



WOMAN, CRADLE OF ABUNDANCE

January 2025
Annual Report for 2024

2024 AT A GLANCE

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN CONGO

EDUCATION

- 320+ primary-secondary school students assisted
- 65+ vocational students, FEBA
- 73 primary school graduates
- 18 secondary school graduates
- 16 sewing school graduates
- New cosmetology program in Kinshasa/ FEBA
- New sewing initiative in Goma

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

- 120+ new microloans for women
- 120+ at financial literacy seminar
- 7 machines for sewing products
- FEBA's fine clothes shop re-supplied & successful
- FEBA farm relaunched after violent interruption
- Kivu women's good harvests

HEALTH and SAFETY

- 200+ displaced refugees and orphans aided
- 20 houses built for flood-rape victims
- 500+ sick, food insecure assisted
- Double-knee replacements for Maman Monique

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING in the USA for 2024

Income

- board 29.3%
- friends 24.5%
- churches 29.2%
- fundraisers 13%
- sales-matches 4%



Cash \$232,398
In-kind \$6,022

150 Individual Donors
10 Churches & Schools

Expenditures

- FEBA Kinshasa 80%
- CENEDI Kivu 12%
- Admin. 3.5%
- Fundraising 4.5%



Some Exciting Happenings in the USA

Great Gala!



Honoring Maman Monique & Michele Tuck-Ponder, esq.

Social Media!

Thanks to Emily Ramkishun, Maren Sonstegard-Spray, Riannon Zorn, we are now flourishing on Facebook, Instagram, & Tiktok, plus refreshed updated website & new branding icon. Have a look!



Facebook.com/WomanCradleofAbundance/
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Tiktok.com/@WomanCradleofAbundance

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International Friends!



We have friends on 4 continents! Welcome to Mia in Australia; to Jennifer & Chara & Katya & R. in Europe. What encouragement!

SEE WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!

Our partners in Kinshasa & Kivu have survived & thrived, thanks to each one of you! **Your** gifts, smaller or larger, are the reason, & we are all deeply grateful to you. Thank you particularly for recurring donations!

From Fund-a-Need at the gala to GivingTuesday, from January through December, **you** are at the root of transformed lives, daily little victories over poverty & violence, lasting effects of your generosity. Here we point to just a few: a life saved, a group of young women equipped to be successful tailors, a class of children demonstrating resilience, a farm reclaimed to feed the starving.

Below are some larger projects funded by church grants, including a new vocational program for FEBA & expansion of two other key big-tag projects: microloans & new houses.



Above: Thank you for surgery for a rape victim. Right: Thank you for new sewing machines presented to all 16 FEBA graduates.

Above: Thank you for a great school for kids for whom covid was only one of many challenges. Right: Thank you for giving FEBA's destroyed farm new life.

Cosmetology for FEBA

FEBA launched a 3rd vocational program, joining the successful long-term sewing school & the computer science track started in late 2023.



In Congo this field is quite broad, as the French name, "Esthetics" implies. Beyond hair & nails & cosmetics, FEBA graduates will be consulted for color coordination and interior decorating.

Microfinance – Wow!

Workshops on financial literacy & recipes for popular fast-foods prepared 100 FEBA women for microloans to begin or relaunch small businesses to be able to support their families.



Mentors & follow-up are provided, & most women have done very well; repayments create new loans for other women.

New Houses!

For the 2nd year, members of our partner CENEDI built 20 new houses for rape victims whose homes were washed away 2 years ago. The women & community provided labor & local materials, USA partners provided for roofing, etc. Of the 152 families who lost their homes, now 40 have moved from tents to real houses! One is the rape victim above for whom you provided surgery.

SEE WHAT THEY HAVE DONE!



Despite floods, famine, & war, our partners help themselves & each other. In Goma (left), the city poor of Community Charity School reach out to refugees & refugees in turn help CCS make repairs to the school. In Kinshasa, FEBA sews clothes & sends them & food to Goma's orphans.

