



**2024**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

Agape National  
Academy of Music  
(ANAM)

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and students of the Agape National Academy of Music (ANAM), I am pleased to share this report on our 2024 activities. Your generous support has been instrumental to our progress, and we are deeply grateful for your partnership in advancing our mission.

The year 2024 was both challenging and rewarding for ANAM. Despite difficulties, we made significant strides in transforming lives through music, thanks to your unwavering support. We continued to provide a safe, Christian-based environment for vulnerable children and youth to grow, learn, and thrive. Our structured music programs offered a meaningful alternative to life on the streets, delivering extracurricular activities that improved educational performance and fostered creativity. Through your generosity, we offered free and low-cost music lessons to sixty-six students, positively transforming their behavior, skills, and confidence. Specifically, our scholarship fund supported twenty vulnerable children and youth, granting them opportunities they wouldn't have had elsewhere.

Despite our successes, we encountered hurdles: we were unable to host benefit concerts in 2024, as the churches we contacted indicated it was not an ideal year. We are optimistic about presenting concerts in 2025. Unfortunately, we lost support from several church mission partners who faced significant post-pandemic challenges, including drastically reduced attendance and a substantial decline in their regular income. This financial strain has impacted their ability to continue supporting our mission, making it even more crucial for us to secure additional partnerships and resources to sustain our programs.

**We need your help. Please consider contributing to the vital work of ANAM.** Please share our information with your families, friends, and church members. As we move forward, we remain excited about what God has in store for ANAM. Your continued partnership, prayers, and generosity will play a vital role in the transformative work we aim to accomplish in 2025 and beyond.

Thank you for standing with us as we continue to bring hope and empowerment to the children and youth of Liberia through music. Together, we are making a profound difference.

With gratitude,

**Samson Samuel Tarpeh** (electronically signed)  
Executive Director

# IMPACTS AND ACTIVITIES

## STUDENT'S ENROLLMENT TERM 1 & 2

NO.	Programs	No. of Students Enrolled	No. of Female	No. of Male
1	Certificate in Music Education	14	2	12
2	Playing Instruments by Ear	18	3	15
3	Worship Art Leadership	6	5	1
4	Music for Children & Teens	24	18	6
5	Private Lessons	4	3	1
<b>TOTAL</b>		66	31	35

## PHOTOS OF STUDENTS





## Volunteers Recruitment and Impact

1. We recruited 13 volunteers who collectively worked over 520 hours, contributing to a variety of crucial tasks including:
  - a) **Website Management:** Updated and maintained the ANAM website, ensuring it was current and functional.
  - b) **ANAM Salesforce Database:** Developed a customized database from scratch tailored to ANAM's needs for donor management and fundraising.
  - c) **Donor Relations:** Assisted with donor qualification, communication, and stewardship efforts; worked to re-engage lapsed donors and strengthen relationships with existing and potential donors.
  - d) **Database for Benefit Concerts and Church Mission Support:** Developed a spreadsheet database and entered data for contacting churches to host benefit concerts and engage in mission support activities.
  - e) **Grant Prospect Research:** Conducted in-depth research to identify new grant opportunities and assisted with writing and editing grant proposals to foundations.
  - f) **Email Marketing Management:** Helped design, manage, and optimize our MailChimp email campaigns, ensuring clear and consistent messaging to supporters.
  - g) **Administrative Support:** Provided essential administrative assistance to streamline operations, including data entry, document management, and logistical support.

## Expanding Financial Partnerships

We established one new monthly individual financial partnership, and partnerships with two foundations: the DW Music Foundation and the D'Addario Foundation.

## Strengthening Organizational Structure

We applied for our own unique 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, which will position ANAM to access nonprofit benefits and pursue more grant opportunities.

## Strategic Vision

A five-year strategic plan and a development plan were drafted to guide ANAM's mission and growth. We look forward to completing these documents in the spring of 2025 and will share them with you.

## Innovative Curriculum

In 2024, the Board approved the integration of homework assistance alongside our *Music for Children and Teens* program to support both the musical and academic growth of our students. Set to launch in July 2025 during our second semester, this initiative will follow a structured format of music classes, meals, and dedicated homework support sessions. To ensure the program's success, we will partner with volunteers from local college education programs, providing students with the academic guidance they need to excel.

## Grants and Donations

ANAM received grants from the D'Addario Foundation and DW Music Foundation. Additionally, the DW Music Foundation generously donated a drum kit, which will be shipped to Liberia this year to enhance our students' learning experiences. This donation comes at a critical time, as the current drum kit in Liberia has broken and is no longer functional. The new drum kit will provide our students with a much-needed resource to learn and practice percussion skills, further enriching their music education and performance opportunities.

## Challenges in 2024

Despite our successes, we encountered hurdles:

### Benefit Concerts

We were unable to host benefit concerts in 2024, as the churches we contacted indicated it was not an ideal year. We are optimistic about presenting concerts in 2025. If your church can host a benefit concert for ANAM, we would be delighted to coordinate with you.

### Loss of Church Mission Partnerships

Unfortunately, we lost support from several church mission partners who faced significant post-pandemic challenges, including drastically reduced attendance and a substantial decline in their regular income. This financial strain has impacted their ability to continue supporting our mission, making it even more crucial for us to secure additional partnerships and resources to sustain our programs.

## Immediate Need for Classroom and Office Rental

As we prepare for 2025, we urgently need \$3,000 to cover classroom and office rental for the year (January to December 2025). This payment, originally due on January 1, 2025, must be made by February 3, 2025, to avoid eviction. **We have raised \$500 and are seeking the remaining \$2,500.** Losing this facility would disrupt our programs and hinder our students' progress. **Please consider an additional or special contribution (\$25, \$50, \$100, or more); no amount is too small.** All donations are 100% tax-deductible and will directly support ANAM's mission to empower Liberia's youth through music.

## How to Donate to ANAM

**[Donate Online Now at: - The Agape National Academy of Music \(ANAM\) \(anamliberia.org\)](https://anamliberia.org)**

**Mail a Check to ANAM at:** Ribbon, 912 S Corona St., Denver, CO 80209. Please make the check payable to: Agape National Academy of Music.

**Note:** Online and ACH payments are processed more quickly than checks, which can take up to a month to clear.

# **FINANCIAL REPORT**

## **2024 Budget, Income, and Expenditures**

Our total budget for 2024 was \$32,593. The total revenue we received in 2024, including students' fees, individual contributions, church mission support, contributions from foundations and other donations, amounted to \$18,597.93. The total expenses, which covered compensations, operations, educational resources, repairs, fundraising, and annual subscription fees, amounted to \$19,493.49. This left us short of our 2024 budget, requiring adjustments and additional fundraising efforts to meet the school's needs.

## **Individual Contributors**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our monthly, quarterly, and annual financial partners who generously supported us throughout the year. Your continued contributions and prayers are the cornerstone of ANAM's sustainability, and we deeply appreciate your unwavering commitment.

We also want to express our sincere thanks to everyone who made one-time or multiple donations to ANAM in 2024. Your support has been instrumental in helping us achieve our mission. Thank you for being part of our journey and making a lasting impact!

## **Church Donations**

We are deeply grateful to our partnering churches for their steadfast support of ANAM. Their generous contributions enable us to sustain our programs and cover essential expenses such as annual rent, scholarships for needy students, staff salaries, and general operations.

We truly appreciate the continued financial support and prayers from these congregations, which play a vital role in advancing our mission. In 2024, we were blessed to receive financial contributions from the following churches:

New City Fellowship in Chattanooga, TN

Light House International Ministries in Stockbridge, GA

Centenary United Methodist Church, Lexington, KY

Thank you for partnering with us to make a lasting difference in the lives of the children we serve.

## **Foundations Support**

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the DW Music Foundation and the D'Addario Foundation for their generous contributions to ANAM in 2024. Their support has been instrumental in helping us provide quality music education to our students in Liberia.

We deeply value their commitment to advancing our mission and empowering the next generation of musicians and leaders. We appreciate their partnership and look forward to continuing this

impactful collaboration in 2025 as we work together to transform lives through the power of music and education. Thank you for investing in the future of these children!

## **2025 BUDGET/FINANCIAL GOALS**

Our total projected expenses for 2025 are \$47,300. This amount covers classroom rental space and utilities, staff and teachers' salaries, office expenses, fundraising, subscriptions, shipping items to Liberia, conferences and trainings, and meals and educational materials. Please consider contributing to our 2025 budget to enable us to meet our financial goals. All donations are 100 percent tax deductible.

## **IMMEDIATE NEEDS**

### **2025 Classroom and Office Rental**

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### **Support Teachers' Salaries for the 2025 School Year**

At ANAM, our dedicated teachers are at the heart of our mission to provide quality music education and holistic care to underprivileged children in Liberia. To sustain their invaluable work, we are seeking contributions towards their salaries for the 2025 school year.

Here's how your support can make a difference:

**\$12,980** will fund teachers' salaries for a full year, ensuring continuity and stability for our programs throughout the year.

**\$7,990** will cover salaries for 6 months, enabling us to maintain operations for half the year.

**\$5,497** will support salaries for 3 months, giving our teachers the resources they need to continue transforming lives.

Your contribution helps us empower children through education, music, and care, laying the foundation for brighter futures. Please consider joining us in this mission by contributing to any of these milestones. Together, we can make a lasting impact!

### **Scholarships for Needy Students**

At ANAM, we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to unlock their potential through music education, regardless of their financial circumstances. As part of our mission to make music

education accessible to underprivileged children and youth in Liberia, we provide scholarships to those in need.

Each year, we award scholarships to approximately 40 students in our professional certificates and our Music for Children and Teens programs. Many of these students are actively involved in their churches and schools, demonstrating a deep passion for developing their musical talents and learning to play instruments. However, their financial limitations often stand in the way of their dreams.

You can change that. By sponsoring a student, you're giving them the chance to grow, thrive, and pursue their love of music. The cost to sponsor one student for an entire year is just \$75—an amount that makes an immeasurable difference in their lives.

Your support not only nurtures their musical abilities but also empowers them to become leaders in their communities. Please consider joining us in this transformative mission by sponsoring a student today. Together, we can create a brighter future through the power of music.

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