

Dignitas Project 2010 Annual Report & Financial Summary



2010 Highlights

Mapped all Mathare schools
<http://bit.ly/eZA5IP>

Brought new partners to Mathare

USAID, Aga Khan Foundation, and other organizations join Dignitas Project in addressing educational challenges in Mathare.

Underwent key trainings

Learned how to integrate effective literacy practices and community organizing techniques into programs

Dear Friends,

In 2010, we started to make the case that school and community based leaders represented an unreached resource for helping schools improve outcomes for children. Building upon our pilot program training teachers in Mathare schools and using additional research to understand the community's needs, we began to dream and plan.

At the end of 2009, we held a graduation ceremony celebrating the achievements of 22 teachers from five partner schools involved in our pilot program. All 22 continued teaching in their posts in 2010 and growing in their leadership as they began training colleagues. Still, we knew there were many more schools and children we could impact with our programs.

As we set out to cultivate interest among funding organizations and donors for an expanded strategy of training principals, teachers, and parents serving on school management committees, we also continued our commitment to making a real difference in the lives of children, teachers, and families in Mathare Valley through education and opportunity. With your support, we were able to achieve the

following:

- Installed two clean water tanks in partner schools benefitting 775 children
- Mapped analyzed data for all community-based schools in Mathare, the first study of its kind in Kenya's informal settlements
- Published and distributed a parent's guide to community-based schools in Mathare to empower school enrollment decisions and increase awareness for quality education indicators
- Trained 45 community health workers on how to use the school guide with parents
- Dewormed 2,000 children in partner schools

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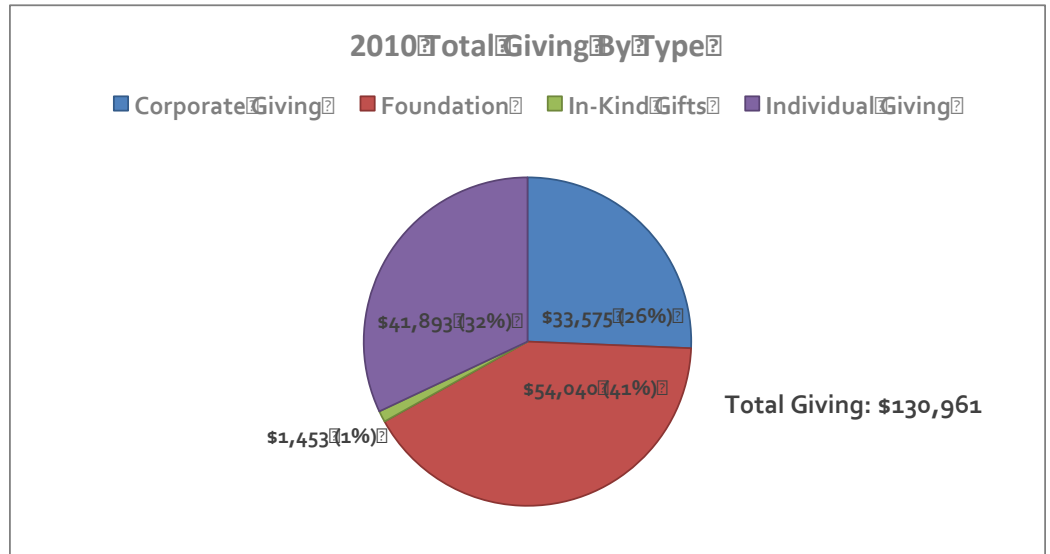
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Dignitas Project USA Financial Summary

Net Asset Balance on 12/31/09
\$10,697

2010 Total Giving
\$130,961

2010 Interest Income
\$2

2010 Expenses
(\$92,578)

Net Asset Balance on 12/31/10
\$49,082

2011 Budgeted Costs
\$249,100

- Increased the total number of brand-new textbooks invested in schools to 4,250
- Increased awareness about need for and effective use of funding in urban slum schools

In October, we began to share our strategy of developing champion teachers, visionary principals, and engaged community leaders across the community one school at a time. We visited 45 schools in the community and ultimately received applications from 30 schools. From there, we accepted the first cohort of 82 fellows across 15 schools serving more than 6,000 children for our leadership institute.

In December, we were chosen by Aga Khan Foundation as one of its Nairobi partners for a project funded by USAID. USAID Education Development Director Dwaine Lee described the influence of

Dignitas Project’s work: “Their work truly changed the entire strategic direction of USAID’s program towards addressing education challenges in urban slums.”

As 2011 gets underway, we look forward to improving leadership skills, school management systems, and classroom instruction with teachers, principals, and parents at school partner sites. Our field staff and coaches will be in the 15 partner schools providing technical assistance, literacy and mathematics training, while preparing for intensive institutes in April and August. We also plan to implement a number of health, sanitation, and food security projects aimed at enhancing the school experience for children.

We hope you will continue to partner with us as we embark on this exciting next phase of our work. Together, we will change the world through the power of education.

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