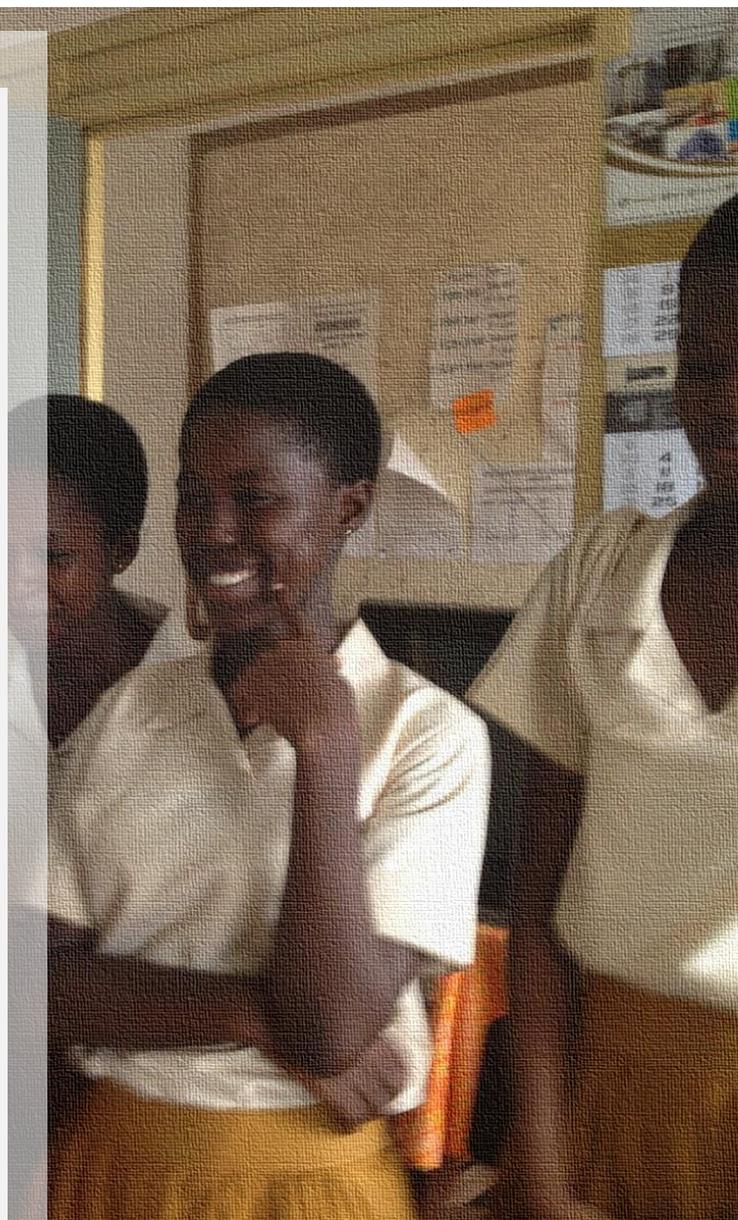
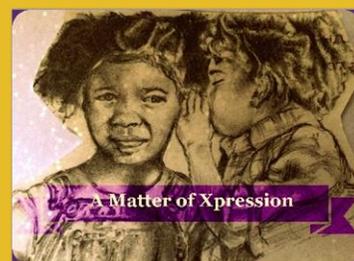


A Matter of Xpression II **ANNUAL FINANCIAL** **REPORT** **2017**



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Leading the way for girls in providing educational access in STEM subjects and more for their learning legacy! Serving girls in Ghana, Africa is AMX.

OUR VALUES:

We work diligently to grow and nurture girls for educational success in order to build their capacity in STEM subjects making them solidly grounded for Ghana and for their lifetime legacy.

OUR MISSION:

We strive to support girls in secondary schools in Ghana who are academically capable of progressing from STEM subjects learning and study.

We stake our professional and personal reputations on the work we give to the youth of Ghana, most specifically girls.

We are eager to share intellectual resources with Ghanaian secondary schools, the teachers and administration to benefit the growth of their girls.

We uphold a high standard of integrity in providing services that benefits the global growth of Ghanaian girls.

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR FOUNDER AND CEO ~



A Matter of Xpression II founded in 2013 after having visited Ghana, serving as a guest teacher at a girls' boarding school in the Western Region. Upon returning to the United States where I taught, my American girls asked why the Ghanaian school didn't have books in their beautiful library. Knowing that knowledge is power, my American girl students and I started collecting books to send to the host school in Ghana. One of the girls and her mother researched and contacted a shipper who could handle transporting the books and other supplies over the sea. Our first shipment delivered 10 barrels of books, computers, feminine products, teacher ancillary materials, reading eyeglasses, and other miscellaneous supplies to our Ghanaian girls' secondary school. These barrels arrived safely, then delivered to our school by Samuel. Thus, began the global exchange that would impact 2500 girls at only one school.

Ironically, the following school year, after having sent so many books to Ghana, our American school eliminated the librarian due to a lack school district funding. Our American students would no longer have access to their own school library. Nevertheless, these girls continued to collect books and supplies, focusing their attention on items that targeted increasing girls' studies in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). As well, we continued to supply our Ghanaian girls with books of American literature, film, and novels. Later that year, we hosted the first-ever global read with both schools and included another school in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Through this connection and the efforts of myself, Samuel, and Alahyo, we created a direct pathway to Western Region, Ghana from Pennsylvania, USA. Within two years we had filled the Ghanaian school library and supported the opening of a small computer lab. During the following year, through Samuel's Ghanaian networking, we expanded our support to two other secondary schools in Western Region, one school in Central Region, and another school in Eastern Region. In addition, Samuel and I traveled to Kisumu, Kenya and Musoma, Tanzania, while there we supported two schools. In Tanzania, the girls of a local secondary school had no decent pit latrine to use nor any funds to connect to the Internet. We supplied them with all the necessary funding necessary. In Kisumu, we were able to provide textbooks, feminine products, and Internet funding which financed their new Chromebook lab. Sadly, we have not been able to continue our support to schools in Kenya and Tanzania, shipping costs to East Africa are double the costs of sending supplies from America's East Coast to West Africa. We had to scale back our efforts and only focus on supplying Ghanaian secondary schools.

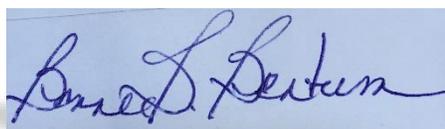
Continuing AMX's collaboration with secondary schools in Ghana brought me and Alahyo back to Ghana in 2014 to meet the next shipment of eight barrels. It was great to be in Ghana as the school and feminine items were distributed to our chosen secondary schools, both old and new education connections. Furthermore, the United States granted Samuel a visa to enter the country, thus leaving a gap in our distribution and networking process. In 2015, Joseph, was chosen to serve in the distribution and communications capacity. We were also able to include Christian, and James to our team.

It is with pleasure that we at AMX provide the necessary supplies to our collaborating schools, primarily using our own money. With few donations and even fewer paid speaking events we continue to ship much needed STEM materials to Ghana.

In 2016, Village of Champions, Inc. (VOC) considered hosting us as one of their financial partners for AMX to be able to secure grant-funding in the United States. When the collaboration proved difficult to manage based on a lack of time between both organizations, we decided to not finalize the work. We continue to work alongside VOC in athletics management and organizational mentoring.

In 2017, we were fortunate to join Prospect United Methodist Church (PUMC), the Pastor was looking to increase their mission work and prayed to have their footprint in Africa. Upon telling them about AMX and what we were accomplishing, Pastor added the mission to their giving focus.

Each year, we continue to grow – not for growth's sake either, but for the empowerment of girls in Ghana. Often, we, the AMX Team, have to chuckle because we recognize our pursuit of the mission blinds our decisions. We are grateful to be able to help support girls who might not otherwise be able to help themselves in STEM fields. The amazing work that happens as a result of our donations, fueled by the support of a few who believe in our undertaking and trust our purpose. We are proud to be in service to several communities in Ghana and look forward to many more years of service to come. Thank you and God bless.



Bonnee B. Bentum
Founder, Owner/Director AMX II



Statement of Financial NGO Position A Matter of Xpression, II

| <u>INCOME</u> | 2017 |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Cash | \$3,982.00 |
| Grants | \$2,500.00 |
| Fee Income | \$600.00 |
| Assets | \$1,538.00 |
| Interest Received | \$.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$8,620.00 |
| | |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | \$550.00 |
| Salaries | \$2,916.00 |
| Allowances | \$6,074.00 |
| Other Charges | \$2,627.00 |
| Rent | \$12,167.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURE | |
| SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) | (\$3,547.00) |
| FOR THE YEAR | |

NOTES ON THE 2017 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

In the opinion of Logistics and Fiscal Operations Manager, Christian Dedjoe-Djokotoe (Takoradi, Ghana), the financial statement gives a true and fair view of the reporting period and financial position of A Matter of Xpression II as of January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2017.

AMX II prepares its financial statement on a growing concern basis. AMX II generally follows a basic accounting or modified form thereof for key income and expenditure items. AMX II maintains its books of account in Elmina, Central Region (Ghana), and Secane, Pennsylvania (USA). All cash balances, including those held for programming are held by the AMX II Office in the United States and transferred to Ghana when required.

AMX II financial interests are held and licensed

banking activities are carried out through the Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union (PSECU), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania (USA). PSECU is federally insured by the national credit union administration and is an equal opportunity lender.

A Matter of Xpression, registered in America, both federally and locally as A Matter of Xpression, Inc. Although it was first set up as a writing and education consultant business only in America, AMX later redesigned its strategies in accordance to its blossoming philosophy to empower girls in Ghana in STEM subjects. Presently, AMX II assists girls in secondary and few junior high schools in five of Ghana's 10 regions.

These financial statements, presented in the currency of the United States Dollar, which is AMX's functional currency. All figures have been rounded off to the nearest Dollar.

The rate of exchange of the Dollar to the Ghana Cedi fluctuated between 4.1% to 4.2%. This means the \$1 was equivalent to ₵4.1 to ₵4.2

throughout the financial reporting year.

Income generating projects consists of cash donations from the Founder, Global Liaison, close friends and few family members.

A one-time special grant, supplied by Prospect United Methodist Church, to secure transit of one-half container of STEM resources to be shipped to Ghana after receiving an enormous supply donation from one of its members.

AMX Founder was paid to speak at one of the local University's in Pennsylvania about AMX work in Ghana.

Assets held by AMX II, included and estimated on an annual depreciation rate as follows: office equipment, office furniture, property (home office), and two vehicles are available for AMX use. The residual value, useful life and depreciation method are reviewed at each financial year-end, and adjusted prospectively, if appropriate.

There was no interest received on any accounts held by AMX II.

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The provision for pay is neither computed nor based in any relevant terms. Those who work with AMX are a part of a team who is giving of their time, energy and expertise to make the organization successful. Since there is no income from our activities, no sales, no interest income, no large grant donors, our team who have become a part of the team are given meager gifts of Internet costs, International telephone call plan payments, emergency monies if requested, and gently used laptops.

Rent has been calculated by using US tax rates for home offices of its size and square footage. It needs mentioning that the garage space used for storing donated inventory to be shipped to Ghana is not calculated in the cost.

Other charges are calculated from cost incurred from shipping costs of miscellaneous items, including but not limited to packing tape, hand trucks, barrels, large boxes, bubble wrap, packer tips, staff

training and development, and other related staff incentives when the need arises.

In addition, distribution related expenses occur from the transporting of goods in both duty fees and transit hardships. AMX provides overhead expenses allocated to the various shipment projects and programs at some schools.

This financial statement has been prepared for the period January 1, 2017 until December 31, 2017.

There have been no income generating projects for the year. AMX makes no sales. The organization has attempted to market itself from its website in consideration of visitors on the site donating money through a cart option. This has not proven as a good way to generate funds from the public.

Under the US Income Tax laws on business AMX has consistently shown a loss in net worth and profits.

AMX's foreign currency exchange risks are minimal since using a PSECU bank card to receive money transfers from the US Dollar to the Ghana Cedi. AMX, however, is exposed to foreign currency fluctuations from currency transfers denominated from US Dollars to Ghana Cedis. In addition, if a wire transfer is used, there are transfer fees charged to AMX per transaction.



APGSS school library after donations since 2013.

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 2017

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- Awaiting Business Registrar decision on completed NGO forms and documents – **January**
- Wired funds ₪400 to pay for NGO filing fees – **January**
- Removed Kenya and Tanzania from organization assistance – **March**
- Website updated. Women in Business page added. – **March**
- Founder collaborates with Danette Reid, small business focus group. Ms. Reid donates her time and expertise to AMX. – **March to July**
- NGO certificate received! – **April**
- Social welfare start-up fee ₪600 – **April**
- Shipment sent: 3 wardrobe size boxes; 2 drums = \$710 – **July**

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES 2017

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- Assist female student fees at SDA Midwifery/Health Assistant Training School (Asanta) ₵1395 – **August**
- Ridley School District donates over 10,000 math and science textbooks/workbooks (JHS & SHS), 20 overhead projectors, teacher ancillary materials – **August**
- Stored items in Prospect United Methodist Church – **August**
- Regional NGO certificate arrives – **September**
- Shipment arrives in Ghana – **September**
- Secured artists to render new AMX logo – **September to November**
- Methodist SHS at Sekondi-Takoradi receive computers, printer, pants, feminine products – **October**
- One-half container packed for shipping to Ghana (\$2500). Items removed from PUMC stage and hallway. Six men hired, two female students performed inventory, truck rented, hand

trucks purchased, bubble & plastic wrap, boxes, five men volunteers, AMX America Team (\$1500). – **November**

- Container arrives in Ghana port with 308 boxes of textbooks and materials, 2 musical instruments, 4 bicycles, 3 drums, 50 lb. bag of rice. – **December**
- Container opened, inventoried and moved to GPHA warehouse. – **December**

Vision Statement for 2018

In 2018, AMX will focus its attention on servicing many more schools in Ghana through our existing programs and new collaboration initiatives. As a part of our growth, we will host American student travelers and chaperones to Ghana for an exploration and mission partnership journey. We will invest in expanding our partnership with Prospect United Methodist Church and Village of Champions, Inc., a 501(c) 3 organization. We will adopt volunteers to establish a Board of Directors which we think will likely change our fundraising outlook and options.



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