



CHILDREN OF CENTRAL ASIA FOUNDATION

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Children of Central Asia Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of children at risk.

Our Vision is to facilitate a strong, global effort that provides leadership, education, and support to children at risk.

Our Purpose is to ensure that the world's most vulnerable - especially children at risk - improve their lives and livelihoods in attaining full human dignity.

Our Mission is to fund, develop, pilot, and replicate local initiatives to serve the starving, homeless, poor, oppressed street, abandoned, orphaned, special needs, suffering, war-zoned, underprivileged and high-risk children around the world by providing special programs, residences, and education in otherwise destitute situations.



FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR

WE'RE GOING TO GET BUSY

Fellow volunteers, supporters, donors and friends,

COCA has had a busy year. It is my intent to make sure we get even busier. Last year at this time our autism project was rolled out. I am asking you to join me in being a vocal advocate for autistic children and their families to ensure we educate and train autistic care providers.

I cannot overstate the importance of our grassroots network in our advocacy challenge. When we stand together, educate on the issues and arm with the facts, we can ensure sensible, effective results are behavioral education and training to sustain a vibrant and robust autistic care system that meets the unique needs of developmentally disabled children.

But bringing autism awareness in this part of the world is a challenge to our fiscal future. Last year several issues came to light that disappointed and encouraged educational and training centers. But access and funding remain the central issues and COCA will continue to provide support to important educational and training services.

I have spoken with local autistic care providers and I truly believe they care deeply for autistic children and are committed to fixing the issues related to developmental disabilities.

I look forward to working with you all this year. It is an honor and a privilege to serve as your managing director. I pledge to work tirelessly improving lives and livelihoods of children at risk.

Now let's take our experiences and help make things better for the entire autistic community.

Peace.



John Griffin
Managing Director

TEACHING ENGLISH IN KAZAKHSTAN

SUPPORT FOR APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS (ABA) TEACHER TRAINING IN ALMATY

This ongoing project will provide desperately needed specialists by providing support to attend training sessions to upgrade the level of teaching of autistic and disabled children. COCA is partnering with the Rostok Center for Child Development in Kazakhstan and ABA in Israel and Moscow. Our goal is to provide 20 ABA Level 3 specialists by the end of 2017.

KOK AISHIK ART STUDIO SUPPORT

The Kok Aishik Art Studio has been in existence for over 25 years and specializes in teaching children painting, sculpting and other art forms. COCA is providing aid to the studio to allow more low income children to participate. COCA hopes to provide funding for three to five students.

KAZAKHSTAN ACADEMY OF NUTRITION

Several needed programs started by the Kazakhstan Academy of Nutrition have been on hold due to government cutbacks. COCA will assist the Academy in preparing, formatting, editing and submitting grant applications for health projects that benefit children in Kazakhstan. Our partner in this project is the United States Agency for International Development.

ASSISTANCE TO ASTANA AUTISM CENTER

COCA assisted with the opening of the Astana Autism Center one year ago and will be providing continuing support until the Center can become self-sufficient. It is anticipated that this they will be operating on their own by the end of 2017. COCA's partner in this project is the Dauryn Center in Astana.

TEACHING ENGLISH IN ALMATY ORPHANAGES

Raising the level of proficiency of disadvantaged children in the English language increases their educational and future employment opportunities. This project includes distributing information about various grants and scholarships to orphanages, teaching English to qualified students and tutoring them for exams. In addition COCA would provide assistance in finding grants for which students are eligible. COCA is partnering with the American Councils-Education USA Program in this project.

BONAS-MACFARLANE MONTESSORI SCHOOL – ALMATY

Montessori education has been shown to be a beneficial method for children with various learning disabilities. However it can be expensive and many families cannot afford it. COCA has recently initiated contact with the Bonas-MacFarlane Montessori School's administration to discuss identifying needy children who could benefit from this teaching method with the goal of identifying funding to allow them to attend Montessori schools.

WHEELCHAIRS FOR ALMATY

Children of Central Asia Foundation has begun its "Wheelchairs for Almaty" program. After many years witnessing the hardships of the citizens of Central Asian countries, we identified an opportunity to help people with one of the simplest abilities that we hold for granted; Mobility. Last year, through partnership with local organizations, the Children of Central Asia foundation helped 200 people become mobile by providing new wheelchairs to replace their broken, disabled, or otherwise inoperable ones. We are currently working on purchasing an additional 20 wheelchairs for several poor and single parent families that we have worked with. Our goal will be to reach 500 wheelchairs in the next year.



**CHILDREN OF CENTRAL ASIA FOUNDATION
FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Year Ended December 31, 2015

Revenues		
Contributions		<u>\$258,948</u>
	Total Revenues	258,948
Expenses		
Program services		
Donations and grants	\$148,933	
Office	795	
Travel	42,185	
Conferences, conventions, and meetings	12,947	
Goods purchased	43,694	
Goods storage	6,561	
Other	<u>956</u>	
Total program services	256,071	
Supporting services		
General and administrative		
Office	1,144	
Professional services	777	
Other	<u>956</u>	
Total supporting services	2,877	
	Total expenses	<u>258,948</u>
Change in net assets		0

Our Board of Directors

The Children of Central Asia Foundation is led and managed by a Board of Directors. The Board is intentionally diverse. The panel is composed of the following individuals:

Dr. Turegeldy Sharmanovich Sharmanov

Dr. Turegeldy Sharmanovich Sharmanov was Minister of Healthcare of the Kazakh Soviet Republic from 1971. Dr. Sharmanov has been elected to the Parliament of the Republic of Kazakhstan three times.

On behalf of the Republic of Kazakhstan (RK), Dr. Sharmanov initiated and led an international conference on medical-sanitarian aid held at AlmaAta, Kazakhstan in 1978. The Conference had official representatives from 146 countries under the sponsorship of the World Healthcare Organization (WHO) and UN International Children's Foundation (UNICEF). The Conference adopted the historic AlmaAta Declaration which to this day is one of the fundamental documents of the world healthcare and is commonly known as the Magna Carta of Health of the twentieth century.

Earlier in his career Dr. Sharmanov served as chief doctor, research department manager, rector, and pharmacology director. Dr. Sharmanov has dedicated much of his life to public service, including the following:

- Founder and member of the Kazakh Academy of Nutrition; Academician of the National Academy of sciences of the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Russian Academy of medical sciences;
- Laureate of State Premium of the Republic of Kazakhstan and independent premium "Tarlan";
- Honored worker of Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Member of WHO experts' committee on nutrition; and
- Winner of the United Nation's Leon Bernard Prize.

It is the tremendous sense of faith and charity that drives Dr. Sharmanov to call for public awareness of nutritional issues and promote healthy lifestyles.

Dr. Mukhambet Zhumanazaruly Kopeyev

Dr. Mukhambet Zhumanazaruly Kopeyev's current post as the Deputy Chair of the Senate of the Republic of Kazakhstan Parliament represents his commitment and imprint for peace and prosperity of the Kazakhstani people. His work as a distinguished politician of the Republic of Kazakhstan culminated in two decades of government experience, including holding multiple positions in the Komsomol, Soviet, and economic office. Dr. Kopeyev has also served under the 1st President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Dr. Nursultan Nazarbayev, in key administrative and policy-making posts.

Throughout a very successful career, he worked as an accomplished lawmaker, effective lawyer, mining engineer and foreman, recipient of multiple government awards (three orders, five medals) and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO) Commemorative Token (2007). Dr. Kopeyev is an internationally known and recognized authority and pioneer in the development of audit activity and accounting in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Dr. John Griffin

Dr. John Griffin brings more than 30 years of professional experience and skills in international business, development and foreign policy. Before joining the U.S. Agency for International Development, Dr. Griffin worked with Special Olympics, United Nations, San Diego Shelter Program for the Homeless, U.S. Department of Agriculture and World Bank.

Dr. Griffin's skills and experience are in the areas of energy, food security, agribusiness, rural development, economic growth, enterprise development, maternal childcare, health, nutrition, HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness, vocational training, and gender and women's issues.

Dr. Griffin work in Central Asia for seven years. In the mid-2000s he embarked on a study to better understand the plight of needy and vulnerable children population of the region. Using demographic and health surveys, government statistics, interviews with government officials, representatives of the international community, NGOs, combined with field visits/observations to health and education facilities, factories, agricultural enterprises, and small workshops, and survey information collected on street children and children in bazaars, Dr. Griffin's findings cried out a need to help all children at risk. Moreover, the findings resulted in the formation of the Children of Central Asia Foundation, Inc.

Today, the need has not lessened; it is greater than ever. Civil wars and depressed regional economics have created thousands of helpless orphans and

abandoned children and destroyed educational opportunities, even for children who remain with their families.

Dr. Griffin is devoting his time, compassion, love, knowledge, and funds to help the needy children of Central Asia and around the world in their struggle to attain full human dignity.



ANSWERING THE CALL.

I want to express our sincere gratitude to our donors for their continued financial support.

Additionally, I wish to acknowledge the support that the Board of Directors has shown me and thank them for their continued commitment.

I would also like to thank COCA's volunteer team for their hard work and perseverance during a challenging year. Become a volunteer, grow with us!

Moreover, I would like to thank our bankers, attorneys, auditors, consultants and other service providers.

We know that non-profits continue to have budgetary challenges. The decrease or loss of foundation and government funding and the slow economy continue to make funding difficult. These tough economic times cause us to appreciate our supporter more than ever. Individual donors continue to make a real difference.

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