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Dear Donors and Friends of TSP,

In 2017, we saw yet another year of growth and success in the village of Akatim. We have continued to see unwavering support from the community in regards to our work at the Akatim Village School. By enabling and collaborating, we have been able to create lasting change that will benefit the entire village for years to come.

Much of our success has surrounded the school itself. It serves as a gateway into the community and a conduit of hope for a village that was once forgotten. After nearly eight years of town hall discussions and home visits, we are now seeing the enthusiasm and dedication that we had once only dreamt of. Rather than dictating the process, we have been able to empower an entire village to create meaningful transformations for themselves, which will ultimately lead towards a brighter future for all. It has been a long time coming, but the Akatim Village School has never been in a better place.

The past year hasn’t come without major transitions, however. After the second headmaster change in less than three years, we felt that the school was in a fragile state. We were thrilled to see the students and teachers prove us wrong, continuing to thrive under any circumstances. Attendance continues to be at an all time high, teacher approval ratings continue to rise and the community continues to relentlessly aid the school. What does this mean? Sustainable change. Something that has always been at the forefront of our organization.

Moving forward, there is still much to do. A priority of ours in the coming months is to construct sanitary toilets, while running a parallel WASH educational program. This stands for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene. Akatim is not exempt from the barriers that global communities face when educating their girls: when the menstrual cycle begins, attendance declines. It is estimated that 11.5 million women in Ghana lack hygiene/sanitation facilities that separate waste from human contact and only 62% of schools have adequate sanitation facilities. The solutions to these problems begin with proper infrastructure and education. We must ensure learning for all. We have already eclipsed our fundraising goal for these projects and we hope to see construction of the washrooms finish by the end of July.

What makes TSP so special is the diversity of all who contribute. From faculty and staff, to full time volunteers who dedicate their free time to our cause, to the Ghanaian Government and donors, it simply would not be possible without all of us working together as one. There is strength in unity, and our strength comes from you.

Chris Toone
CEO & Co-Founder
The Senase Project
“Do not look the other way; do not hesitate. Recognize that the world is hungry for action, not words. Act with courage and vision.”

– Nelson Mandela
CHANGING
THE
WORLD
BY
THE
NUMBERS
The Senase Project is led by eight volunteer staff members which means 100% of your donations go directly to the cause.

$5,760
The amount raised for sponsored students. Doors of opportunity are opening left and right for our students with your generous support!
Olivia continues to amaze our entire organization. She has been incredibly committed to TSP’s mission and values since our inception in 2010. Over the past few years, Olivia has returned to Senase to live and work full-time at the Semanhyiya American School. Despite an already full schedule, she takes time to carefully supervise all of our projects and programs on the ground in Ghana, and goes above and beyond to care for the children and families in Akatim. Much of our organization’s success can be attributed to the work that she does each and every day. Her dedication to the Akatim community is one-of-a-kind and for that, we can’t thank her enough!

ISSAC AMENU
Mr. Amenu became the new Headmaster of the Akatim Village School in September of 2017. He was born and raised in Berekum, Ghana and has always known he wanted to be a teacher. He calls it a dream come true to be able to provide quality education to any pupil that wants to learn, regardless of gender, race, religion, or money. Everyone and anyone who wants to learn, Mr. Amenu is eager to teach them! Under his leadership, the teachers in Akatim continue to be motivated to become the best educators that they can be, and the school as a whole continues to thrive. We are incredibly grateful to be working with such an inspirational human being!

OLIVIA BENNEH
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2017 Staff

Akatim Village School

Debora Ameyaa
Kindergarten

Diana Akrasi
Kindergarten

Francisca Adobea
Kindergarten

Sandra Osei
Kindergarten

Elvis Tachie
Grade 1

Sylvia Yeboah
Grade 2

Pius Owusu
Grade 3

Michael Acheampong
Grade 4

Victor Owusu
Grade 5

Felix Ansu
Grade 6

Augustine Asiedu
English Language

Eric Yeboah
RME

Kofi Osei
ICT

Francis Apraku
Integrated Science

Issah Kbore
Religious Studies

Johnson Damoah
Social Studies

The Senase Project

Chris Toone
CEO & Co-Founder

Grant Nagaki
CFO & Co-Founder

Olivia Benneh
Director of Country Operations, Ghana

Sophie Kephart
Marketing Director

Brittany Chelette
Director, Education & Family Programs

Courtney Jost
Social Media Manager

Heather Elliott
Promotional Sales Coordinator

Mike Kephart
IT Coordinator
Special Thanks

**MR. JOSEPH NYARKO**

In the Fall of 2017, we learned that former Headmaster Nyarko would be transferred away from Akatim at the Government’s discretion. Although he only served as Headmaster for just one year, he was critical to our organization’s success during that time, committing himself to building lasting relationships between the staff, students, and community. To this day, the legacy of his work remains strong. Despite moving on, he continues to support our mission however he can, most notably by facilitating relationships between the Municipal Chief Executive and our volunteers. All of us at The Senase Project would like to extend our sincere appreciation for all that Mr. Nyarko has done and continues to do for the students and families in Akatim.

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**US SOCCER FOUNDATION**

In 2017, we registered The Senase Project for the US Soccer Foundation Passback program, which distributes new and used equipment and uniforms to people in need. Through this process, we were connected with the American Youth Soccer Organization Region 151 in Ogden, Utah. Working together, they collectively donated nearly 300 pieces of clothing and equipment. We would like to give a big shout out to everyone involved for their generosity and support. The students in Akatim are honored to represent your club each time they step foot onto the pitch!

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**SPONSOR A STUDENT SPONSORS**

The Senase Project would like to give a extra special Thank You to our wonderful Sponsor a Student Sponsors. Paying for school fees and supplies is difficult for most students at the Akatim Village School. You all are not only investing in your sponsored student, but also their family and the entire village of Akatim!

Our Amazing Sponsors:

- Brittany Chelette
- Dr. Paul & Geisler
- Erin Mullarkey
- Melissa Peters
- Elyssa Scheck
- Cheryl Thomas
- Kay Chelette
- Chloe Hansen-Toone
- Liz Nagaki
- James Quist
- Joan Steinmetz
- St. Stevens Church
- Bob & Joyce Elliott
- Annette Herrman
- Joan Parks
- Rebecca Rowland
- Samantha Strapason
2017 Revenue & Expenses

$12,724.41
Revenue

$10,630.61
Expenses

General Donations - 96%
Fundraising & Sales - 4%

Programs - 93%
Administrative - 7%

Future Projects

- 6 Sanitary Washrooms
- Official UBUNTU WASH Program
- Class 6 Classroom Block
- ICT Computer Lab & Library
- Teacher Accommodations
Thank You!

We could not do it without your support.

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