



## About AS4AK

AS4AK is an Australian based charitable organisation committed to providing economic support to poor and destitute children in Africa, in particular Ghana.

Presently, AS4AK is committed to helping disadvantaged children in Ghana's poor fishing village of Chorkor, Accra.

Chorkor is dangerously overpopulated and is one of the poorest areas in Accra, with the average family's income at just AUD\$48 per month. According to a recent CHF International report, the situation in Chorkor is considered a 'poverty endemic.'

AS4AK is registered as a deductible gift recipient with the Australian Taxation Office.

All funds received are deposited into AS4AK's account with a major Australian bank and periodically transferred direct to a bank account in Ghana under the control of the Director of the school in Ghana, who is personally known to the AS4AK Board members.



**BASICS founder Pat Wilkins and Dorinda Hafner on Pat's recent trip to Australia**

**For more information or to make a donation visit:**  
**[www.as4ak.org.au](http://www.as4ak.org.au)**

# Nana's House

One of AS4AK's major projects is the Non-Government Organisation BASICS International. In 2010, AS4AK's sponsor Lycopodium built Nana's House. AS4AK supports the team at Nana's House who provide an out of school hours program to encourage children to learn and keep attending school on a regular basis; to aspire to improving their prospects.

The house itself is a three storey facility comprising a computer lab, a sewing room, a home economics and catering kitchen, a library and more recently a music studio. At this vocational centre children can incorporate academic learning, visual arts, music and dance, sports, sewing and computer work as part of their education.



## The Children

Many Ghanaian children do not have access to adequate food and nutrition and are deprived of even a basic education. The situation is worse for children who are not under parental or guardian care, especially street children.

Truancy and absenteeism from school are major problems. A large proportion of females drop out from schools, attributed to teenage pregnancy and lack of motivation.

Many children are abused and suffer emotional and psychological trauma, exposing them to the risks of delinquency in the streets of the major cities of Ghana.

*AS4AK's Patron is Mrs Nicola Downer AM.*

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