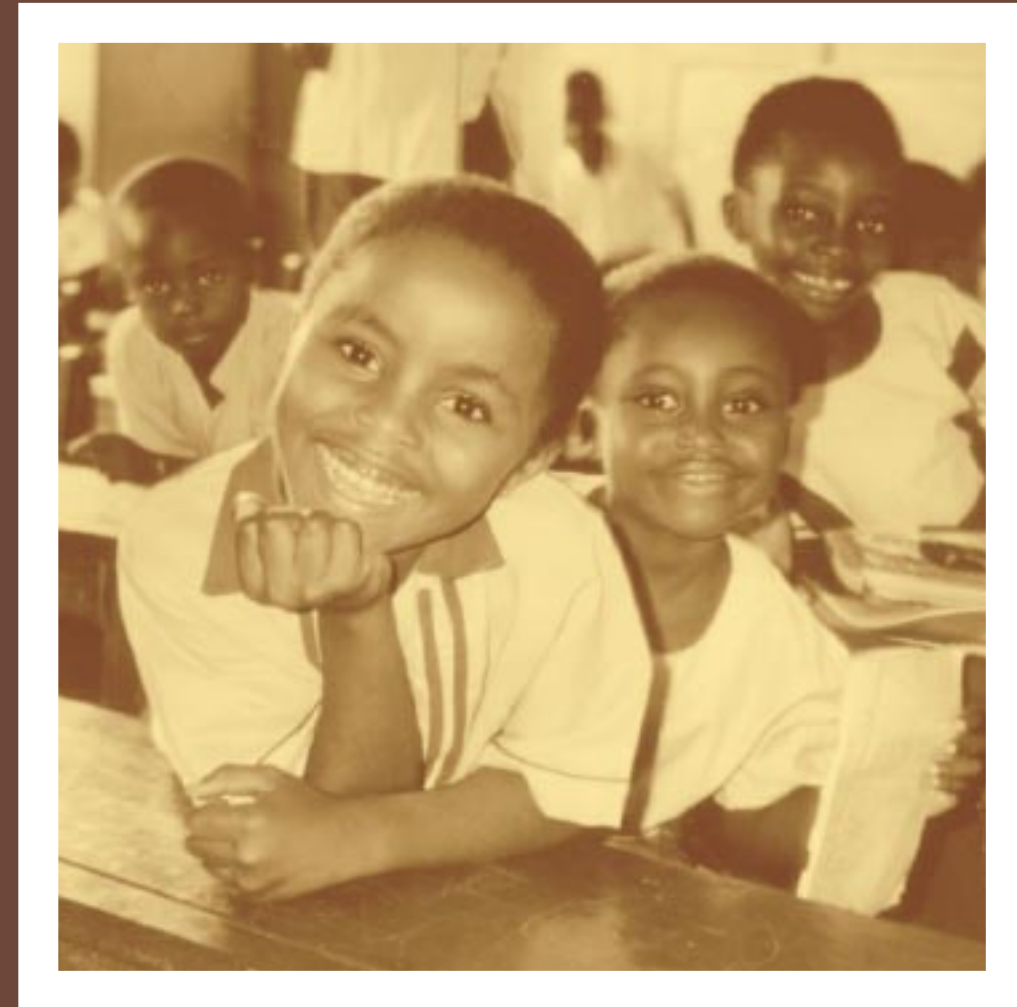


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BOOKS FOR AFRICA

A simple name, for a simple organization with a simple mission:

We collect, sort, ship, and distribute books to children in Africa. That's all we do.

In 1988, Books For Africa's first year, we shipped 75,000 books to two countries. Now, 12 years later, we have shipped nearly 6 million books to 20 African countries. The books are on once-empty library shelves, in rural school classrooms, and in the hands of millions of children who had never before held a book. Children who are hungry to read, hungry to learn, hungry to explore their world in ways that only books can make possible.

We've sent millions of books. Millions more are needed.



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READ LEARN GROW

Dear Friends,

A million books in one year for the children of Africa! A million new opportunities to nourish young minds and spirits. That's the milestone that Books For Africa, with your generous help, achieved for the first time in the past year. When I look back at the vision with which we created this organization just 12 years ago, I am extremely proud of what we have accomplished. It's been a year of tremendous growth and change for us, and I'd like to briefly share some of the highlights with you.

- The million-book milestone represents 40 containers, each holding an average of about 25,000 school and library books, which went to 11 African countries. These are new and almost-new books that were destined for landfills here, and are now being used by African schools that have no other way to obtain books.
- Our donated warehouse space has tripled in size, enabling us to ship more containers from our own warehouse. We are now averaging a 20-foot sea container every three weeks. Thanks to your contributions, we have also increased the shipments we sponsor and support from other locations.
- We have established a volunteer speaker's bureau. If your church, service club, or other organization would like to have a Books For Africa presentation as your program, just let us know.
- In August we became the proud users of new donated office space, and added two new staff positions: an associate director and a development director. These will enable us to expand our efforts to increase literacy throughout Africa.

Thanks to partnerships with Rotary Clubs throughout the United States and beyond, we are moving forward with our targeted project of putting a library into every school in Malawi. We are supporting efforts in Ghana to plan a library in Kumasi, birthplace of United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan. We are preparing our first shipment of books to Somalia, and are in contact with other countries not previously served. We are continuing to try to do more.

Over the past year we have worked hard, with great hope and purpose, toward our goal of ending the book famine in Africa. As you'll see in reading this annual report, our results have been impressive—but there is still so much more to be done. With your help, we know we'll get there. Thank you for your time and your financial support as we try together to make a difference in the lives of children in Africa.

Peace and happiness to you.

Tom

Tom Warth
Founder

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“Everyone at this school is so thankful to you and you should see the change your book donation has caused in our children’s reading habits. The teachers too are immensely benefiting from some of the books as reference materials.”

Mary K. Pofera
Chimutu School
Lilongwe, Malawi

2000
“I promise that we will treasure this gift and we shall use them with care and pride.”

THE MALAWI PROJECT BEGINS

The Honorable Willie Chokani, former Ambassador to the U.S. for the Republic of Malawi, officially launched the Malawi Project at Books For Africa’s October 1999 annual meeting. Ambassador Chokani spoke passionately about the importance of books and literacy in his newly democratic nation, and pledged his support and help in promoting the project with his fellow Malawians.

The Malawi Project marks an ambitious new undertaking for Books For Africa: to effect the literacy of an entire African country by putting a 50-volume library into every primary and secondary school. In addition to the library, which will contain an assortment of basic reference books and books by African authors, the project will provide funding for librarian training at each school. And best of all, each secondary school student will receive his or her own book to keep.

Funding for the project is being sought through local Rotary Clubs, foundations, and individuals. Last spring, Rotary’s incoming district governor for Minnesota district 5690 called on Rotarians to take a lead in fundraising for the Malawi Project.

BFA’s partners in the project include the Malawi Embassy, Malawi’s new Ambassador to the U.S., Anthony Kandiero, former Ambassador Chokoni, the Malawi Ministry of Education, the Malawi National Library Service, and former U.S. Peace Corps Volunteers who served in Malawi. It is expected the Malawi Project will be implemented over a three-year period, and will involve shipping and distributing about 350,000 books.

HIGHLIGHTS

CHARITIES REVIEW COUNCIL FAVORABLY REVIEWS BOOKS FOR AFRICA

Books For Africa meets all the standards of the Charities Review Council. That was the conclusion reached by the Council after a review of BFA this past spring. The Charities Review Council is an independent organization that researches and reviews national and local non-profit organizations that solicit contributions in Minnesota.

Organizations are evaluated against a set of accountability standards in four areas: Public Disclosure, Governance, Financial Activity, and Fundraising. The Council reviewed BFA’s annual report, fundraising materials, bylaws, board meeting minutes, and financial statements. The Charities Review Council standards are generally accepted baseline indicators of accountable, ethical, and healthy organizations. A copy of the Council’s report on Books For Africa is available to donors by calling the Council at (651) 224-7030 or (800) 733-GIVE.

BFA BOARD PRESIDENT TRAVELS TO GHANA AND THE GAMBIA

More BFA book shipments to Ghana and The Gambia? That’s what Lane Ayres and his wife Marion McNurlen talked about when they met with librarians and educators on a trip to Ghana and The Gambia in March.

At stops in Swedru and Kumasi, Lane and Marion were pleased to see that books that BFA had shipped were now being read in village libraries and schools. They also explored the possibility of helping to build a Kofi Annan Library in Ghana, the U.N. Secretary-General’s birthplace. At the Secretary-General’s request, the work begun at these meetings will resume once his U.N. term is completed at the end of 2001.



The greatest experience of the trip, said Lane and Marion, was an audience with the king of the Ashanti people, the Asantehene, Otumfuo Osei Tutu the Second. Here, under a spreading tree at his palace, the Asantehene reviews BFA’s 1999 annual report.

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BOOKS FOR AFRICA WELCOMES VISITORS FROM GHANA, KENYA, AND ZANZIBAR

BFA Board members and Advisory Board members welcomed visitors to BFA headquarters in St. Paul, Minnesota. BFA hospitality included receptions, meetings to further collaborations among BFA and African Non-Government Organizations, and reunions among friends who love books.

Guests this past year include:

ROBERT AMOAKO, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE GHANA BOOK TRUST *The Ghana Book Trust mission is to support a literate environment in Ghana through book and library development and support to local publishing. The Ghana Book Trust distributes many of the books that BFA ships to Ghana.*

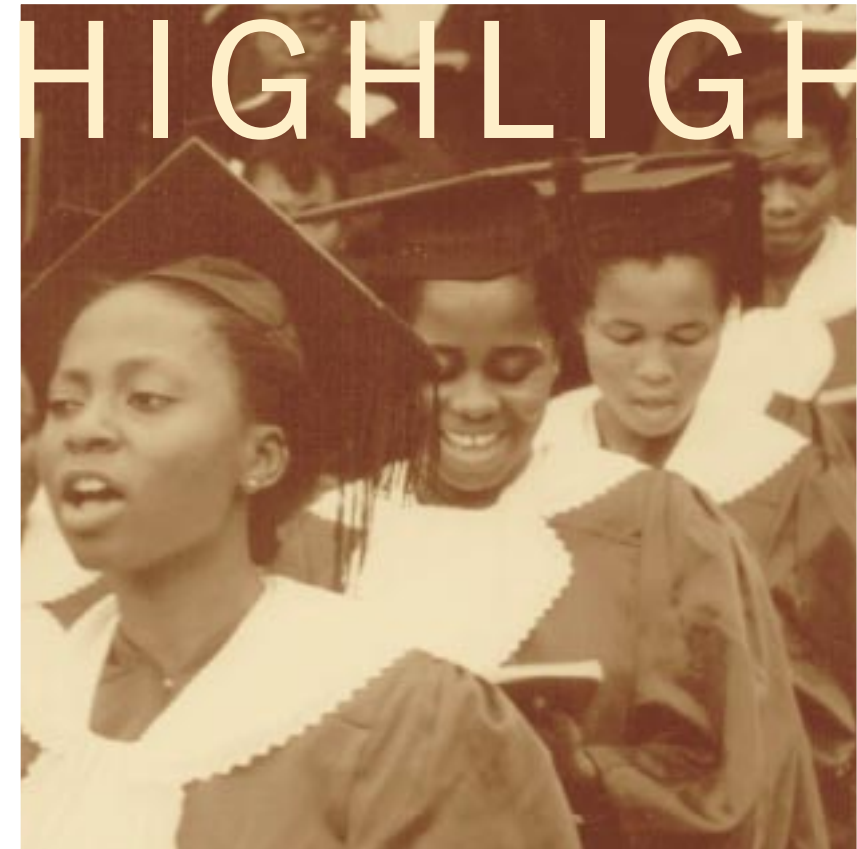
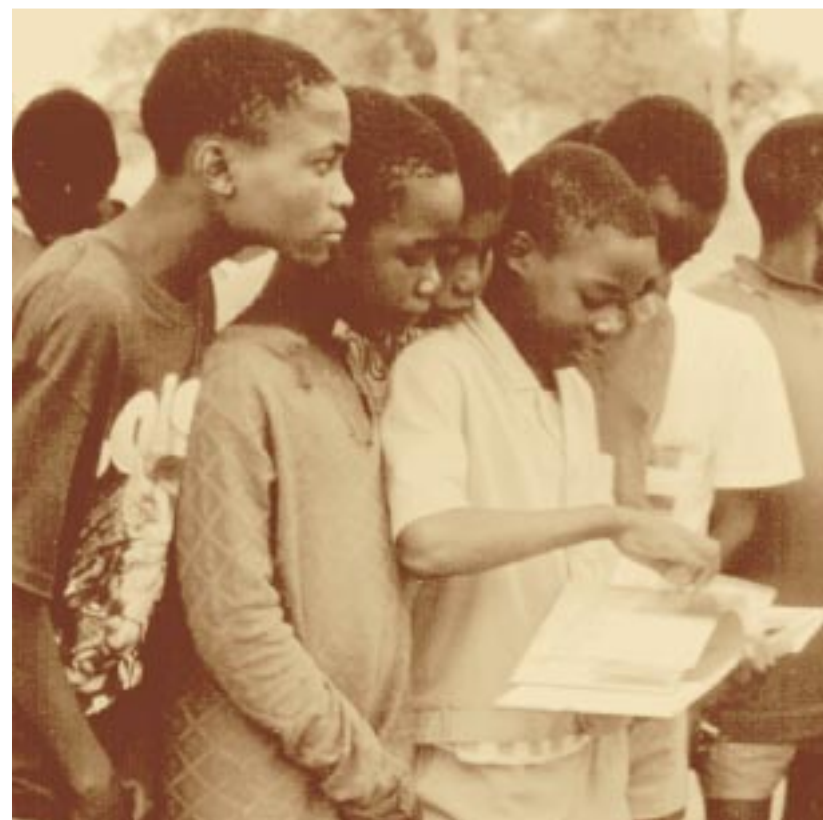
THE HONORABLE KOJO YANKAH, MEMBER OF THE GHANA PARLIAMENT *Kojo Yankah came to Minnesota to meet with librarians, architects, and others interested in the possibility of building the Kofi Annan Library in Ghana.*

JEPHEW MURANG'A, DIRECTOR OF THE KENYA BOOK FOUNDATION *The Kenya Book Foundation, a leading supplier of books donated from North America and Europe, distributes many of the books that BFA ships to Kenya.*

BISHOP AUGUSTINE SHAO FROM THE DIOCESE OF ZANZIBAR *Bishop Shao hosted a BFA tour group when they visited the island of Zanzibar, then raised money for a shipment of books, and, in the summer of 1999, he visited BFA's warehouse in St. Paul.*

“You are certainly engaged in an inspiring effort to promote literacy throughout Africa. I hope that an increasing number of Rotary Clubs will get involved as they become aware of the great work your organization is doing. I wish you continued success.”

Emily Locker, Program Coordinator, Community Programs Section
Rotary International



“Thank you very much for the books the school received from you. The school now has adequate library books for effective reading.”

Lester Furamwente, Tiya Primary School,
Chimanimani, Zimbabwe

MORE SPACE = MORE BOOKS!

BFA's warehouse space grew this year thanks to building owners, Carol and Rudy Sundberg. The Sundbergs have donated warehouse space to BFA for many years, but last December they contributed an area three times larger for BFA to receive and process books for shipping. The area had been used for storage for many years, but with the help of

volunteer manpower from the Ramsey County Sentence-to-Serve Program, the entire basement was cleared of clutter in a few weeks. A few walls were moved, new lighting installed, new sorting tables constructed (from discarded steel doors), the book receiving area organized and finally, BFA was back in business with 10,000 square feet of new space.

HIGHLIGHTS

ROTARY CLUBS CONTINUE SUPPORT OF BOOKS FOR AFRICA

Rotary Clubs from around the world continue to be key supporters of BFA. Whether contributing cash to cover shipping costs from BFA's St. Paul warehouse or by taking on an entire project—from collecting, sorting, packing, and shipping the books—Rotary Clubs provide invaluable support.

In 2000, five Rotary Clubs around the country helped ship eight containers or 200,000 books to children in Africa. The Sandy Springs Rotary Club in Georgia sent three containers, the Arab Rotary Club in Alabama shipped two, and the Monticello, Minnesota, Rotary Club contributed the cost of a container of new books. In addition, the St. Cloud Rotary Club in Minnesota and the Bryan Rotary Club in Ohio each contributed to the shipping costs of book containers sent to Africa. Thanks one and all.

“Thank You for the books we desperately need.”

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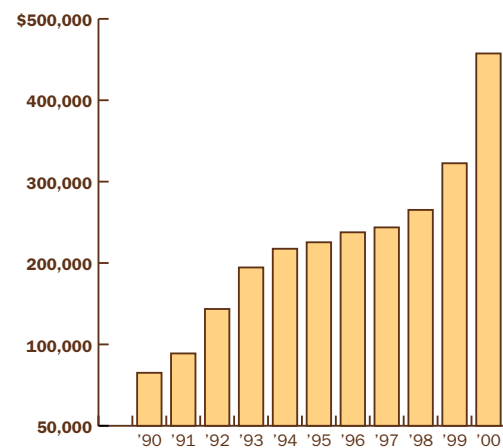
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Net Property and Equipment	3,662	3,005
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 192,923	\$ 143,201
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities	\$ 29,581	\$ 9,857
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted	108,342	78,344
Temporarily restricted	55,000	55,000
TOTAL NET ASSETS	163,342	133,344
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 192,923	\$ 143,201

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY

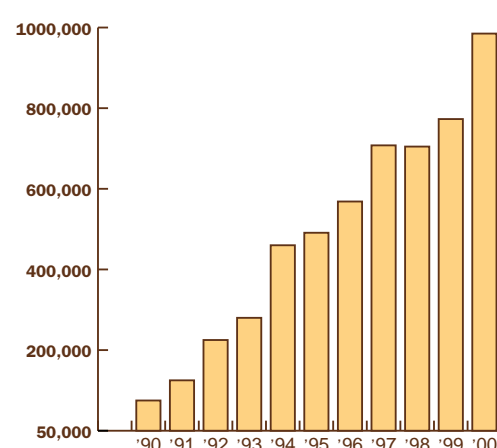
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SUPPORT AND REVENUES		
Tew Foundation contribution	\$ 131,200	\$ 120,000
Other contributions	258,570	136,625
Interest Earned	3,629	3,198
Grant-other	64,080	62,760
Warehouse space contributed	41,430	19,440
Books contributed	6,289,725	4,831,080
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES	6,788,634	5,173,103
EXPENDITURES		
Program operating expenses - overseas	6,664,430	5,074,976
General and administrative expenses	78,928	70,553
Fundraising Expenses	15,278	7,708
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,758,636	5,153,237
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 29,998	\$ 19,866

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CASH CONTRIBUTIONS



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Leonard S. Chitsah, Simukai Primary School, Chirhu, Zimbabwe