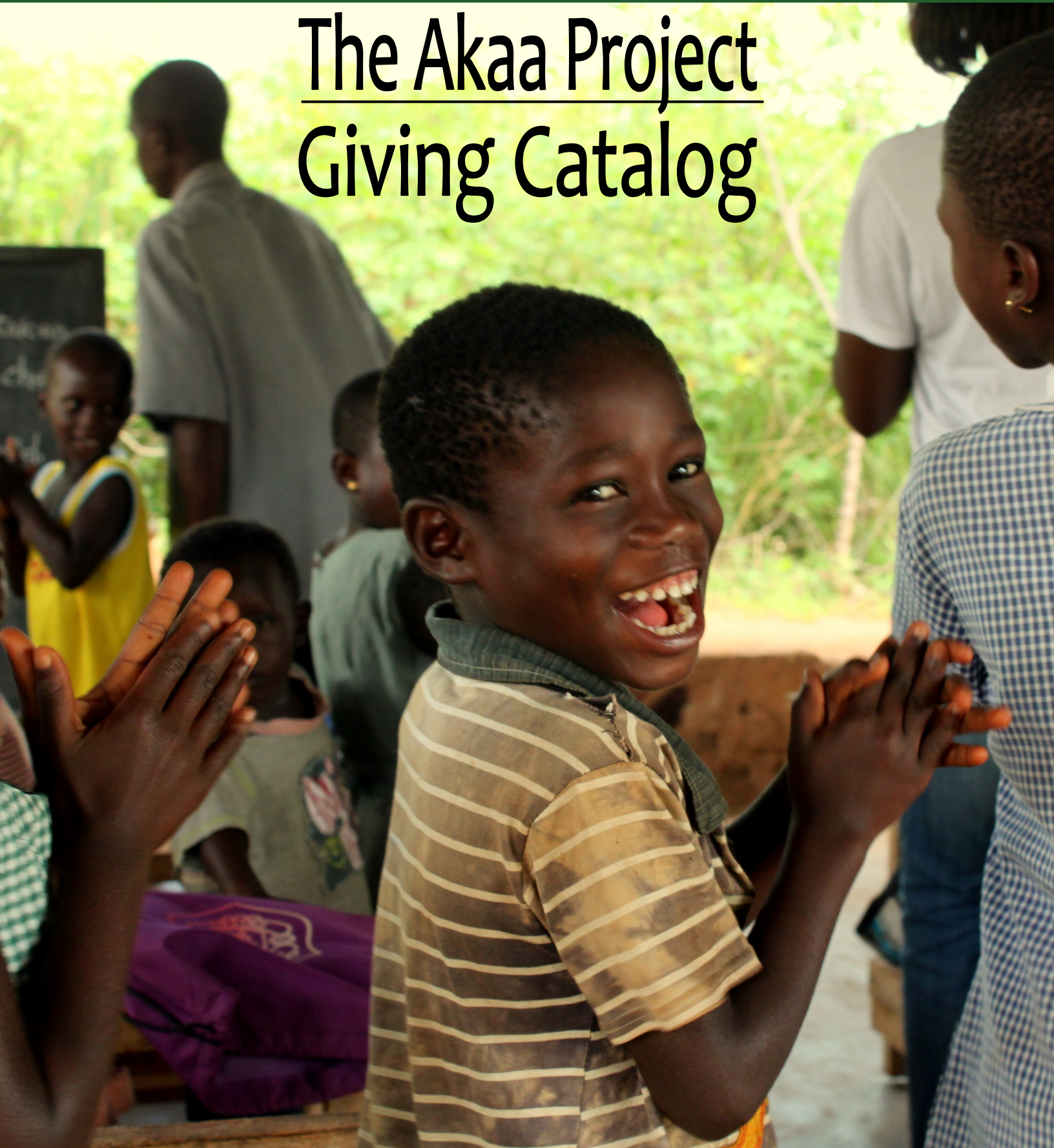




Creating Opportunity for Families in the Eastern Region of Ghana

# The Akaa Project Giving Catalog



[www.theakaaproject.org](http://www.theakaaproject.org)

# In a season of giving and hope we invite you to share that spirit and support with the children and families of Akaa.

As a non-profit organization (NGO), The Akaa Project works with the community of Akaa, a village in the Eastern Region of Ghana. We are dedicated to our focus on sustainable solutions in improving the health, education, and financial well-being and future of the community. Built upon mutual respect, the Project cultivates a high regard for the values and traditions unique to the people of Akaa. In sharing ideas, all initiatives, projects, and decisions are a joint effort with the community. With an emphasis on collaboration, the Akaa Project invites national and international organizations, groups and individuals to join in our efforts.



Donors and Friends,

Our team has worked hard to improve and create new projects based on our foundation of collaboration and opportunity. We are now overseeing the construction of a clean water well, projected to be completed this winter. January is the start to the dry season in Ghana, so the next several months we will be dedicated to this project before the local stream runs dry.

We are excited to announce that the Project has gone digital, more effectively processing monetary transfers. With the help of telecommunications company, MTN, our transactions are now completed using mobile money. We forward teacher salaries directly to teacher's phones. This will also enhance our women's micro-finance program starting in December.

We are looking forward to the success of our updated 2012-2013 Giving Catalog. Within these pages you will see many of our new and revised projects and we hope you will consider supporting The Akaa Project in developing these initiatives to their greatest potential and success. Look through our pages to learn how you can help.

Mo tsumi, medassi, thank you,

Lauren Grimanis

*President and Co-founder*



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Payment

If we receive more donations for a certain item than we can apply, the funds will be given to a similar need or project. As a non-profit organization, all donations made to the Akaa Project are tax-deductable.

# FEATURED SOLAR ITEMS

It is important for the Akaa community to gain access to electricity. Solar light provides a solution. With this resource we can expand our evening adult education curriculum. Since we have gone digital, it is crucial that people have the ability to charge their phones. Cell phones are used in completing all of the Akaa Project's transactions, including paying teacher salaries and micro-loan exchanges. Currently, members of the community must travel at least eight miles to pay for the service of charging their phones. Transportation is scarce and only readily available on two market days a week.

[d.light design](#) is a social enterprise that seeks to 'create new freedoms' for those without access to electricity. The company's recognition includes Forbes and World Economic Forum.

## [d.light s10](#)



Provides 8 hours of light on full charge with efficient LEDs and solar panel. This model is light-weight, flexible and portable. Two settings for brightness and is weather resistant. Solar and AC charging capabilities.

## [d.light s250](#)



Solar light and mobile charger. Four brightness settings, weather resistant and 12 hours on full charge. Portable and efficient solar panel with 3 meter outdoor cord. Solar and AC charging capabilities. Mobile charger comes with multiple phone connectors.



Photo by Laura Higgins

Donated lighting devices will be given to the women of the community. Women work incredibly hard for their families, cooking, collecting water and contributing financially. Solar based lighting will improve their overall lifestyle in day to day activities and empower them to pursue their own ambitions.

**d.light s10 (001): \$15.95**

**d.light s250 (002): \$44.95**

# Education

The Asiafo Amanfro Community School was established in 2007 by the Akaa Project and the community. Currently, there are over 100 registered students at the school. We have six teachers and six classes, but only three classrooms. With your support for our educational initiatives, we can improve the educational quality of the school.



## school supplies

- School Supply Package (100): \$12**
- Large School Supply Package (101): \$36**
- Classroom Workbook Set (102): \$76**



School supply packages include notebooks, paper, pencils, tablets, chalk, and crayons.

## lunch program

With the addition of a healthy mid-day lunch, children are more attentive and focused throughout the day, and gain proper nutrition. The lunch program is implemented by community time and agricultural contributions. Donations go toward providing protein for a well-balanced meal.



- Lunch support for a week (103): \$15**
- Lunch support for a month (104): \$60**

## desks, tables, benches

School furniture helps create the ambiance for learning. With donations, wood and nails will be purchased to build furniture. With the help of the village carpenters, the students' families will design and build furniture for each classroom.

- Table with 4 benches (105): \$40**
- Desk/bench set (106): \$20**
- Teacher desk (107): \$35**
- Full classroom set (108): \$150**



furniture

# teacher salaries

Help pay for teacher salaries. This allows children in the community to attend school at no cost and is one of the most helpful donations in its importance and ongoing costs.

**Teacher's monthly salary (109): \$80**

**All (6) teachers salaries for a month (110): \$480**



Photo by Laura Higgins

# buy a brick

Help maintain and expand the school by donating bricks. During the rainy season, walls become cracked and broken and must be repaired. The Project is also currently working on constructing walls between classrooms, increasing attentiveness and the individual performance of the students. Donations will be used to purchase bags of cement and sand to be molded into bricks and added to the structural integrity of the school.

**10 bricks (111): \$6**

**25 bricks (112): \$15**

**50 bricks (113): \$30**

**A full wall, 200 bricks (114): \$110**

**Bricks/materials for a new classroom**

**(115): 1,500**



# school bus

The school was built along a main road so that children from every corner of the community could attend. Over a mile away, the villages of Suta and Bosotwi are now part of our education program. Each day a hired driver brings the students safely to and from the school.

**School bus fees for 1 month (116): \$75**

**School bus fees for 1 year (117): \$825**



# Finance/Entrepreneurship

Our financial initiatives work to empower community members, provide economic opportunity and sustain current projects. These initiatives use the surrounding community resources and local expertise to increase family incomes.

We've gone digital! All micro-loan transactions are made through mobile money. When joining the program, women will receive a cell phone, allowing them to stay connected while also having greater access to healthcare, educational and business-related information.



## Give a loan

Loans are essential and the most important resource to enhance women empowerment. Women use their loans to improve their livelihoods, such as farming and the selling power of their goods. A loan will also give women the option of pursuing other entrepreneurial endeavors. Currently, women can only access bank loans with very high interest rates. This forces women to focus on repaying their debt. The Akaa Project's new micro-loan program has a low interest rate and a focus on business and community development.

**Women's Loan (200): \$100**

Animals act as an important source for both nutrition and profit. Families breed and sell livestock, and use manure for fertilizer. However, animals can be difficult to acquire because of the initial investment cost. The cycle of poverty can be stopped by providing livestock as an opportunity for health and financial security.

## PROVIDE



a pig

1 Pig (201): \$ 75



a chicken

1 Chicken (202): \$8



a goat

1 Goat (203): \$ 60

Animal donations include purchase of animal, vaccinations, and a month of feed.

## beads

Together the Akaa community and the Akaa Project have continued their work of making bracelets and jewelry with traditional Krobo beads.

**New Project:** Jewelry making will now be part of a girl and adolescence empowerment program. The program will include decision-making dialogue, sex and hygiene education, and soccer. Jewelry making will give young women the chance to make money and be a forum for girls to let their voices be heard. This will begin in December 2012.

1 lb of beads (204): \$8



Photo by Hayet Rida



# Healthcare

The Akaa Project is dedicated to enhancing education and family life through our healthcare initiatives. The following are items that are needed to continue our healthcare programs and services.

## prenatal vitamins

Pre-natal vitamins boost both the mother's and baby's nutrition. Taking vitamins throughout a 9 month pregnancy, as well as afterwards will increase a healthy birth and a nutritious baby.

### Prenatal vitamins

for a pregnancy 11 months (300): \$30



Photo by Hayet Rida

## birthing kit

The importance of clean, safe materials during birth are indispensable to the health of mother and child. In the community, births take place in family homes. Deliveries are typically assisted by the mother's relatives and neighbors and little is available for safe and hygienic precautions. With a birthing kit, women will be able to give birth using clean materials and supplies.

Kits include clean string and delivery pad, a new razor blade, soap and gauze.

1 birthing kit (301): \$14



## mosquito bed nets

In Ghana, malaria is the leading cause of death in children under 5 years old and accounts for 45% of outpatient hospital visits (WHO). We can prevent this by providing [Permanet®](#) treated mosquito nets to Akaa families.

Treated mosquito bed net (302) : \$15

# Other

The Akaa Project promotes projects encouraging collaboration and connections within the community. Through the following activities we are achieving this goal.

## excursions/field trips

Due to the Akaa community's location and financial constraints, children and adolescents are not able to extend their education and pursue alternative paths of learning. With visits to Ghana's museums, national landmarks, sites and activities, youth will gain insight into the world and how they relate to it. With new ideas and visions, children will have the advantage of developing a range of life skills to apply to their goals for the future and bring their experiences back to the community.

**Excursions/Field Trip Support (401): \$25**  
**Day trip for 15 youth (402): \$140**



## soccer

Soccer is a popular past-time for the children and youth of the community and instills important life skills such as teamwork and leadership.

**Soccer ball (403): \$10**



## volunteer support



**Volunteer Support (400): \$20**

The Akaa Project works with Ghanaian and international volunteers. Our volunteers have a rich cultural experience and have the opportunity to apply their skills and learn from all aspects of the Project. Donate to help support our volunteer program.

Our volunteers include college , high school and middle school students.

## Don't know what to donate?

You can give a general donation to the Akaa Project, which will go to the Project or item most in need. Whether it's \$5 or \$5,000, any amount will make a difference in the lives of Akaa children and families.

**General Donation (500): for you to decide**

# ORDER FORM

| Item # | Item Description  | Price   | Quantity | Total |
|--------|---|---------|----------|-------|
| 001    | <a href="#">d.light s10 solar light</a>                     | \$15.95 |          |       |
| 002    | <a href="#">d.light s250 solar light and mobile charger</a> | \$44.95 |          |       |
| 100    | <a href="#">School supply package</a>                       | \$12    |          |       |
| 101    | <a href="#">Large school supply package</a>                 | \$36    |          |       |
| 102    | <a href="#">Classroom workbook set</a>                      | \$76    |          |       |
| 103    | <a href="#">Lunch support for a week</a>                    | \$15    |          |       |
| 104    | <a href="#">Lunch support for a month</a>                   | \$60    |          |       |
| 105    | <a href="#">Table with 4 benches</a>                        | \$40    |          |       |
| 106    | <a href="#">Desk/bench set</a>                              | \$20    |          |       |
| 107    | <a href="#">Teacher desk and chair</a>                      | \$35    |          |       |
| 108    | <a href="#">Full classroom furniture set</a>                | \$150   |          |       |
| 109    | <a href="#">Teacher's month salary</a>                      | \$80    |          |       |
| 110    | <a href="#">Month of (6) teacher salaries</a>               | \$480   |          |       |
| 111    | <a href="#">10 bricks</a>                                   | \$6     |          |       |
| 112    | <a href="#">25 bricks</a>                                   | \$15    |          |       |
| 113    | <a href="#">50 bricks</a>                                   | \$30    |          |       |
| 114    | <a href="#">Full wall, 200 bricks</a>                       | \$110   |          |       |
| 115    | <a href="#">Bricks/materials for new classroom</a>          | \$1,500 |          |       |
| 116    | <a href="#">School bus fees for 1 month</a>                 | \$75    |          |       |
| 117    | <a href="#">School bus fees for 1 year</a>                  | \$825   |          |       |
| 200    | <a href="#">Women's Loan</a>                                | \$100   |          |       |
| 201    | <a href="#">1 Pig</a>                                       | \$75    |          |       |
| 202    | <a href="#">1 Chicken</a>                                   | \$8     |          |       |
| 203    | <a href="#">1 Goat</a>                                      | \$60    |          |       |
| 204    | <a href="#">1 lb of beads</a>                               | \$8     |          |       |
| 300    | <a href="#">Prenatal vitamins</a>                           | \$30    |          |       |
| 301    | <a href="#">Birthing kit</a>                                | \$14    |          |       |
| 302    | <a href="#">Mosquito bed net</a>                            | \$15    |          |       |
| 400    | <a href="#">Volunteer Support</a>                           | \$20    |          |       |
| 401    | <a href="#">Excursion/field trip support</a>                | \$25    |          |       |
| 402    | <a href="#">Day trip</a>                                    | \$140   |          |       |
| 403    | <a href="#">Soccer ball</a>                                 | \$10    |          |       |
| 500    | <a href="#">General Gift</a>                                |         |          |       |

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