



**Columbus  
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# Schildhouse Founders Fund Annual Summary 2011

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## History of the Schildhouse fund

In 2010 the board of the Columbus International Program voted unanimously to create the Schildhouse Founders Fund in order to honor Ruth and Burt Schildhouse and the rest of the founders of The Columbus International Program. Their tremendous effort brought in over 700 professionals from around the world to train in the Columbus area and enrich our community with their culture. The fund, established in the Schildhouse name, is aimed at promoting activities with measurable impact that have the potential to create permanent cultural or business relationships or foster multicultural sensitivity and global awareness. The board of the fund is a subset of the Columbus International Program board and is supplemented by some at large members. To date there have been four recipients of grants from the Schildhouse fund.



The first check presentation made to the Rwandan Women in Action in August 2010.

## Rwandan Women in Action

The first grant of \$500 was awarded to the Rwandan Women in Action group. This money was used to provide household cleaning supplies and basic home maintenance training to a group of Rwandan women who recently immigrated to the U. S. The training and supplies helped the recent immigrants adjust to their new life by providing them with the necessary knowledge for maintaining healthy homes in unfamiliar living conditions.



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### Haiti Empowerment Project

The second recipient of Schildhouse funds was the Haiti Empowerment Project (HEP), headquartered at OSU Mansfield. The grant of \$500, given by the Schildhouse Fund, was instrumental in purchasing a specially designed set of books in the Haitian Creole language that were used in underprivileged communities to teach basic reading skills to elementary students. The promotion of literacy is especially important in Haiti, a country in which only 53% of the population can read.



Dr. Terri Bucci of the Haiti Empowerment Program

### UNA-USA Model UN/Somali Youth

The third group to be awarded a grant from the Schildhouse Fund was the Columbus United Nations Association's Somali Youth Program. With the second highest population of Somali immigrants in the U.S. (after Minneapolis, Minnesota) the Columbus UNA has a unique opportunity to reach out to this often misunderstood group that faces unique challenges in adjusting to life in the U.S. Additionally, this grant is being used to expand the Model UN programs at high schools and colleges in the central Ohio area. The Model UN programs are simulated UN sessions where the youth represent various countries as they learn about world issues.

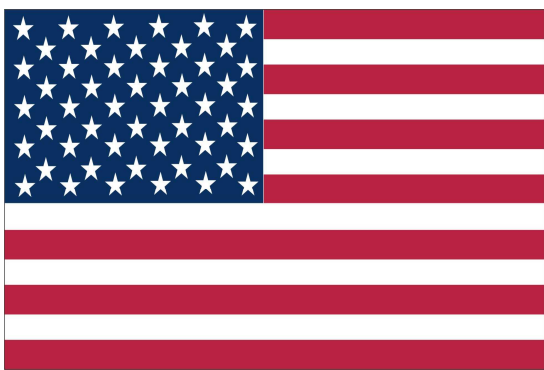


Executive Director Mark Poepelman presents a check to Len Baldwin, Director of the Columbus United Nations Association.

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### The Somali Youth Symposium

The Horn of Africa Rescue Committee is the most recent recipient of an award from the Schildhouse Founders Fund. The grant will be used to put on a reception at the committee's upcoming conference on crime and radicalization prevention among Somali youth. The event will be attended by over 250 Somali youth from around the U.S. Academics and politicians will also be in attendance and there will be guest speeches by City of Columbus Mayor Michael B. Coleman and U.S. Congressmen Steve Stivers and Pat Tiberi. The reception, made possible by the grant, will give the youth in attendance a chance to network both with each other and with people in the U.S. concerned about the challenges facing their community. This function will be an excellent chance to promote international understanding and foster intercultural relationships between Americans and Somalis.



### How to Contribute

We at the Columbus International Program and the Schildhouse Founders Fund benefit greatly from the generosity of our supporters. Because of your help, we have been able to support these outstanding organizations that foster multicultural sensitivity and global awareness. We have several ways in which you can contribute to our cause.

#### Option 1

Attend one of our fundraising events. We frequently host fundraising events at local international restaurants, often with an interesting international speaker and with samples of unique global cuisines. To be notified of these events subscribe to and check our newsletter.

#### Option 2

You can go to our website to donate by credit card. Click on the "Events" link on the left hand side of the homepage. On the bottom of the events page, there is a "Donate Now" button.

<http://www.cipcolumbus.org/events.htm>

#### Option 3

Send a check to:  
Columbus International Program  
57 Jefferson Avenue  
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## Financial Overview

<b>Schildhouse Investment Accounts</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Initial Balance (as of 3/30/2010)*	\$25,000
<u>Market Appreciation</u>	<u>\$ 3,076</u>
Current Balance (as of 3/30/2011)	\$28,076
<b>Schildhouse Fund Checking Account</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Member Donations to date	\$ 3,608
Bank Fees	\$ 44
Rwandan Women in Action	\$ -500
Haiti Empowerment Program	\$ -500
UNA-USA Model UN/Somali Youth	\$ -500
Somali Youth Symposium	\$ -500
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Current Balance	\$ 1,564
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$29,640.00</b>

\*Funds are invested in two mutual funds including Vanguard-Wellesley and Vanguard-Wellington.

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