

# 2018



## ANNUAL REPORT The UNITE Foundation

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## Letter From The President

What an amazing 2018 the UNITE Foundation had! We as an organization and a foundation, we reached so many milestones that we set up for ourselves in the past couple of years, in addition to continuing to grow exponentially. Born out of a desire to help Togolese youth find a voice within their communities, a decade of steady progress has culminated with a watershed year of change and expansion. A sincere thank you for your part in helping create these achievements!

The UNITE Foundation celebrates its first expansion of the camp into Benin this year. This was an exciting development for the Foundation a dream of mine since I became President. I always had the vision of creating UNITE camps across West Africa. Hundreds of youth who attended our camps are leading and empowering their communities, thereby improving Togo, Benin and beyond. You helped us make this happen.

We continue to see a steady flow from our motivated and vital donor base. This year our proceeds sustained our highest operating budget ever of \$. Continuing to have these resources on a yearly basis, allows us to lay the groundwork to enter and support of expansion into new countries where we think Camp UNITE can be an effective.

As we enter another year of The UNITE Foundation, please consider that every camp, every new initiative, and every dollar raised may forever change a young life. We will continue to adapt, build bridges, unify, and uplift. Our mission remains to listen, learn, and follow the needs, aspirations, and guidance of our campers, Togo, Benin, and West Africa. Thank you for your support over this last couple of years. As we enter the end of this decade we are deeply grateful for your commitment to our mission.

Jason Coleman - President



# Camp UNITE 2018 Togo



As part of CAMP UNITE "Gender Equality, Life Skills Training and Community Engagement" and in order to enlighten Togolese girls and boys from all walks of life on the challenges they face and obstacles that interfere with their studies and their development as well as to enable them to adopt a change of behavior in civic life, the NGO YMCA, Peace Corps volunteers, and Togolese counterparts with the financial support of the UNITE Foundation in the USA organized a seniors' camp from June 24th-27th 2019, a boys' camp from June 30th to July 5th 2019 and the girls' camp from July 6th to the 11th 2019 at the Peace Corps Training Center in Pagala in the Prefecture of Blitta. The beneficiaries of this camp are young people and teenagers from all the localities of Togo. There were 67 participants including 33 girls and 34 boys. The UNITE Camp (Unification of the Nation: Initiative, Work, and Education) aims to contribute to the development of youth in general (and students in particular) through an acquisition of knowledge and skills necessary for a healthy and successful future.

## Themes and Sessions

1. Adopting a Healthy Lifestyle
2. Self - Confidence
3. Equal Opportunities
4. The Importance of Girls Ed.
5. Sexual Harassment
6. Leadership
7. Citizenship
8. Adolescence and Reproduction
9. Sex, Relations and Abstinence
10. Family Planning
11. Malaria
12. Democracy
13. Protecting the Environment





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## Camp UNITE 2018 Benin



### Benin Camp UNITE Girls

**Camp Unité for Girls is an all-girls camp focused on leadership development and gender equity. During the 7-day camp, 45 participants from southern Benin were challenged to reconsider what it means to live autonomous, healthy, and successful lives through interactive lessons and activities on malaria prevention, hygiene, nutrition, reproductive and sexual health, self-esteem, entrepreneurship, and project design. Other camp activities fostered team-building and self-expression through sessions on engineering, dance, drawing, arts and crafts, and music. Participants also visited Ouidah’s African Art Museum, the Vodoun Python Temple, and the Slavery Route of Ouidah. These field trips exposed participants to their national history, culture, and art.**

### Benin Camp UNITE Boys

**Camp Unite for Boys is a week-long camp for boys between the ages of 11-17 in Southern Benin. The camp promotes the healthy development of adolescent boys. Topics discussed throughout the week will include gender roles, Women’s/Children’s Rights, financial planning, sexual health, HIV/AIDS awareness, goal-setting, malaria prevention, food security and nutrition. The boys also had the rare opportunity to have art and music lessons. For a break from the classroom, they visited a historical slavery museum, temple of pythons, and experience “The Point of No Return” slavery walk. At the end of the week, the boys listened to a career panel and learned about multiple career paths. At the end of the week, the students developed an action plan for a post-camp community project that will allow them to share what they’ve learned with their communities.**



# Meet some of the Organizers



**Allie Olmsted is a Community Health and Malaria Prevention Volunteer in Togo serving in the Savannah region. She was born and raised in Texas but went to school in Atlanta to study chemistry and anthropology. She is serving as the PCV Logistics Coordinator for Camp Unite 2018.**



**Steve Amouzou is took part in the UNITE camp to contribute to the blossoming of the youth and also to promote cultural mixing. He believes that we all have potential and that it is through tolerance, collaboration and cultural mixing that we can achieve a better world. As Steve said, "I also love to share, because it is by sharing that we learn from others, and the UNITE camp allows me to give, to receive and to grow in knowledge for a better Togo."**



**Will Thomas is an EGE volunteer serving in N'Dewone-Kondji in the Maritime region. He is originally from Chicago and prior to Peace Corps taught English in Chile. He will be organizing the 2018 edition of the camp, responsible for programming as well as monitoring and evaluation alongside Steve Amouzou.**



**Akalah Malika is psychosocial counselor in the care of people living with HIV-AIDS. She has been organizing Camp UNITE since 2015, teaching commitment and dedication to promoting teen education through healthy living, sexual health and awareness. For Akalah "each person has a value, just trust yourself. My work with the Peace Corps dates back to 2011 and I have had many experiences with teenagers and young people. I am very proud to work with the youth of the future."**



**Ti Bedunah is an English and Gender Education volunteer living in the Savannah region of Togo. He is thrilled to be the communications organizer for Camp UNITE 2018. Hailing from West Virginia who studied French Literature and Linguistics at West Virginia University, he plans on finishing his professional education in the linguistics field and become a university professor, after his time in Peace Corps.**

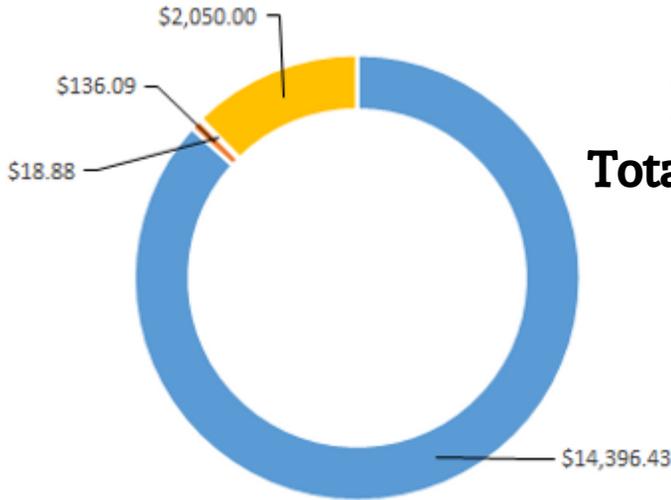




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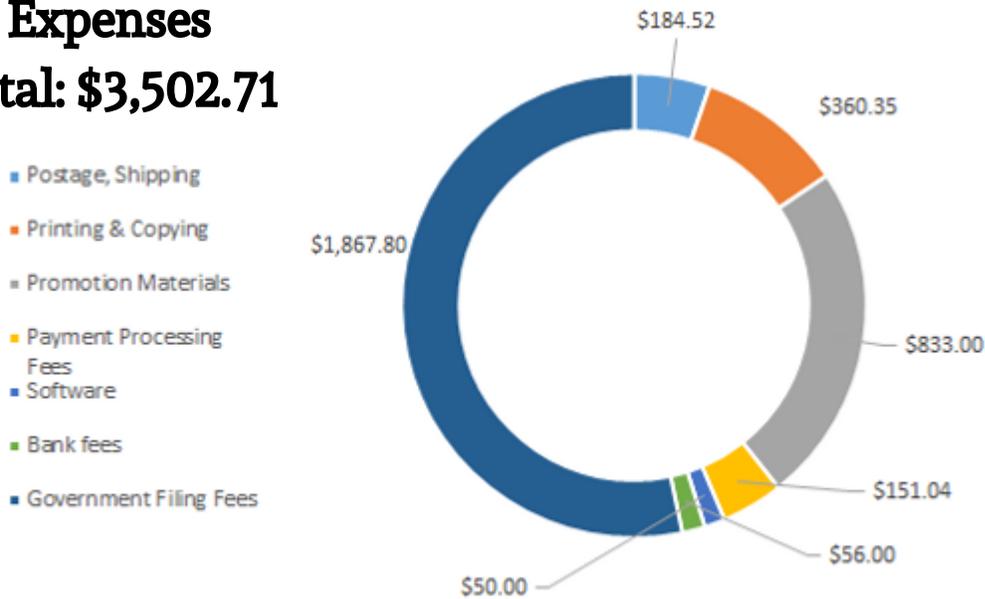
## Financial Information



**Revenue  
Total: \$16,601.40**

- Individual Donors
- Corporate Donations
- Interest
- Non-Profit Grants

**Expenses  
Total: \$3,502.71**



**Funds Sent to Camps**  
**Camp Unite - Togo - \$14,000**  
**Camp Unite - Benin - \$5,000**  
**Total - \$19,000**



# Thank You to all of our Donors!

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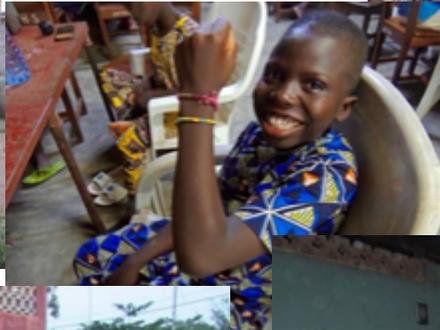




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# Photos from Camp!





# Meet the UNITE Family



## Vision

The UNITE Foundation seeks to empower the next generation of leaders in West African development.

## Mission

Driven by our commitment to youth development, we provide financial support to Camp UNITE, which equips West African youth with the skills and knowledge they need to lead healthy, productive lives.

## Beliefs

We believe in the transformative power of the youth summer camp experience. We believe in each young person's ability to make a positive contribution to the world.

We believe education is the most powerful tool a young person can have.

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