THE PRICELESS GIFT OF LEARNING
Dear Friends,

It’s been another great year at Books For Africa! As we look back on 2003 we see many great accomplishments in our continuing efforts to ship more and more donated books to schools and libraries in Africa, and we are pleased to showcase some of these accomplishments for you in this year’s annual report. Specifically, in 2003 Books For Africa shipped 55 containers of books (approximately 1.4 million) valued at over $18 million. And with our first ever shipment to the Democratic Republic of Congo, this brings to 23 the total number of African countries served by BFA since its establishment in 1988. None of this would be possible without the support of our many, many donors. Your support and efforts for the children of Africa are greatly appreciated as we continue in our core mission of working to end the book famine in Africa.

Additional achievements accomplished in 2003 include the signing of a formal partnership with the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO); the completion of the Malawi Project to place reference libraries in all 800 secondary schools in that country; execution of a $96,000 grant from USAID to ship 12 containers of books; and much, much more.

So what do we have to look forward to in 2004? We at BFA are pleased to formally unveil our new Kilimanjaro Society. You will see in this year’s annual report a listing of the charter members of the Kilimanjaro Society. Thank you to these supporters of Books For Africa, and please consider joining as a charter member of the Kilimanjaro Society in 2004. Kilimanjaro Society members are those supporters of BFA who provide $1,000 or more in annual financial support to the organization. Kilimanjaro Society members will take the lead as BFA hosts the visit of the President of Rwanda to Minnesota in April of 2004, and also as BFA celebrates the shipping of its 10 millionth book later this year.

Join us this coming year – as individuals and as organizations - in supporting exciting projects that will bring millions and millions of more books to schools and libraries across Africa. Education is the great equalizer in this world, helping people everywhere to rise above adversity and history. BFA can help in this great effort for the children of Africa, but only with your help.

Sincerely,

Lane Ayres
President

Pat Plonski
Executive Director
On July 1, 2003, Books For Africa completed its 2003 Fiscal Year. A number of new milestones were reached. For FY 03, almost 1.4 million books valued at over $18 million were shipped to schools, libraries, and universities throughout Africa. Books For Africa has served a total of 23 African countries and shipped over 9 million books since its establishment in 1988. Additional key accomplishments included the following:

A formal PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT was signed with the UNESCO Division of the United Nations;

A SPECIAL GRANT of $96,000 was secured from the EDDI Division of USAID to ship 300,000 books to 11 African countries;

The Malawi Project was completed, placing REFERENCE LIBRARIES IN ALL 800 SECONDARY SCHOOLS throughout this Southern African country in partnership with many local Rotary clubs, Rotary International, the U.S. State Department, and World Book Inc;

Signature of a special Memorandum of Understanding with the Leon H. Sullivan Foundation in Abuja, Nigeria to SHIP ONE MILLION BOOKS to Nigeria over the course of 24 months. BFA’s participation in the Sullivan Summit in Nigeria also resulted in a greatly increased profile for BFA presenting potential collaborations with key organizations such as the African Development Bank; and

Development of a partnership with Campus Community Outreach to provide FINANCIAL SUPPORT for Books For Africa through internet book sales. Other key partnerships were developed with Minnesota Goodwill-Easter Seals, the Brother's Brother Foundation, the Bethany Foundation, the Aid to Africa Federation, and the University of Minnesota.

USAID & BFA PARTNER TO SHIP 12 CONTAINERS OF BOOKS TO AFRICA

Books For Africa was proud to partner with the EDDI Division of the United States Agency for International Development to ship 12 containers of books (approximately 300,000 books) to 11 African countries. BFA was the recipient of a $96,000 USAID grant to ship schoolbooks, with special focus upon women's non-governmental organizations (NGO's) and schools serving girls. Under this special grant, books were shipped to Botswana, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Kenya, Namibia, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zambia. Many of the recipients of these books were in poor, remote areas of Africa that have not been able to secure book donations from other sources.

“"We have been trying to start a library for some time and with your generous donation to Zambia we benefited from it.”"
Sr. Pauline, Sister of Presentation, Mongu, Zambia
03 CONTRIBUTORS

INDIVIDUALS 7/1/02 - 6/30/03

$4,200
Barbara Leibundguth

$1,000-$2,999
Frank Allocco
Lane Ayres & Marion McNurlen
Frank Babka
Henry Brommelkamp
Rev. James Challancin
Jan Clymer
Vicki and Si Ford
Dr. Natalie Hahn
Pat and Eugenie Hoggard
Zinab Jebel
Daniel Loes
Jim and Marie Schafer
Cynthia Shearer
Thomas and Ancella Toldrian

$500-$999
Ronald Aminzade
Linda and Michael Bearinger
Russell Brenner
Howard Dahlheimer
Marla Kennedy
Judith Klinglesick
James Lenfestey
Robert and Polly McCrea
Eunice Orman
Bruce and Beverly Perry
Patrick Pionski and Judy
Hawkinson
Larry and Rhonda Sharpe
William Simpson
Richard and Lynn Voelbel
Christine Watkins
John Ziegenhagen
Frederick Zimmerman

$250-$499
Kojo Amoo-Gottfried
Gennady and Karen Bronshteyn
Donald and Sally Caldwell
Joan Duddingston
Stephen Dunker
John Jr. and Jean Ervin
Carol Gersmehl
David Goldberg
Robert Hathaway
Clark and Vonnie LaChapelle
Norman Linnell
Charles and Tara Maxwell
Joe Mefford
Robert B. Melin
Bradley and Lori Murphy
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Charles Sado
Brian Scoles
Dennis and Barbara Senneseth

Vicki Lansky
Dennis and Lynn Leger
Richard and Madeleine Linck
Robert and Kay Lohmer
Vern and Pearl Loken
Thomas Lowe
Dick Lundy
Daniel Luthringshauser
Francis Maddox
Elizabeth Malanaphy
Gordon Malby and Lonnie
Loveness
Deane and Nancy Manolis
Elizabeth Marshall
Vivian Mason
Michael McCarthy
Deborah McDonald
Wendy and Malcolm McLean
Jim and Marilyn Meier
Michael Menzel &
Kathryn Iverson
Susanna Meyer
Caroline and Eugene Miller
Robert and Cynthia Minnihan
Phyllis Moen and Richard Shore
Devora and Kilian Molitor
Daniel and Leslie Mollner
Karl and Lora Neumeier
Steve and Anna Noyan
Luanne Nyberg
Katharine and Joel Olah
Dave and Janet Olle
Bernerd O’Neill
Doris Pagelkopf
J.C. and Arlene Pfeiffer
Suzanne Pietsch
Walter Pratt
Olugboyega and Sefietu
Ransome Kuti
Marilyn Robertson
Bobbiedine Rodda
Carolyn Sanford
Dave Schafer
Dennis Schapiro
Greta Sebailed
Dale Snyder
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Michael and Doreen Trucano
John Vreynes
Carl Walden
Michael and Donna Wallace
David & Mary Ann Barrows Wark
Gerald Weatherall
Gary Weisnstein
E.R. and Diane Williams
Ned W. Windmiller
Bernadette Wood

$50-$99
Betty Ann Addison
Michael Addy and Nancy
Johnson
Thomas Alexander
Mary Lou Alsins
Renner and Martha Anderson
Christina Arndt
Marge Bearinger
Carol Benkoske
Gloria Benson
Roger Betz
Laurence Bilek and Dorothy
Jeffries
Perry and Gertrude Blackshear
Victoria Bleise
Mary Booth
Mildred Brecker
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Timothy and Jacqueline de Vries
Jones
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Warren Fosshaug
S. Katherine Frazier
Adam Frederick and Cynthia
Carver
Steve and Michelle Fredericksen
Sy and Marjorie Friedman
Elaine Friedrich
Sandra L. Fuhr
Joseph and Susan Ganci

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Barbara Gislason
Elizabeth Grant
Debbie Graves
Logan Gray
Alison Grey
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Robert and Sally Hart
Joan Helmberger
Adele Hersey
Bennie and Ann Hess
George and Mary Dee Hicks
George and Mary Hoel
John and Eileen Hollisak
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Aino M. Hussen
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Robert and Nancy Johnson
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Emma Kasiga
John and Andrea Kenny
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Pat and Val Klett
Terry Jo Knutson
Robert Kowalczyk
Teressa Lambert
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John and Kathleen Laramy
Alma Limbach
John Lindley
Theresa Lippert
Doris and Scott D. Lothrop
Herb and Cornie Lundberg
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Donald Mains
Bob and Helen Mairs
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Patricia and Glen Medbery
Manuel Mendivil
Doug and Mary Menikheim
Susan Metoxen
Melvin and Joan Meyer
Shirley and Harold Miller
Maria Misen
John and Linnea Miskowiec
John A. Muhlenpoh
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Gordon and Christy Myers
Deb Nagurski
Robb Nelson
Dorraine M. Olson
Lee Olson
Frank Parisi
Tom and Barbara Parry
Roselyne Pineault
Wayne and Ona Pinsonneault
Mary and Jonathan Preus
Lawrence H. Quist
Arl Bearing Resnick
Norma Ressler
John and Barbara Risken
Fredric and Caralee Roberts
Gareth and Linda Roberts
Amos Rosenbloom
Jennie J. Ross
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Donald and Mary E. Schilling
Connor and Kathryn Schmid
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Walter Schwartz
Gerald Schrinn
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Mike G. Sher
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Janet Wilcox
Fred Williamson
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Frank and Lauren Winsor
Betty Winton
Ann Woods
Jill Woods
Sharon Woods
Darlene Zabel
David Ziegahagen
Nancy Zingale
$162,812
Tew Foundation
$45,000
Ghana Book Trust
$32,000
EDDI USAID
$8,000
Hagen Family Foundation
Hom Aid UK
House of Hope Presbyterian Church
Human Rights Focus
Irvin Andrew Porter Foundation
Margaret Rivers Fund
Medtronic Foundation
Patrick and Anna M. Cudahy Fund
Rotary Club of Hambrigue
Rotary Club of S. St. Paul/Inver Grove
Rotary Club of Sun Lake
$2,500-$4,999
Alice M. O'Brien Foundation
City of St. Paul - Star Grant
EACSA
Follett Educational Services
Pax Christi Catholic Community
UNESCO (United Nations)
WEM Foundation
$1,000-$2,499
Alsadi
Campus Community Outreach
Carleton College
Friends of Nigeria
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H. E. and Helen R. Warren Foundation
Homestead Foundation
Katherine B. Nason Charitable Lead Annuity Trust
Kellen Family Foundation
Kenya Book Trust
Kopp Family Foundation
Lerner Foundation
Rotary Club of Wayzata
St. Luke Presbyterian Church
Ten Times Ten Foundation

$500-$999
Center For Independent Artists
Prosorce Educational Services
Rotary Club of Blaine/Ham Lake
Rotary Club of St. Cloud
Scandia/Marine Lions Club
Schooner Foundation
Stillwater Lions Club
Walden University-Sylvan Learning Systems
$250-$499
African-American Catholic Deacons
Big Screen Software
Hopkins West Junior High School
King of Kings Lutheran Church
Medford High School
Okpella Development Association
Rockford Lions Club
Sauk Centre Junior High
St. Joseph Church

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World Vision
Up Front Productions
U.S. Departments of State and Defense
Follett Educational Services
McGraw Hill
Office of the President of the University of Minnesota

“The books are amazing. So many of them were brand new and from a variety of subjects. I received some editions in large numbers such that a teacher could assign books as a teaching aid to lead classes.”

Kelly Paige Stenhoff, Nangua, Tanzania

A special thank you is in order to Rudy & Carol Sandberg for their generous donation of warehouse and office facilities, without which BFA could not operate.

Books For Africa would not be able to continue its mission without all the generous in-kind support from individuals and organizations too numerous to list. BFA ships exclusively donated books from numerous book donors—both large and small. Thank you to all.

If your name has been inadvertently omitted or incorrectly listed, please accept our apologies and contact our offices @ 651.602.9844.
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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
2002 2003
ASSETS
Current Assets $385,379 $269,077
Net Property and Equipment 74,712 59,579
TOTAL ASSETS $460,091 $328,656
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Current Liabilities 39,479 38,711
Net Assets Unrestricted 179,459 136,854
Temporarily restricted 37,724 148,489
TOTAL NET ASSETS 217,441 291,853
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS $460,091 $328,656

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITY
2002 2003
SUPPORT AND REVENUES
Fundraising campaigns $172,902 $146,612
Other contributions 64,678 528,595
In-kind services 1,600 1,409
Washburn/Office space contributed 67,450 67,450
Books contributed 7,603,280 17,567,558
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUES $17,370,715 $18,130,994
EXPENDITURES
Program operating expenses revenue 9,151,756 18,130,998
General and administrative expenses 134,498 146,204
Funding Expenses 49,584 55,307
TOTAL EXPENDITURES $7,673,735 $18,320,543
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS (5,696,980) ($1,189,550)

A CONTRIBUTION OF:
$76 supplies 200 books
$304 supplies 800 books
$2,375 supplies 6,250 books
$9,500 supplies a full container of 25,000 books

BFA RECIPIENT COUNTRIES & NUMBER OF SHIPMENTS RECEIVED

IT COSTS ONLY 38¢ IN SHIPPING TO SEND A BOOK TO AFRICA.

AFRICA

Cape Verde Is.
Cameroon
c
Senegal
Guinea-Bissau
Sierra Leone
Liberia

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
Chad
Cameroon
Nigeria
Benin

DR CONGO

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Guinea-Bissau
Sierra Leone
Liberia

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Ethiopia
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