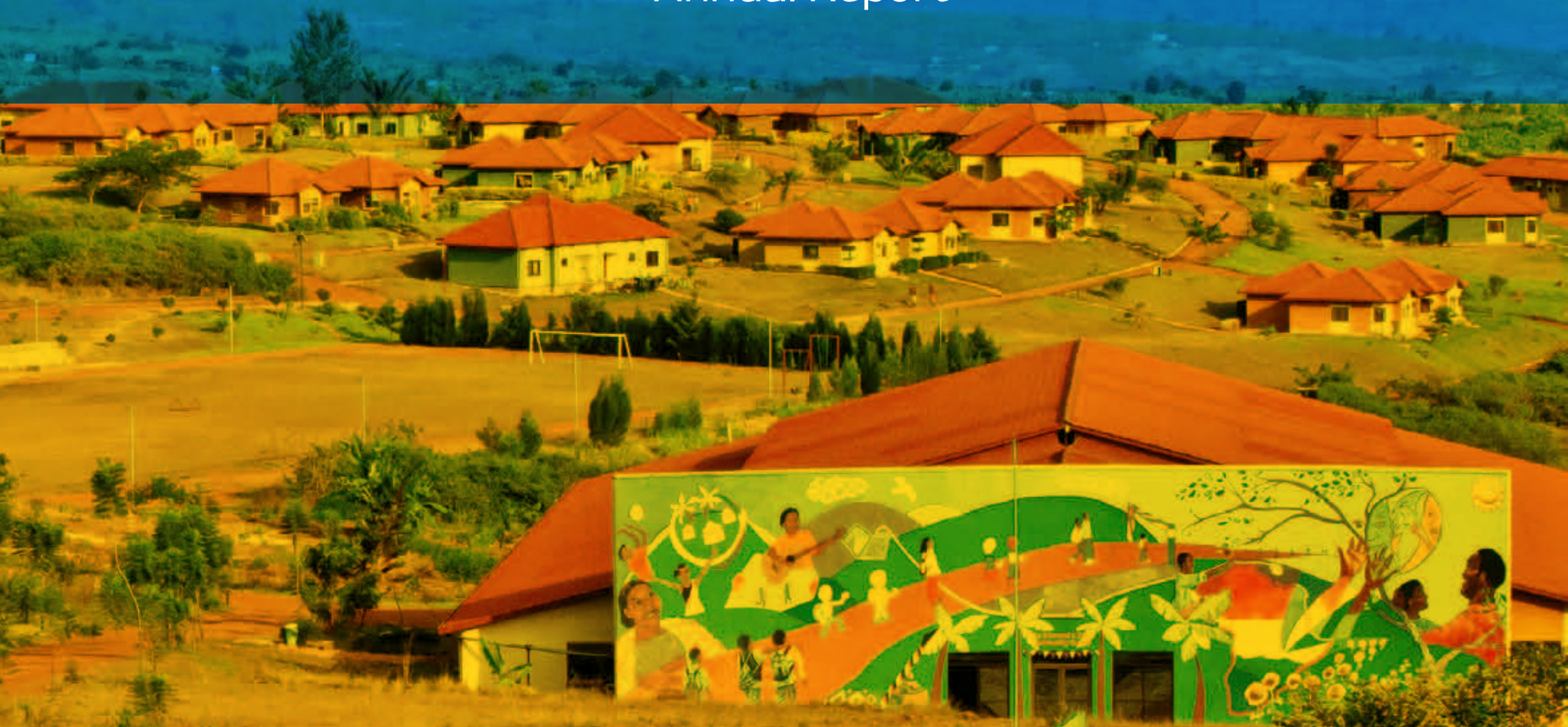


Nurturing Potential

Restoring the Rhythm of Life for
Rwanda's Most Vulnerable Youth

2011

Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village
Annual Report



800

local children tutored



35%

of our food comes from our own farm

11

houses provided for the elderly



20:1

student-to-teacher ratio



There are 2.8 million orphans and vulnerable children in Rwanda today. Often left to fend for themselves and each other, they live on the streets, in child-headed households or are placed with extended family in subservient or abusive situations. The majority of these marginalized youth cannot think beyond their next meal, let alone dream about the future. Without a viable solution to nurture, educate, and heal this vulnerable population, the impact of a generation of hopeless youth would be devastating for the future of Rwanda.

Thanks to the hard work of everyone in our community, we're improving this outlook every year. In 2011, we hit our maximum capacity of 500 students—four class years of 125 kids each. This year, we're graduating our first class of kids—graduates who will walk out of our gates full of hope, dreams, and possibilities. And we are always looking to the future with our own dreams of expanding ASYV's reach—influencing other organizations to implement our model across the globe.

But at our core, we are about the future of our kids. We believe in them and, more importantly, we have restored their belief in themselves.

And this belief is fundamental, not only for building their futures, but for ensuring the future of Rwanda.



Ane Ekegna
BOARD CHAIR



Restoring the rhythm of life

The 144 acres that make up ASYV are filled with a bustling community. Students, teachers, informal educators, family moms, big brothers and sisters, a dedicated staff, and volunteers from around the world all work together to create a loving, stable, and supportive family and community for our incredible kids.

From the state-of-the-art high school where our kids study to our Health & Wellness, Science, and Art centers and our fully operational farm, we provide an engaging environment for our kids to learn and grow.

Our kids participate in 20 different enrichment programs centered on athletics, hands-on science, and the arts. We also have many student-led clubs that both keep our Village running and give our youth a stronger sense of ownership over their community.

We celebrate public holidays in a uniquely Village way—from choosing heroes who embody our Village philosophy for Hero's Day, to feasting together to end the fast of Ramadan, to celebrating baptisms and confirmations.

We are a Village full of life and possibility, with an energy that is felt the moment you pass through our gates.



Chores at Home

We wake up with the sun (at 6:30 a.m.), eat breakfast, do our household chores, and get ready for school.

Walk up the Hill

Once we have chores out of the way and we're ready to learn, we walk up a steep hill flanked by coffee trees and tiny colorful birds.

Liquidnet Family High School

At the top of the hill, we arrive at the Liquidnet family High School and prepare for the day.

Our official school day begins at 7:30 a.m. with a homeroom check-in with our teachers.

Classes

At school throughout the day, we study many subjects, including:

- Science, Languages
- Mathematics, Computers
- Physics, History
- Economics, Geography

Lunch

We love school, but by the afternoon we're ready for our lunch! We walk down the hill with our friends and eat lunch together with the faculty.



Enrichment Programs (1st & 2nd years)

After lunch, our after-school enrichment programs start.

Each term, through enrichment, we learn more about what we're passionate about, and what we might want to do with our futures and careers.

Sports and the Arts

We get to choose one sport and one art activity per term.

- Karate, Football
- Piano, Carpentry
- Basketball, Volleyball
- Guitar, Singing, Recording Studio
- Traditional Dance, Sewing

Enrichment Programs (3rd & 4th years)

While the younger kids play sports and learn crafts to hone their passions, we are pursuing ours with the help of Professional Skills training.

Job Readiness

We know that we need to be prepared for the workplace, so we study Akoze Kanoze, learning important skills like how to prepare for an interview and write a resumé.

- Modern Agriculture, IT, Hospitality

Professional Skills

We also learn specific professional skills to ensure our futures in Rwanda.

Business Club

Through our Business club, we supplement our Job training and also learn about entrepreneurship.



Clubs

By this time, we're ready to have a little fun and care for each other and our community.

Through our 14 clubs, we can all participate in the maintenance and leadership of our Village. Our clubs offer something for everyone, with focuses such as:

- Religion, Culture, the Arts, Entertainment, Debate, the Environment

Activities

When we're not busy with our clubs, we're usually participating in campus activities.

On Wednesdays we always have debate nights in our houses.

On Friday nights, the Village gets together for an assembly and we get to watch a video news segment filmed by our TV club.

Family Time

After dinner each night we have Family Time. There we share our thoughts, feelings and struggles and discuss important family issues. Sometimes we just enjoy laughing and singing and spending our time together.

Village Time

Every Friday evening, the Village Time Club organizes a gathering of the whole Village community where we can sit together in the spirit of a real family to share our talents, reflect on the week, and discuss Village life.



The Farm

Saturday mornings, you'll always find us on the farm with our teachers, parents, and staff. Everyone knows how important it is to keep the farm productive, and the Farm Club makes sure that things go smoothly, managing rotation of assignments among the houses, deciding who does:

- Harvesting
- Planting
- Weeding
- Hoing

Recreation

The Religion Club on campus represents all the faiths in the Village, and plans religious events including services.

A lot of kids' favorite thing to do on weekends, though, is to sing. We organize our own choirs and teach each other music and harmonies that carry across the whole Village. After all, we have to make sure we're prepared for all the talent shows!

Movie Night

On Saturday nights we watch a movie selected by the Movie Club.

It is very relaxing and a nice change of pace from the busy week.

500

students living and learning at the Village

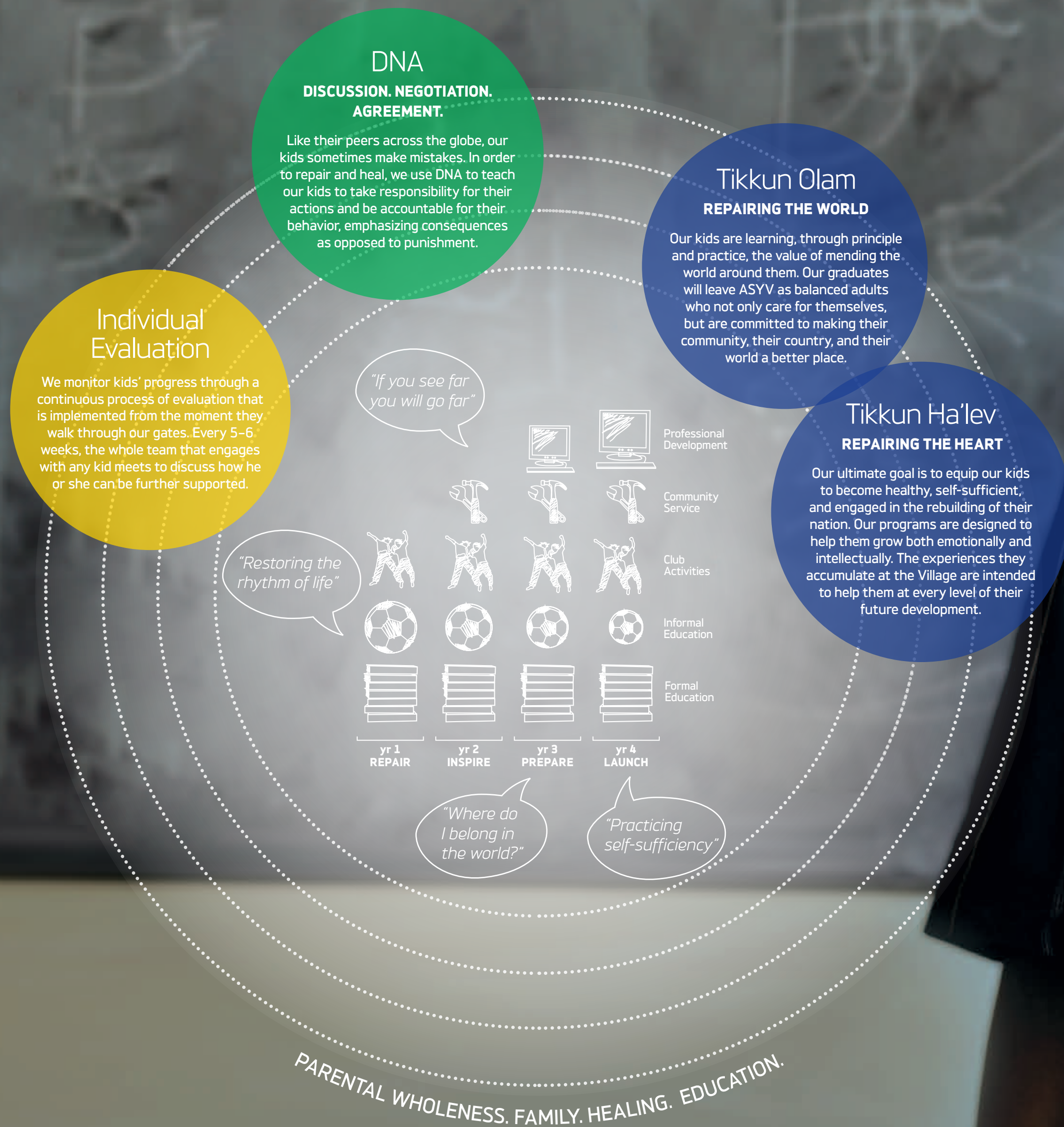
Our holistic philosophy

In their four years at ASYV, our kids are provided with a place to heal and the tools to flourish—the loving support of a family environment together with structured education and enrichment programs. This holistic approach promotes emotional and intellectual growth, practical skills, and a commitment to give back.

Our goals at ASYV are to provide our kids with proper development opportunities, prepare them to live independently, grow their self-esteem and sense of identity, and encourage positive social behavior. In pursuing these goals, we hope to create a system that supports orphaned and vulnerable youth across the globe.

To achieve these goals, we have adopted a general philosophy of Parental Wholeness. This is the concept that the Village as a whole can provide all of the things parents would ordinarily give their children. Beyond the basic necessities of food, clothing, and shelter, ASYV offers our kids the opportunity to become healthy (both physically and mentally), educated, enriched, and independent.

Everyone who lives and works in the Village is trained in our philosophy and the three guiding pillars on which it is based: Individual Evaluation, Tikkun (Repair), and DNA. These pillars allow our adults to create parental wholeness in the Village, and allow our kids to develop into healthy, whole individuals.



180 locals tutored in literacy by our kids

Another great year...

This past year has been an extraordinary one of infrastructural, organizational, and programmatic growth for Agahozo-Shalom.

We're so proud of what we have accomplished thanks to the generosity of our donors, the deep commitment of our staff and volunteers, and the leadership of our Board of Directors. Thanks to our collective efforts and dedication, our kids are thriving.

500
students

Completed final construction to accommodate a full capacity of 500 students



1st

Preparing our 1st class to graduate in 2012

Hired Jean Claude Nikulikiyimfura, our first Rwandan Village director



3

Professional Skills tracks up and running



Short-Term Goal

think of the future

Give each graduate a road map to continue his or her education or join the workforce upon graduation

Short-Term Goal

job placement

Develop a resource center for job and internship placement

Long-Term Goal

maximize potential

Use our experience from the past four years of operation to evaluate the most effective methods for assisting our kids and maximizing potential

Long-Term Goal

monitor impact

Enhance the tracking and measuring of Agahozo-Shalom's impact, not only on our kids, but on the communities they will return to

Long-Term Goal

future initiatives

Develop business initiatives to support the Village with future income and to provide additional training and career paths for our graduates

...with more to come

Reflecting on our successes reminds us that there are still challenges ahead. Together, we can and will surmount them.

Help us build a promising future for the kids in Rwanda

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or
212-863-1412 to contribute
(credit card donations are accepted over the phone)
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return to:
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Our ability to move our vision forward is critical to the millions of vulnerable and marginalized youth in Rwanda—kids for whom Agahozo-Shalom Youth Village is a last chance. On behalf of our kids, *murakoze cyane, thank you* for making that all possible.

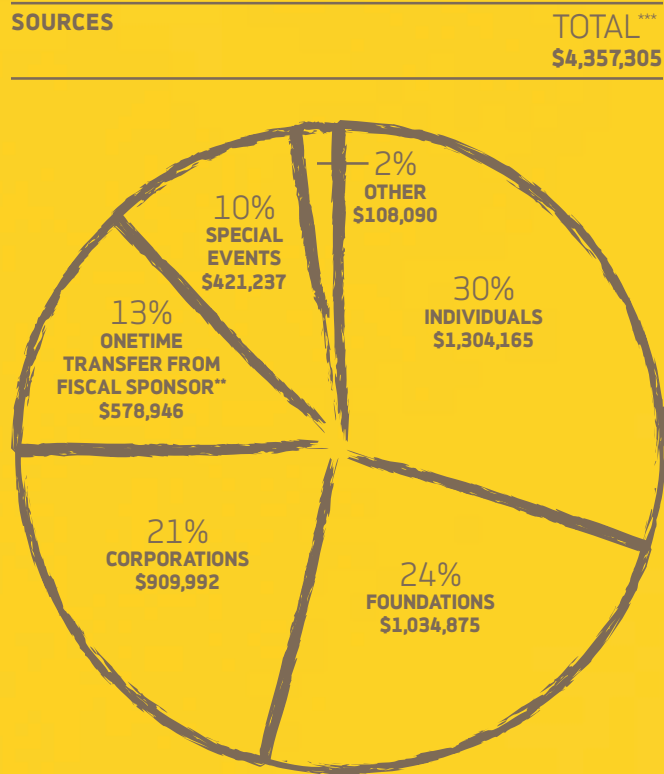
292 long- and short-term volunteers



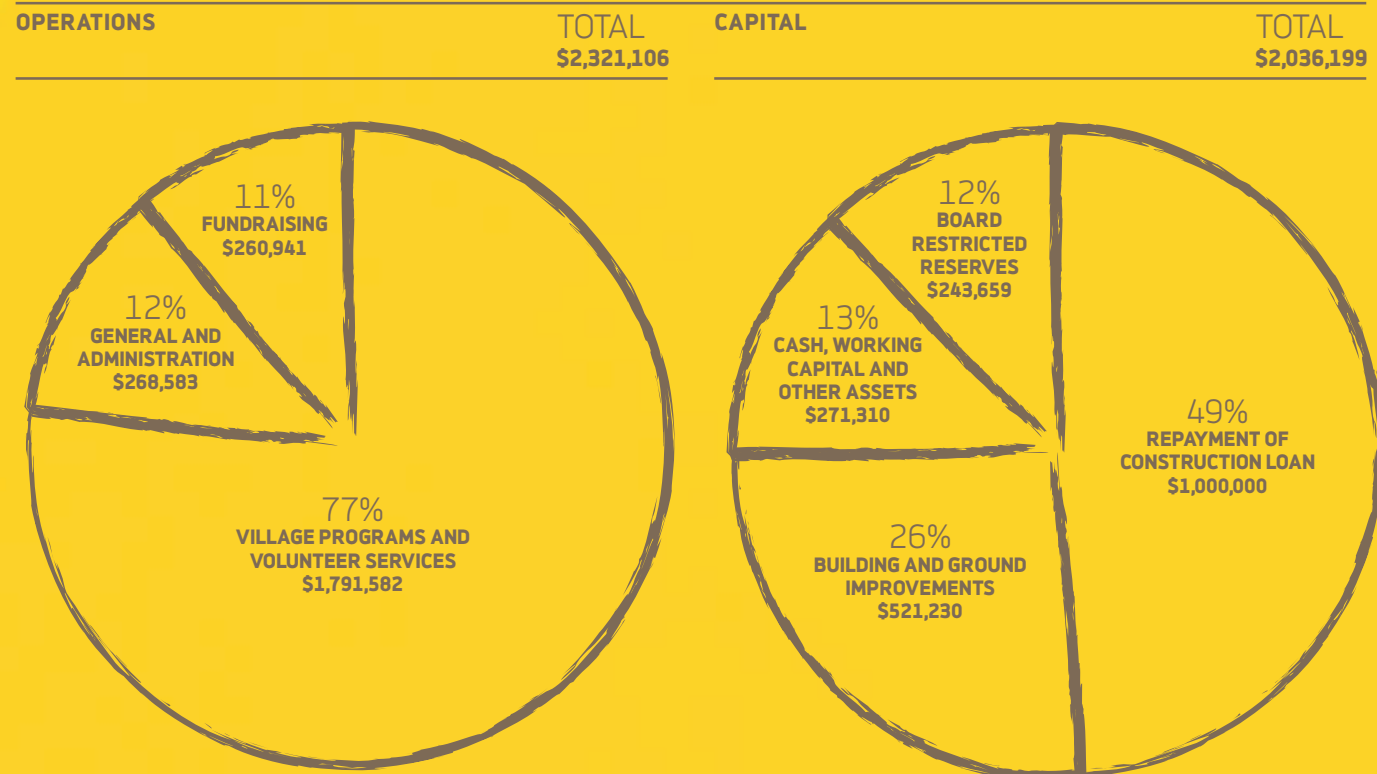
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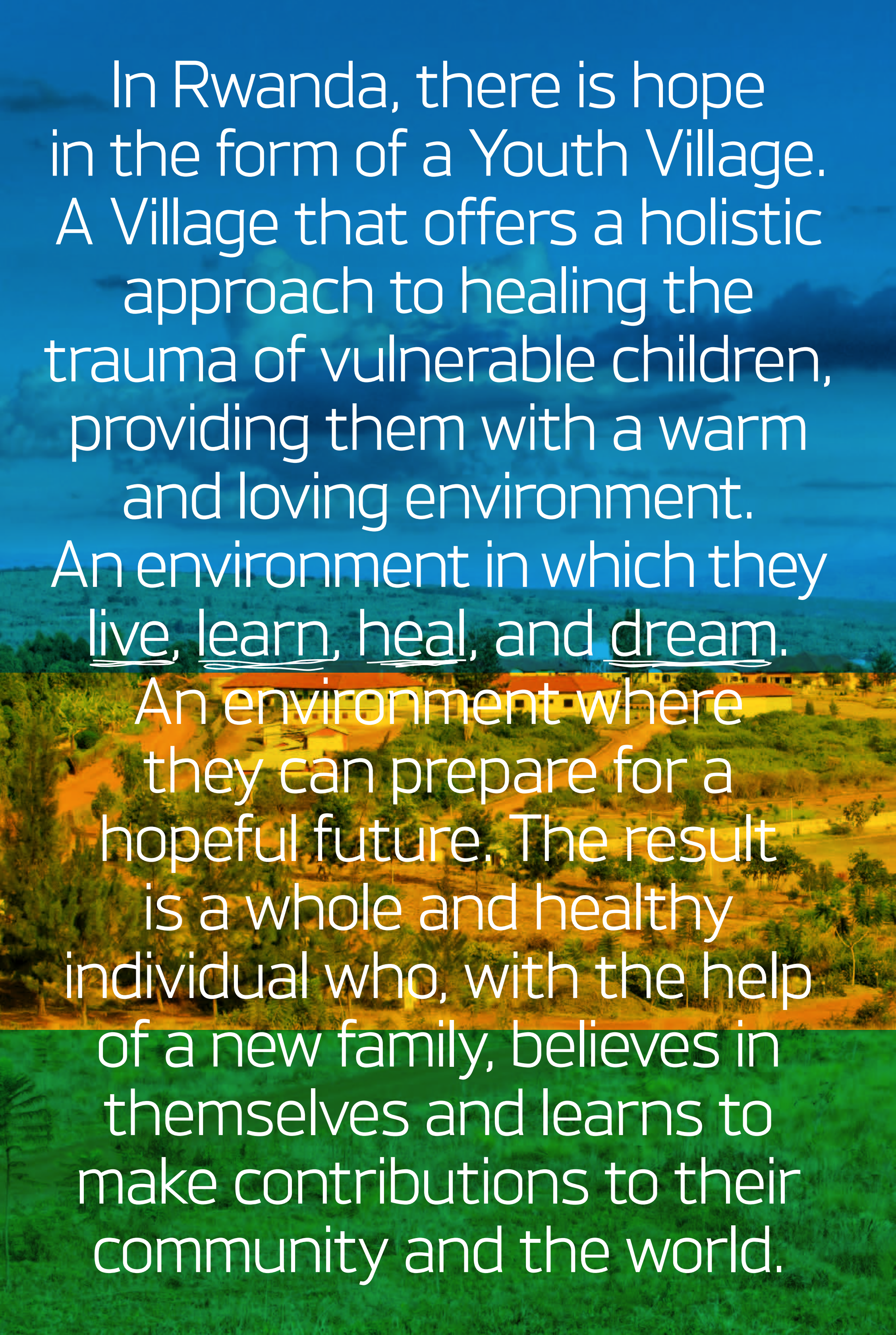
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An environment in which they
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An environment where
they can prepare for a
hopeful future. The result
is a whole and healthy
individual who, with the help
of a new family, believes in
themselves and learns to
make contributions to their
community and the world.