OUR MISSION

The Art & Global Health Center Africa (AGHCA) fosters creative leadership and implements innovative, arts-based, health-oriented programmes that inspire and mobilise.
Dear Friends,

Since joining Art and Global Health Center Africa in July 2015, it has been inspiring to see our programmes and organisation develop and grow, bringing collaborative and arts-based initiatives to diverse communities.

Students With Dreams has continued to give young student ‘Dreamers’ a chance to realise their dreams for social change, from helping children with albinism integrate to mainstream education, to using arts to get people talking about gender based violence, to helping teen mothers continue their educations.

The Umunthu film has gone from strength to strength, touring around the country and provoking open discussion around stigma and discrimination towards LGBTI people as well as scooping four awards at Lilongwe Shorts film festival. We have reached a broad range of audiences from college students to parliamentarians and religious leaders. As the year draws to a close, we’re excited to develop an in depth workshop programme, which will work with Student leaders and communities to challenge discrimination and build more friendly campus environments.

Make Art/ Stop AIDS started the role out of community film screenings in rural areas of Zomba district. The film screenings are followed by community wide discussions facilitated by actors from the film itself, and the following day community stakeholders come together to create strategic plans to tackle HIV and AIDS in their communities. We’re delighted to partner with NGO Dignitas International on the project evaluation and medical aspects of the programme.

I would like to sincerely thank you for your support and look forward to continued collaboration in the next year and beyond!

-Helen Todd, Executive Director
PROGRAMMES UPDATE
Students With Dreams (SWD) empowers young dreamers to implement innovative projects in response to social challenges they see in society. This year, we partnered with two local colleges – Chancellor College and Domasi College of Education – to provide young leaders with pertinent training, seed capital and mentorship during the college year to turn their ideas into tangible actions. SWD offers students an outlet to realise their potential, enabling them to take ownership of and lead the movement for social change in Malawi.
STUDENTS WITH DREAMS 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

26 dreamers successfully graduated the SWD programme

Completed our 4th year at University of Malawi Chancellor College of Malawi and 2nd year at Domasi College of Education

7 projects implemented at Chancellor and 5 at Domasi

4 Dreamers continued to develop their projects through the Dreamers in Residence Program

Madalo Banda was accepted for the Queen’s Young Leader Award for her co-leadership on the SWD Loud Ink project

The Students With Dreams model was adopted by the World Arts and Culture Department at University of California, Los Angeles

100% of dreamers reported feeling more prepared to take on more leadership roles after completing the SWD program

86.6% of dreamers improved their skills in collaboration and community engagement

93% of dreamers significantly developed project design and implementation skills
SWD DREAMER TESTIMONIALS

“I plan to continue battling social problems that are persistent in our communities in order to ensure that our generation and all future generations to come live in a better world.”—Alinafe Gama, Duwa la Mawa

“By making me see beyond my abilities to challenge my limits. SWD has shown me that everything is possible what matters is finding out how?” -Martin Banda

“I have always known that I wanted a job that involved me helping people, but the SWD program has opened my to look to avenues that involve empowering the community to help itself.”-Madalo Banda
The goal of the Umunthu Programme is to build a more tolerant, empathetic society through creating spaces for thoughtful discussion and reflection on issues of marginalisation and discrimination. In 2015, we held screenings of the documentary Umunthu: An African Response to Homosexuality, directed by Students With Dreams alum Mwizalero Nyrireenda. Following screenings, AGHCA facilitated discussions with the audience on LGBTI issues in Malawi.
UMUNTHU 2015 HIGHLIGHTS

• 21 Umunthu film screenings held

• 1310 audience members attended the screenings, ranging from students, government officials, members of parliament, international organisations in Malawi, UN Mission members, EU representatives, diplomatic corps, CSOs, judiciaries, media, and the LGBTI community.

• 500+ Umunthu DVDs disseminated to partners and stakeholders

• 5 screenings at local and international film festivals

• Won 4 awards at the Lilongwe Shorts Film Festival - Best Director, Best Documentary, Audience’s Choice and Best Malawian Film.

• Conducted research for the Assessment of Social Environment for LGBTI Students as part of a Southern Africa-wide research collaboration in partnership with the University of Malawi
“...the documentary is extremely pivotal because if it is shown out in the streets people will talk, whether they agree or disagree... For me, new knowledge is born where we differ.” Jessie Kabwila, Parliamentarian

“But why is it that they say they will kill homosexuals because homosexuality is a sin? My view is that we accept those people the way they are and try to find ways to help them... We should let them have the freedom to do what they want.” Umunthu screening audience member
We started roll out of our interactive MASA film project in collaboration with Dignitas International and the Ministry of Health. The project uses a film made from our participatory MASA Rural Programme to engage rural communities collaboratively and creatively addressing issues of stigma, fear, prevention, testing and treatment of HIV and AIDS. The process is facilitated by actors from the original play (themselves rural community members, some of whom are living with HIV/AIDS) with support of AGHCA Co-founder and Theatre for Development specialist Sharifa Abdullah.
Through the first stage of this project, which is continuing in 2016, we:

Held 3 film screenings in Zomba District, with around 1750 total attendees. Audiences discussed various HIV related issues, including fear of testing, stigma, discrimination, and unfavourable clinic practices.

Increased willingness to seek testing and treatment. We provided 295 attendees with HIV testing during the screenings – the majority of whom were tested for the first time.

The day after the screenings, local Chiefs, representatives of support groups for People Living With HIV/ AIDS, health center staff and Village Health Committees convened to create a community action plan on HIV/ AIDS.

To view a short film about this project, follow this link:

https://youtu.be/g55JQQo-loU.
"MASA is a life changer- if you practice lessons learnt at MASA your life will never be the same. To those people who have never been tested before, I encourage them to go for a blood test. They need to know their situation before the condition gets worse."

**Credo, Actress in the MASA film and MASA facilitator**

“Once you get tested you can prevent other people from getting HIV/AIDS also. For MASA to come here we appreciate it”

**Audience member**
ORGANISATIONAL UPDATE
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• Said a bittersweet goodbye to Executive Director Galia Boneh as we welcomed new Executive Director Helen Todd
• Organised HeForShe event with 200 participants at Chancellor College in partnership with UNWomen
• AGHCA hosted social justice film sessions at Pakachere Arts Festivals and Tumaini Arts Festival at Dzaleka Refugee Camp
• Formed or continued partnerships with 8 funding partners
• Developed Advisory Board and solicited members to begin in early 2016
Ideas from participants at He4She World Cafe event with UN Women
OUR TEAM

Staff team:
Helen Todd- Executive Director
Rodney Likaku- Students With Dreams Programme Officer
Rodger Phiri- Umunthu Programme Officer
Upile Bandawe- Finance and Administration Officer
Nancy Barry- Organisational Development Fellow (GHC)
Thokozani Kachimera- Communications Fellow (GHC)

Board of Directors:
Chancy Mauluka, Prof. David Gere, Dr Chiwoza Bandawe, Chikosa Banda, William Mlotha, Lusizi Kamblalme, Sadie O’Mahoney
THANK YOU TO OUR SUPPORTERS

Financial support

$15,000 or more  Open Society Foundation in Southern Africa, United States Embassy, Malawi

$5,000 - $14,999  Global Health Corps, Open Society Foundation, Segal Family Foundation

$1,000 - $4,999  Global Giving – Feedback Fund, Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation, University of California – Los Angeles, Galia Boneh, Stephen Todd

$100-$999  Marian Brown, Brenda Freiberg, David Gere, Diane Kaplan, Victor Schrieber

$1 - $99  Ryan Borcherding, Rebecca Gross, Gabrielle Hermann, Catherine Jere, Kerry Mahoney, Elisabeth Millican, Ellen Pero, Fiona St. Maur Shell, Alexander Sullivan, Peter Todd

Pro-bono Support, Volunteers, and Interns

Harry Chikasamba
Libby Darley
Dr. Valerie Emblen
Luke O’Sullivan
Viktoria Rietinger
Tom Schrieber
## OUR FINANCIALS 2015

### Income
- Grants and donations received
  - 55,334,265
- Bank Interest received
  - 460,936
- Exchange gain
  - 68,323

**Total Income***
- 55,863,524

### Expenditure
- Personnel costs and professional fees
  - 21,472,032
- Programme expenses
  - 9,290,373
- Administration
  - 3,987,17

**Total expenditure**
- 34,749,576

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* Note: all figures in Malawi Kwacha
* Two grants received in the final months of 2015, project implementation continuing in 2016
How can you help?

Donate! Your donations will go towards supporting the training of Malawi’s young and aspiring leaders, engaging communities to address issues of HIV and AIDS, and providing a voice to the voiceless to promote human rights. You can make a tax-deductible donation securely online. Visit www.aghcafrica.org for a link to our donation page or go to our globalgiving page at www.globalgiving.org/projects/students-with-dreams-2015/