



## *2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraising Banquet*

March 1, 2010

AID-TO-WEST AFRICA (ATWA) cordially invites you and colleagues to our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fundraising Banquet on March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2010.

ATWA is a non-profit organization striving to improve the educational, social, and health services in developing West African nations, particularly those countries whose conditions have been exasperated by war. ATWA is fully committed to providing donations and voluntary services mainly to rural communities through advocacy in developed nations about the organization's objectives.

Our initial activities are concentrated in the three countries of the Manor River Union (Sierra Leone, Liberia and Guinea). Future projects include the expansion of programming to additional countries of West Africa and the establishment of a West African Branch Head Quarters in Sierra Leone.

Beginning in Sierra Leone, in 2009, ATWA collected and shipped 13- 30 gallon barrels of donations which included: clothing, book bags, books, school supplies and medical supplies. We sponsored the main maternity ward and tertiary pediatric clinic in the capital city with medical supplies. The school supplies were donated to two schools in the rural Kambia district which encompasses students from 3 poor villages, Kukuna primary school and Madina Secondary School. Noteworthy accomplishments to date include: the sponsoring of the first and only female high school graduate from Bramaia Chiefdom to attend college and payment of tuition for 300 students attending Kukuna Primary School. Current projects seek to expand the Kukuna Health Clinic that serves 30,000 people from the Bramaia Chiefdom and collaborate with engineering organizations to install clean, potable water system in the Chiefdom.

The purpose of the banquet is to raise awareness about the social, economic, and political climate of West Africa, encourage your involvement in our activities, and raise funds to support the organization's mission. It will be a night filled with entertainment, unity and celebration. Program highlights include African cuisine, fashion show, artistic performances, and guest speaker Tarbinlam Lafon, national president of the Bui Family Union, USA. For more information about ATWA, please visit our website: <http://www.aidtwestafrica.org>

General admission is \$15 for students, \$25 for professionals and \$40 for couples.

Registration is available at: <http://atwabanquet.eventbrite.com/>. Donations are accepted online or via check.

Please make checks payable to: The Van Houten Foundation PO BOX 415 Edison, NJ 08818-0415

We will be honored by your presence at our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual banquet.

In solidarity,

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