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Dear C4A Community,

I am writing to let you know that the Community Center for the Arts now has a **sister organization**, a world-class community music school in the village of Kopeyia, in southern Ghana.

[The Dagbe Cultural Institute & Arts Centre](#) was founded by Godwin Agbeli, a master drummer and teacher in the Ewe tradition. Godwin passed away in 1998 and his sons and extended family, master drummers and astounding performers in their own right, continue to cultivate Ewe performance and teaching traditions in their school.

[Ewe traditional drumming](#) is among the world's great art forms, and Western musicians travel regularly to Dagbe to learn ways to incorporate Ewe rhythmic sophistication into their own playing. Unfortunately, the recent Ebola horror in West Africa has brought a virtual halt to non-essential Western travel to the region. Ebola has not spread to Ghana, however the music and culture tours that have sustained Dagbe since its founding have stopped.

I would like to ask you to help support this extraordinary music school by sending a *tax-deductible* contribution to Dagbe USA, a non-profit (501c3) organization set up in the US specifically to promote the work of the Dagbe musician/teachers.

There are [19 staff members at Dagbe](#), about the same size as C4A's faculty. The cost of living for these musicians, instructors, and support staff is about \$35/month, per person, totaling roughly \$8,000 for a year. Your contribution of any amount will have a significant impact on the work of these musicians, averting the necessity of Dagbe artists seeking non-music employment away from the village over the coming year. All donations go directly to the Dagbe musicians.

I am proud that C4A has this opportunity to expand our mission of cultivating community through music in a global arena, and I believe this relationship can make a significant difference in the lives of the very worthy Dagbe musicians.

[DONATE TO THE DAGBE INSTITUTE HERE](#)

And stay tuned for info about Ewe drumming workshops in the New Year!

Many thanks!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'TF' with a flourish.

Tom Faux
Boards of Directors:
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