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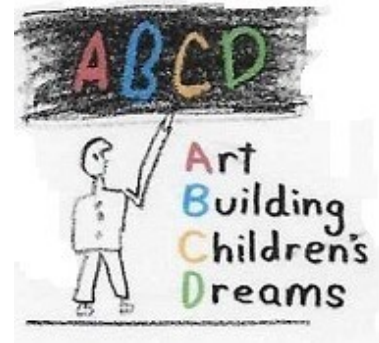
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Executive Summary

ABCD: Art Building Children's Dreams (ABCDreams) has continued to make significant strides in empowering and inspiring disadvantaged children, schools, and communities through education and collaborative community development. Our vision of a world where vulnerable children can achieve their dreams has been further realized this year through our various programs and initiatives in rural Tanzania.

VISION and MISSION

Our Vision: A world where vulnerable children can achieve their dreams.

Our Mission: To inspire and empower disadvantaged children, schools, and communities to help themselves through education and collaborative community development

Key Highlights of the Year

- **Successful Volunteer Trip:** Our team returned from a successful trip after meeting many of the 20 new students that our community partner ABCD: Tanzania had selected that were in need of support.
- **Educational Support:** ABCDreams added twenty new students to its support program this year. The total supported include 50 attending lower secondary school, 4 at upper secondary, 9 at vocational school, 17 at college and 5 attending university. In addition, we were able to purchase school supplies for all of our students. Our partner organization ABCD: Tanzania selected the new students through an extensive application process involving interviews and visits to family homes.



Students receiving school supplies



Benson's graduation

- **Breakfast Program**– A hot, nutritious breakfast was provided at 10 primary schools and 2 secondary schools in Marangu West Ward. This year we were pleased to be able to feed close to 5,000 children every day of the school year. Our partner organization ABCD: Tanzania monitored local food prices for purchasing at the lowest costs.



Children enjoying breakfast at Makomu Primary School

- **Classroom Repairs and Maintenance**– the first of several selected schools were provided with funds to carry out repair and maintenance on specific needs they have for improvement of the learning environment. These included window and door repairs, walkway and classroom cement work, electrical and plumbing work. Our partner organization ABCD Tanzania selects the school to receive the funds and oversees the work each year.



Classroom Repairs at Kitowo Napaku Primary School

- Personal Care Kits & Soap-** ABCDreams continued to assist the local village mamas, led by a retired nurse, in the sewing of menstrual care kits for secondary school girls. They call themselves Care ABCD Tanzania. The kits they produce are funded by ABCDreams and donated to each girl entering 2 local secondary schools (239 students received kits). Personal health workshops were delivered to the girls. Boys attended selected information sessions and took home information for their mothers and sisters. The mamas also produce a continual supply of liquid hand soap for the secondary schools.



Sewing reusable menstrual pads



Instruction on pelvic health and use of personal care kits

- Reuniting with Graduates** - Our team had the joy of reuniting with current and past graduates this year, witnessing first hand the long-term impact of our support.



Monica graduated from vocational training school and now happily working as a seamstress.



Gabriel with his grandmother caregiver. Gabriel is finishing his studies at Tanzania Institute of Accountancy

Financial Overview

While detailed financial statements are prepared separately we are pleased to report that our financial health remains strong. Contributing to our financial health is the long-term support of the Blossom Foundation, Ptarmigan Foundation, several Rotary Clubs, and many individuals. Our new supporters this year included the CN Employees Pension Fund, Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW Aurora Newmarket), and the Mandarin Foundation. The generous donation of professional services for web management, graphic design, accounting services and Canadian women who sew and assembly personal care kits to assist the mamas in Tanzania help keep our administration costs a little less than 5%.

Cost allocation of program delivery in Tanzania:

Tuition	30.8%
Meals & Housing	24.7%
Student Field Studies	5.6%
Graduation gifts	0.8%
Health Insurance	0.1%
Breakfast Program	29.9%
Care ABCD Tanzania	3.2%
School Repairs	3.6%
Other(bank, agent fees, Director monitoring)	1.3%

Looking Ahead

As we move forward, ABCDreams remains dedicated to expanding our reach and deepening our impact. We are exploring opportunities with supporter Dream Travel Canada and innovative approaches (a program for employed graduates to give back) to ensure that every child we support has the opportunity to build a brighter future.

Acknowledgements

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our volunteers, donors and partners who have made this year's achievements possible. Your continued support is invaluable to our mission.

Conclusion

The journey of ABCDreams is one of hope, transformation, and empowerment. We are committed to continuing this journey, ensuring that every child we support has the opportunity to learn, to dream and to achieve.

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