## AAA e-NEWS BRIEF – FEBRUARY 2011



## 2011 - CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN ACTION ON AIDS 20<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

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### **Learn About African Action on AIDS (AAA)**

**AAA** is a tax exempt non-profit organization registered in the USA and operating under section 501(c) 3 of the IRS code. It is also registered in Cameroon (auth. No 00174/A/MINAT/DAP/SDLP/SAC). It has special consultative status with the United Nations ECOSOC and the UN Department of Information.

#### **AAA Mission Statement**

**We** believe that no one is alone. We succeed when the youth we serve become agents of their own change and use their knowledge to change their communities.

**We** reach the youth of sub-saharan Africa whose lives are affected by AIDS.

**We** affirm that tomorrow's responsible parents are the knowledgeable youth of today.

**We** educate youth with the knowledge they need to stay alive, and teach them to share that knowledge with their peers

**We** build extended family support networks in local villages and communities to deliver security, food, education and healthcare to children orphaned by AIDS

**We** create healthcare awareness by funding women and children's health.

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When AAA started in July 1991, we immediately decided to adopt **NO ONE IS ALONE** as the motto, not because it was a clever marketing, but because it is what motivated us. Parents were dying of AIDS all over Africa and we needed generational non biological parents to continue the good work initiated by these passing parents.

It was a tremendous opportunity to do things that directly affect lives of other members of the Human Race! We also unconsciously applied an African proverb that says:"There is eternal life when people plant baobab trees under the shade of which they will never sit"!

We wanted to help others, even though we may never meet them or benefit from their success.

We finally realized that, if we wanted the orphans we were assisting, as well as our own children to be charitable in the future, then we needed to demonstrate it to them!

20 years after, AAA has sponsored more than 4000 orphans in 18 African countries. One of the first five orphans adopted in 1992 through TASO in Uganda became deputy director of an orphanage in rural Uganda.



We will continue this work because we want LIFE - good, happy, healthy life to be eternal for ALL.

# HAPPY 20th ANNIVERSARY AAA!

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3 generations of AAA sponsored girls in Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone and Uganda

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