THE FRIENDLY HAVEN

Sponsorship program for orphans and children in need,
Income generating program for widows,
Youth development center

Atakpamé, TOGO, AFRICA

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1. BASIC INFORMATIONS

Name of the program: the Friendly Haven (*La Maison des Amis*)
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Started in : August 2008
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2. DEFINITION OF *'THE FRIENDLY HAVEN'* PROGRAM

***The Friendly Haven* is a program led by five local NGOs based in Togo and a French organization, all of them working for the improvement of the lives of children. Their common aim is to serve not only the children in need, but also their families, their gardians, and their communities.**

This program started in 2008 in Atakpamé, a city of about 150.000 inhabitants in the center of Togo, one of the 30 poorest countries in the world according to the UN. **The Friendly Haven was founded by two partners,** a Togolese philosophy teacher and a French volunteer, **who decided to stand for children** living in the streets, orphans and young people affected with HIV/AIDS. In order to suceed, the two founders of the program contacted several local NGOs which quickly joined the team. **All together, they launched the program The Friendy Haven at the start of the school year 2008 – 2009 by providing school supplies, food, clothes ans medical assistance to 78 children.**

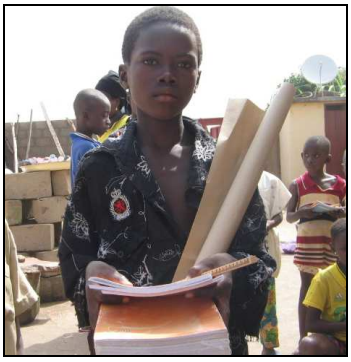
After two successful years, The Friendly Haven has now widened the range of its activities and succeded in sponsporing 200 children.

3. ACHIEVEMENTS

- **The main activity of the program is to support children in need, especially orphans. During the school year 2009 – 2010, 193 children were sponsored thanks to our donors** in Europe and Asia. Among the children, more than 50% of them are between 6 and 10-years-old, 98% have lost at least one of their parents and 48% are girls. **These children are supported not only for their schooling but also for their everyday lives with food, clothing and medication.** We bring special attention to the children living with HIV/AIDS or those whose parents/guardians are affected. We also focus on the education of girls, who are often marginalized in the togolese traditional society. The children receive a **psychological support** by our team of volunteer youth workers in Atakpamé. All of them did a great work during **the presidential elections in Februray 2010**. It was a very tense period, especially after the massive violence that followed the last elections in 2005. Our team supported the children and their families, before, during and after the elections, bringing them food regularly to save them from going out in case of riots. Finally, the elections took place in a comparatively quiet atmosphere and our work helped the children to go through this period with peace of mind.

- **The Friendly Haven also provides training and economic support for a group of 34 widows taking care of a family.** A training in management, marketing and handicraft took place in December 2009. In 2010, the widows were supported financially to launch their own commercial actvities.

- **The Friendly Haven bought a land of 14 acres to build a Home for children in need.**



Food distribution before the elections (left), children with their new school supplies (right)

4. PROJECTS FOR THE YEAR TO COME

- **Going on sponsoring the 200 children who were supported last year and even more of them**
- **Going on supporting the group of 34 widows for their income generating activities**
- **Buying 14 more acres of land for our Home**
- **Building a Home for orphans and children in need** (at least 40 children will be welcomed)
- **Developing a Professional Training Center in agriculture and farming** (the training center will support young people from 15 to 20-years-old. It will be created just next to the Home).

5. BUDGET FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2010/2011

Expenses	**In CFAs**	**In Euros**	**% of total amount**
Children sponsoring program	1 984 000	3 029	5 %
Fund for the income-generating activities of the widows	567 500	870	1,5 %
Piece of land of 14 acres	2 000 000	3 050	5,5 %
Building expenses for the Home	21 000 000	32 060	57 %
Creation of the Professional Training Center	11 409 500	17 419	31 %
TOTAL	**36 961 000**	**56 428 €**	**100%**

Income	**In CFAs**	**In Euros**	**% of total amount**
Donations from individual sponsors	3 081 500	4 704	8 %
Donations from private firms, banks, etc	2 000 000	3 050	5,5 %
Donations from embassies	21 000 000	32 060	57 %
Donations from foundations	10 489 500	16 015	28,5 %
Support from CARITAS Atakpamé	240 000	370	0,6 %
Local fundings	150 000	229	0,4 %
TOTAL	**36 961 000**	**56 428 €**	**100%**

6. HOW TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM AND BECOME A SPONSOR ?

If you wish to be part of *'The Friendly Haven'*, we welcome you and thank you!
To make a donation, please contact the French fundraiser of the Program : **Ms Bénédicte-Fleur VAPPEREAU**.
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