



# AAA e-NEWS BRIEF – MAY 2011

## CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MILDRED ROBBINS LEET – CHAIRMAN OF AAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### 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.



HAPPY 20<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY AAA!

### MILDRED ROBBINS LEET – CHAIRMAN OF AAA BOARD 1922-2011

*Dear Friends, AAA 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary continues. All e-news briefs of this year will reveal an aspect of our wonderful journey. In the present issue, we celebrate the life of our beloved Mildred Robbins Leet, Chairman of AAA Board of Directors since 2004 and whose unwavering optimism would not allow us to remove the celebratory cake on this particular issue!*

Millie, as we all affectionately called her was chairman of the Board for seven years, but full active member for all 20 years of our life. She lived a life that influenced and inspired the whole organization. She ensured that AAA mission would not be limited to just what is, but what could be. Not just what we stand in, but what we stand for, so that addressing “what we stand in” could open a creative outlet as well as resources to focus on “what we stand for”. For the first 15 years, we had a monthly lunch at the United Nations, to reinforce each other and create more clarity in what we did.



Millie with AAA orphan girls



Millie with Ruth Bamela Engo, AAA President

Later on, these lunches took place in her elegant NYC home – the last lunch took place on 3rd March 2011. Her positive comments and general peaceful influence were so present that AAA created “**The Leet Spirit Award**” to honor this woman who placed progress of the human race at the centre of her life. Her Philosophy was the following: “**Every human being, no matter how beaten down, dreams of a better life and will work like a champion for it if given the opportunity**”. AAA will continue to carry and spread this spirit! For more info please visit: [www.mildredrobbinsleet.org](http://www.mildredrobbinsleet.org)

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