# Newsletter December 2018

Kekeli is a non-profit organization dedicated to addressing human rights issues in Ghana



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## **Greetings from Ghana**

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As we leave 2018, Kekeli is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> year of work in Ghana. It doesn't seem possible! Looking back, I can see how we have changed direction as we became aware of new needs. For years we have been working toward building a model inclusive school and will be completing construction of the first building, the resource and assessment center, in December. We are working at providing health care and nutrition for children so that they are able to do physical therapy and we still work with government and community groups since their support is crucial. In this newsletter you will learn of the wonderful progress we have made. Please share this newsletter with friends and family, Tell them of all the exciting work we do and encourage them to donate. As we enter 2019, we realize how very grateful we are for all your support. Without it, we would not be here to celebrate a 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

Help us make the next 10 years even better! Thank you - and Happy Holidays!

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### **Resource and Assessment Center**

#### **Model Inclusive School**

Over the last three years Kekeli has been working to build a Model Inclusive School in Ho. This year we have been successful in securing 4 acres of land from the E.P. Church of Ghana for the project. We have received sup-



port to build the resource and assessment center from the Australian High Commission, Ghana - Direct Aid Program (DAP). We are near completion of the center and are making plans towards construction of the kindergarten and nursery.

We ask that you consider supporting our cause to build the model school for all children.





Design of the resource and assessment center, view of construction with Adaklu Mountain in the background, glass doors and windows recently added to the center.

### **Successful Fundraisers**

Our third annual fall fundraiser was successful in many ways. To celebrate our tenth anniversary we organized several events and speaking engagements. At the Delmar Reformed Church, we had great music and dancing by John Dickson and the Gomni Drummers and Henry Okopti and the Okropoin Dancers and an informative presentation about Kekeli's work in Ghana. At the Photo Center of the Capital District we organized an exhibition and launched a new book, *Ghana's Spirit Children*. We also had the opportunity to share our work at Utica College, Syracuse University, the Rotary Club of Delmar, Bethlehem Central High School's Key Club, to name a few.

Thank you to all who contributed toward that success! To all who worked at the event, all who contributed toward it, and all who made donations to Kekeli---THANK YOU!





Fundraiser at the Delmar Reformed Church and Exhibition at the Photo Center of the Capital District.



**Sampson,** 2, with his new crutches. Sampson was born with a deformity in his right leg. His father abandoned him after he was born and he is being raised by his mother. At first Sampson was afraid to use his crutches but after a month at physical therapy he is now walking. Sampson still needs surgery on his leg and later he will be fitted for a prothetic. Kekeli is raising money to support Sampson.

### **Success Stories**

Jonathan, 4, with his grandmother at the goat pen where she leads a project to help provide income for one of the parents' groups. Jonathan has cerebral palsy. His mother was unable to take care of him, and his father passed away. His grandmother has been taking care of him but struggles to work. The goats she is now raising will help her support Jonathan and her family.



Some of you may remember our report about Baby who was attacked with a machete by her husband in 2012 and lost both her arms. Kekeli was called by the hospital and has been helping her to become independent.

In this photo, she is watering her tomato farm which was sponsored by Kekeli. The farm provides food and financial support for her and her three children. SEND DONATIONS TO KEKELI INC. P.O. Box 712 Slingerlands, NY 12159

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#### Note cards available

Sets of four note cards are available for \$10 depicting images of Ghana by Ghanaian photography students. All proceeds will go to Kekeli Inc. to help support future student projects. To order cards contact Mary Jane Brown at (518) 465-6576 or by email kekeliinc@gmail.com

How you can help!

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