



Annual Report 2015-16

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Message from ASAP President

I'm delighted to share ASAP's 2015-16 annual report with you. It's been a year filled with successes, challenges and learning.

For many years, my dream, as so many of you know, has been to establish a project that puts tools in the hands of entrepreneurs. In the last 25 years we have tried various hands-on projects and approaches, all with one aim – to cultivate self-reliance. ASAP's training projects in construction, agriculture and operating savings groups in Africa have all been successful in helping thousands of families survive and thrive. But nothing thrills me more than the life-changing, direct impact of putting tools into the hands of young vocational graduates who are eager and enthusiastic to put their newfound skills to work earning a living.

ASAP's 'Tools For Empowerment' pilot project is the result of this dream. My enthusiasm for this project was seeded from first hand experiences as the Zimbabwe-based partner of UK based 'TFSR' - a program refurbishing donated tools to support entrepreneurs in Africa since 1980.

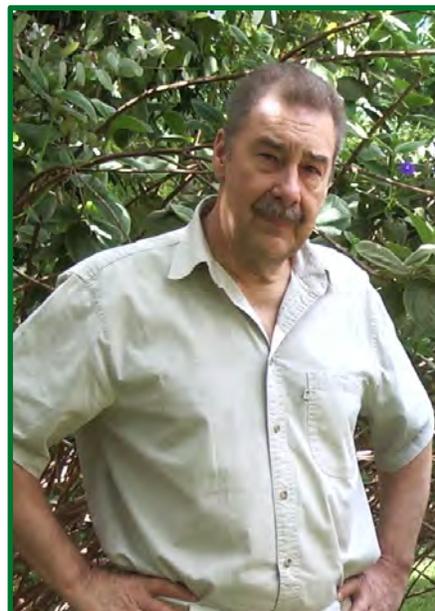
'Tools For Empowerment' project is a natural progression for ASAP; harnessing the abundance of resources and compassion in the U.S to help empower entrepreneurs with the tools for success and as a way forward out of poverty. Our determination to promote self-reliance remains steadfast and we cherish your interest and loyal support.

Working together we look forward to building a stronger network to help change the lives of youth with the tools for success. Without you, we can do nothing.

Thank you for your continued support in our work.

Tom Arsenault

ASAP Board President



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Tools For Empowerment (TFE) is a project to empower youth in Latin America and The Caribbean with the tools for success. In the U.S., donated tools and equipment are refurbished by volunteers and shipped directly to vocational school graduates.

Tools for future auto mechanics, carpenters, electricians, masons, metal workers, welders, plumbers and seamstresses are kept out of landfills and put into the hands of young entrepreneurs. ASAP is confident that these tools go directly to vocational graduates through our ongoing partnership with The Salesian Missions Worldwide. They provide education and vocational skills training in 130 developing countries, and request that ASAP ships tools where they will have the most impact in order to put graduates with recently acquired trade skills to work.

This three year pilot phase comes to an end in May 2017. The project has been hugely successful. ASAP is now exploring partnerships and establishing systems in order to scale up this work regionally.

TFE not only provides desperately needed tools to youth; it also connects the local community to this important work. ASAP volunteers and local churches give their time and offer a life-changing helping hand to empower less fortunate families become self-reliant.

In-kind contributors

The generous support of in-kind contributors has been fantastic. Donations are accepted throughout the year and nearly five thousand tools were donated this year. Many people also donated tools during the second annual Trick-or-Treat for Tools drive. During October local churches serve as collection points and various businesses help promote the campaign with a Trick-or-Treat for Tools display. Special thanks to all the participants and everyone that contributed!



Volunteers Make It Happen!



John Capobianco and Edna Potash, volunteers extraordinaire, help empower youth with the tools for success

Volunteers are the backbone of ASAP's 'Tools For Empowerment' operation. During the past year volunteers, old and young, came together and refurbished, repaired and packed over 5,000 tools. Volunteers make Tools For Empowerment possible! Volunteers and youth can earn community service and beta club credits for their service.

A special shout-out to Lou Conti, who earned his Eagle Scout Badge by painting the outside of ASAP's 40 foot storage container. Restored and renewed, Lou and his team did an amazing job!



Lou Conti and his team restored and renewed ASAP's 40 foot storage container and earned his Eagle Scout badge.

ASAP's Local Faith-Based partners

The priceless support from local churches has been a key to the success of TFE. We are so grateful for their active participation and support.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Peachtree City GA



Each year the support from The Holy Trinity Catholic Church continues to grow

ASAP launched TFE with our inaugural tool drive at Holy Trinity in May 2014. Each year the support from this fantastic faith community grows. Volunteers participate by helping to refurbish tools during the annual youth day of service "Mission Possible Day". Confirmation students can earn an apostolic activity by volunteering at TFE. The Holy Trinity also participates in the annual Trick-or-Treat for Tools Drive when parishioners bring tool donations to The Fall Fling event. Thanks to Pastor John Murphy, Youth Minister Heather Garger and all the parishioners for making each tool drive more successful than the last.

The Church of Christ, Peachtree City GA

Their mission is to share Christ's love by helping people in need. A fantastic congregation - one Saturday of each quarter the The Church of Christ youth group volunteer; helping prepare tools for shipping to vocational school graduates. The support from this active faith community grows each year. This year TFE was proud to participate in their annual youth day of service "Church of Christ Love's Atlanta Day". They also participate in the annual Trick-or-Treat for Tools Drive when parishioners bring tool donations to their annual

Trunk-r-Treat event. Thanks to awesome Youth Ministers Phillip and Peyton Baus and all the parishioners who, once again, donated an amazing amount of tools and equipment.



Tools For Empowerment is proud to be part of "Church of Christ Love's Atlanta" youth community service day.

First Presbyterian Church, Peachtree City GA



The First Presbyterian Church is an amazingly active congregation. Thanks to Pastor Morgan Hay for her continuing interest and support. The Church held a tool drive throughout December and also participated in the annual Trick-or-Treat for Tools Drive when parishioners bring tool donations to The annual Fall Festival. They collected a large amount of tools and have become one of ASAP's best supporting churches.

Mission's Director, Susan Piriano, looks forward to supporting Trick-or-Treat for Tools, at The First Presbyterian Church.

St. George's Catholic Church, Newnan GA

Parishioners Roland and Maggie Rogers are on fire - The participation at St. George's Church in Newnan GA during ASAP's 2015 Trick-or-Treat for Tools drive was incredible! A vibrant and growing faith community, St. George's currently has about 1,200 families registered in the parish from many backgrounds, cultures and places. They are an enthusiastic group and ASAP is proud to be working in partnership.



Maggie and Roland Rogers inspired the congregation to fill many Trick-or-Treat for Tools bags at St. George's in Newnan GA.

Hopewell United Methodist Church, Tyrone GA



Steve West and Roni Fody - parishioners at Hopewell United Methodist Church, hold their first annual Spring clean up March tools drive in Tyrone GA.

Hopewell United Methodist Church in Tyrone is ASAP's newest project partner. This is yet another church that contributed their efforts to collect tools for ASAP's Tools For Empowerment project. They held their first annual March Spring Clean-up tools drive for ASAP this year. The results were fantastic and we look forward to our growing partnership and appreciate their belief in and support for our work to empower youth.

Financial Information

Thanks to everyone that contributed financially to our success; investing in ASAP's vision: A World Without Poverty. We cherish your support and work diligently to get the most of each and every dollar you donate. Special thanks to The West Foundation for providing a grant to support TFE.

\$10-49	\$50-100	\$101-\$800	1,000+
Andy Berube	Wolfgang & Elfie Benz	Combined Federal Campaign	Africa Direct
Terry Blind	Pat Gyi	Irene Dunlap	Cleo Clark
John & Lindy Capabianco	James & Lindsay Hunter	Cornelius & Torria Landry	Global Giving
Luz Estela Dzenis	David & Louise Main	Ellen MacRae	Nick & Kathleen Locher
Frank & Barabara Fay	Don Patillo	Edna Potash	Ed & Denise Outlaw
Michael & Tori Fay	Kathy Powell	Rob Schexnayder	The West Foundation
Kathryn Harmsen	Marie Powers	Dee Schmidt	
Lynda Petrie	Peachtree Pediatric Dentistry		
Michael Sanon	Starr's Mill Internal Medicine		
Richard Simms	Clay Van Meter - State Farm		
Miles & Phyllis Trocquet			
Michael Waybright			

ASAP Financial Statement Summary

Statement of Financial Position As of September 30		Statement of Activities Oct. 1 - Sep. 30			
	2016	2015	Revenue & Support		
			2015/2016	2014/2015	
Assets					
Cash	3588	6,500	141,932	173,214	
Other assets	3138	3,754	175	695	
Fixed assets	7584	7,084	11	30	
Total assets	14,310	17,338	142,118	173,939	
Liabilities & Fund balance			Expenditure		
Current Liabilities	1,104	1,664	Management & General	5,102	
Long term Liabilities		0	Fund raising	2,186	
Total Liabilities	1,104	1,664	Overseas program	138,477	
			Total expenditure	145,765	
			Other Activities		
Net Assets			Net assets, beginning of year	15,675	
Unrestricted net assets	13,206	15,674	Change in net assets	-3,647	
Temp. Restricted net assets			Net assets, year end	12,028	
Total net assets	13,206	15,674		15,675	
Total Liabilities & net assets	14,310	17,338			

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