

## Welcoming our Partners and Friends to Year 2012.

Let me start by wishing you a happy new year. I hope you and your family had a happy and relaxing holiday season, and a successful start to 2012.

The Casa Foundation for International Development (CFID) finished 2011 on a high note with several excellent achievements: several donations within the GTA to Shelters and Homes for the needy- Family Life Resource Centre, Salvation Army, Dress for Success, Toronto, Investors Forum for opportunities in Africa and a Conference on Infrastructure Development at the Friends of Africa Roundtable, Toronto. Please visit our website at: www.casafoundation.ca for more information about these programs.

## 2012 Programs

This year is full of opportunities despite the uncertain economic conditions. Our goal is to continue to differentiate ourselves more strongly in the programs we have identified to execute and to impact our communities by increasing the number of the recipients that benefit from the programs and services we offer.

**Our 100% focus on Youth development and Business mentoring**: We have a vision to develop emerging leaders to achieve their full potential and towards this end, we shall partner with high schools within the GTA to run leadership and development seminars for the youths.

In Africa, a career seminar shall hold at the prestigious Obafemi Awolowo, University (formerly University of Ife) for graduating students by Summer while the book Drive efforts to improve the reading culture and develop self-learning skills continues.

**Our Support to Families and Governments on Health**: shall be greatly enhanced this year with the Donation of medical equipment to teaching hospitals in Africa to facilitate early detection and treatment of diseases. Also in partnership with government and other NGOs, we shall be supporting the child immunization program at these locations with our volunteer medical personnel. Our goal is to reach out to as many families as possible to limit the incidence of communicable diseases.

**Our Annual Conference**: shall hold in the fall. We trust that our partners, associates and members look forward to the great learning experience, networks and interactions at our Conference. Details of conference, speaker profiles etc. shall be provided in other editions of our newsletter. Also, the ensuing opportunities in the area of Infrastructure development in Africa, other opportunities to collaborate with our community development initiatives,

## FOUNDATION FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT Customized Partnership Programs, innovative Open Programs shall be explored at this Roundtable.

**Our Independent and Development Outlook**: We are a non- profit organization. Our goal is to serve our community both domestic and international as quickly, flexibly and effectively as possible by bringing development initiatives that can impact people and ease the burden of the harsh economic realities of the times on our people.

It is our hope and desire, that more of the participants and attendees at our various seminars and conferences shall become more involved by identifying areas in which they can partner with us to better serve the community. For details of our Projects in 2012, please visit our programs page.

Finally, our best ambassadors are our experienced and competent group of Coordinators, Volunteers, Members and Donors- who are not only invaluable to us and committed to our vision- but remain the driving force behind the successes we have recorded so far. We thank them all and know that God will reward their efforts immensely.

I look forward to the events of this year with excitement and trust that you shall make it a date with us.

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