIFRED BROWN

graduated from Junior High School in 2003, but did not have enough money to advance further. As a result, she had to join her mother in selling oranges on the streets. Fortunately, her former teachers successfully pled with the Fund for financial support in order for Winifred to continue her education, because they knew what a good student she was. Because of the Fund's support, Winifred was able to enter an excellent senior high school, graduating from Fijai Senior High School in June 2007 and qualifying for university as a result of her high examination scores. Since students in Ghana have to sit-out one year before being admitted to a public university, she got a job as a receptionist at Vanotoo International Limited. While Winifred's hope of entering university did not materialize in 2008, her dreams came true in 2009 when she started a Bachelor of Education Management program at the University of Cape Coast in September. The one-time orange seller is now on her way to fulfilling her dream of one day becoming a professor!

Three cheers for Winifred!