

**ETHIOPIAN ORPHAN RELIEF, INC.**



# Annual Report 2008



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## Annual Report 2008

### The State of Ethiopian Orphan Relief, Inc.

It is with great pride and appreciation that we present to you the 2008 Annual Report for Ethiopian Orphan Relief, Inc (EOR). In this, our first annual report, you will find a review of our accomplishments since our inception, as well as our vision for the future.

EOR has been able to break new ground in advancing support for Ethiopian orphans remaining in Ethiopia. Ensuring the mental and physical well-being of these vulnerable children has been a primary goal, which has been approached by identifying Partners and Projects that would benefit these children, such as playgrounds for AHOPE for Children and SOSEE's Akaki Orphanage, a sanitation system for CHSFS Hope for Hosanna School, a community center for Children's Heaven, and a combination orphanage and school for Be'Emnet.

Our efforts have also included research and development of community-based education and outreach programs for orphans aging out of the orphanage system. By educating these orphans and teaching them life skills and job skills, we are able to help slow the growth of future generations of orphans.

On behalf of the board members and volunteers of Ethiopian Orphan Relief, Inc., we wish to thank you, our donors, corporate sponsors and foundations for your continued commitment.

**Danielle Marquis**, *President and Founder*, Ethiopian Orphan Relief, Inc.





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## Board Members

**Danielle Marquis (President, Chair Donor List & Website)**,  
*Attorney, Business Owner, Educator, Adoptive Parent*

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**Priscilla Johnson-Musa (East Coast Outreach)**, *Certified Clinical Social Worker, Adoptive Parent*





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## Mission Statement

Ethiopian Orphan Relief, Inc. (EOR) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit charity that works to improve the living conditions and lives of Ethiopian orphans by working with Ethiopian orphanages, adoption agency care houses and or-

phan care groups (our “Partners”) to provide supplies, infrastructure and experiences (our “Projects”). Our intervention efforts are aimed at maintaining and improving the orphan’s physical, mental and emotional health. We also seek to reduce the number of orphans over time through broad-based Educational and Transitional Programs (our “Programs”) implemented with all of our Partners to transition orphans who will not be adopted to adult life. These opportunities will allow orphans to make better choices for their life and not contribute to the orphan population in the future.



## About Us

### **History**

Founded in 2008 by Danielle Marquis, Ethiopian Orphan Relief, Inc. is a tax exempt, 501(c)(3), charitable organization. Following the adoption of her daughter from Ethiopia, Colorado-based sports agent and attorney Danielle Marquis was inspired to create a non-profit that would help the Ethiopian orphans remaining in Ethiopia.

### **Goals**

- Assist the 3.8 million orphans in Ethiopia by providing defined Projects to a steadily and responsibly grown network of Partners throughout Ethiopia.
- Implement Programs in conjunction with our Partners aimed at slowing (and someday reversing) the growth rate of the orphan population in Ethiopia.





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## Accomplishments

### **Education & Awareness Programs**

- *Rocky Mountain Ethiopian Adoption Group's* EOR Introduction Meeting (April 2008)
- *Anthony Pasion's*

EOR Benefit Birthday Party (May 2008)

- *Aidan Carlisle's* EOR Benefit Birthday Party (June 2008)
- *Amelie Cudmore's* EOR Benefit Birthday Party (July 2008)
- *Rocky Mountain Ethiopian Adoption's* Annual Get Together to Benefit EOR (July 2008)
- *Bradford Family* EOR Benefit Baby Shower (July 2008)
- *Maya Bell's* EOR Benefit Birthday Party (August 2008)
- *Elsa Merriman's* EOR Benefit Birthday Party (August 2008)
- *Ezra Gregorie-Cradick's* EOR Benefit Baby Shower (August 2008)
- *Anthony Pasion's* EOR Benefit Lemonade Stand (Summer 2008)
- *Elliott Chapman-Layland's* EOR Benefit Lemonade Stand (Summer 2008)





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## Accomplishments

### **Education & Awareness Events, Continued**

- *Zoe Finley's* EOR Benefit Birthday Party (September 2008)
- *Molly Cardenal's* Running of the Portland Marathon to Benefit EOR (September 2008)
- *Albert Chapman-Layland's* Running of the Columbus Marathon to benefit EOR (October 2008)



- *Astrid Chapman-Layland's* EOR Benefit Birthday Party (October 2008)
- *Pacific Northwest Ethiopian Adoption Group's* EOR Introduction Meeting (November 2008)
- EOR Art for Ethiopia organizing committee's appearance on *Colorado and Company* (NBC morning program in Denver market) to promote Art for Ethiopia
- EOR's Art Contest and Series 1 Art Cards (November 2008)



## **Events**

- *Macy's Shop for a Cause* (to benefit our Annual Fund), Nationwide (September 2008)
- *Bounce for a Cause* (to benefit AHOPE for Children's new playground), Denver, CO (October 2008)
- *Art for Ethiopia* (to benefit Children's Heaven's new facility), Denver, CO (November 2008)
- *Holiday Dinner Party* at Habesha Ethiopian Restaurant (to benefit Be'Emnet's new foundation for their facility), Denver, CO (December 2008)





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### **The Year Ahead**

In the year ahead, the following projects will address EOR's overarching goal to improve the living conditions and lives of Ethiopian orphans:

- Beginning fundraising for our first Project—Project Prepare, an educational program for teenaged orphans aging out of the orphanage system. This program will help provide these children the skills necessary for healthy and productive lives. Our goal is to have the Program implemented beginning in 2010 with Children's Heaven, and eventually, as funding permits, to expand the Program to all of our Partners.
- Continuing to expand our awareness programs in the Ethiopian adoption community, and beyond, to the families and friends of adoptive families.
- Completing construction of AHOPE's Playground.
- Completing fundraising for Children's Heaven's facility.
- Completing fundraising for the foundation for Be'Emnet's future facilities.
- Visiting the orphanages and orphan care facilities of our Partners throughout Ethiopia on a 10 day volunteer trip with donors.

EOR will pursue fundraising for Project Prepare through a major fundraising drive and the continuation of grant applications, which began in Fall 2008. We are working diligently with the International Organization for Adolescents—the group that developed Project Prepare—and with Children's Heaven to get this Program started. We will continue to expand our awareness programs by hosting informational meetings in areas where we have Board Members and Volunteers located, by remaining active in Ethiopian adoption support groups and by encouraging fundraising events by adoptive families. We have identified a contractor based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia who will work with us to design and build a custom playground for AHOPE. The 2009 Art for Ethiopia event in Denver will be our major fundraiser for Children's Heaven. The 2009 Lights of Hope auction in Portland, as well as an online silent auction via our blog, will benefit our Annual Fund. Our trip to Ethiopia will take place in August.





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## Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31,  
2008

### ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents: \$26,719.35  
Total Assets: \$26,719.35

### LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Net Income: \$24,736.25  
Total Liabilities & Equity: \$26,719.35

## 2008 Financial Highlights

### Revenue sources

Private cash contributions \$

**AHOPE for Children:** \$4,970 (10% of Total Revenue)

**Be'Emnet:** \$1,078 (2% of Total Revenue)

**CHSFS Hope for Hosanna:** \$0 (0% of Total Revenue)

**Children's Heaven:** \$11,563.87 (24% of Total Revenue)

**SOSEE:** \$700.17 (1% of Total Revenue)

**General Fund:** \$11,276.99 (24% of Total Revenue)

Gifts in kind \$ (and % of total)

General Fund: \$14,702.10 (31% of Total Revenue)

Other income \$ (and % of total): \$3,389.61 (7% of Total Revenue)

Total Revenue: \$47,680.74

### Expenses

Fundraising: \$6,435.08 (63% of Total Expenses)

Management & General: \$3,723.29 (37% of Total Expenses)

Total Expenses: \$10,158.37 (21% of Total Revenue)



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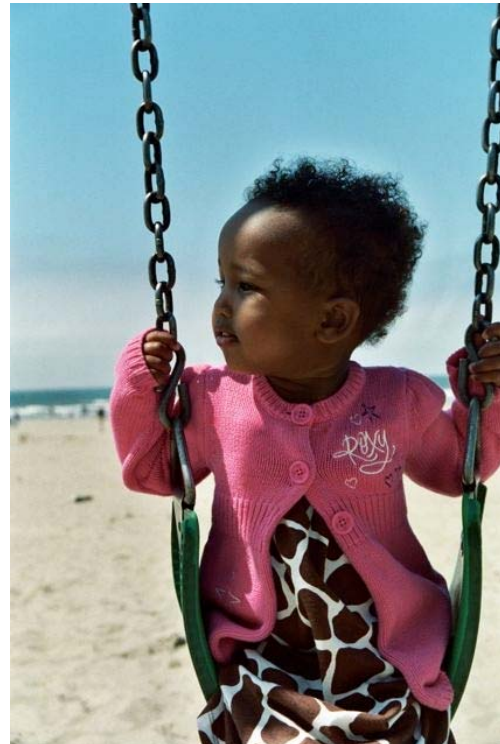




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