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## AHC NEWS

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### **10 African Women and Young girls graduated as AHC Community Ambassadors to provide much need service in the community and spread the word of African Hope Committee. Terrylynn Smith, Vice Chair Announced**



AHC Ambassadors and Clarisse Mefotso Fall, Executive Director, Far Left.



Fatoumata , High School Students and now Ambassador

On January 19, 2011 African Hope Committee Inc. (AHC) held a graduation ceremony for the first ever 9 AHC Community Ambassadors. The Ambassadors began the Kalifa Leadership Program in the beginning of December. For 5 weeks Terrylynn Smith (AHC Vice-Chair) trained women and young girls through the SOAR skill development framework to take charge of their lives, to communicate better and to identify opportunities and produce results that can move them forward in their lives and in our work at AHC. These amazing students took on the syllabus, homework and challenge to revolutionaries their lives and spread AHC's message. AHC will continue to monitor their progress as well as mentor and nurture their endeavors in the community.

The Graduation ceremony began with Clarisse Mefotso Fall, Executive Director, who spoke to the women and congratulated them. She also acknowledged Cynthia Wong from the Union Square Awards one of the foundations that made this leadership program a success as well as expressing her continued dedication to the African Immigrant Community. It looked like it was a night for Terrylynn Smith, Vice Chair, who together with Mrs. Mefotso Fall planned, reviewed an implemented this program. Ms. Smith was also the leadership trainer and obviously has become a role-model for all the women graduating seen by the standing ovation she received when Ms. Mefotso acknowledged her in the beginning. Ms. Smith spoke about the training and what the organization envisioned with this group of women and continued with the procession. AHC is proud to announce our AHC Community Ambassadors: Emilienne Anzara, Aminata

Sow, Danielle Heumengni, Danielle Sipouwa, Omou Bah, Fatoumata Traore, Desiree Mawallet, Solange Bondima, Angele Lowe.

Emilienne Anzara one of three exceptional students spoke on behalf of the class. She explained how Terrylynn and Clarisse helped the students to navigate ways to communicate with people around them. She said that she felt like she had started to identify her natural gifts and talent and wanted to see how far she could take it. In her own words Emilienne said "I always finished people sentences without actually listening to them, now I am conscious about listening to people more." Counting the number of nods from her fellow classmates and friends, this was a sentiment that many students agreed with. She pledged that she would continue to spread the word about AHC.

Tuelo Minah closed the ceremony by thanking all the attendants. She especially thanked the strong leadership in the organization and announced that AHC had renewed the immigration program to the ROSE (Rights, Organize, Social, Equality) Immigrant Program. Also that AHC was partnering with its network partner in a Focus Group gathering and finally resuming the Umoja Sisterhood conference call in February. After eight weeks of working closely with each other, of sharing difficulties and successes, of making new friends and learning how to listen to old ones, and when all the speeches were given AHC graduates finally got to take their family picture as the first African Hope Committee Community Ambassadors. Congratulations to you all! Now Its Time To Work!



AHC Ambassadors and Terrylynn Smith, AHC Vice Chair



Cynthia Wong, AHC Supporter from Union Square Awards

You can ask call and ask for AHC 2010 Accomplishments:

- Some Upcoming 2011 Events:
- 1-AIDS WALK
  - 2- AHC Provider's Summit
  - 3- AHC Participant's Summit
  - 4- Golf-Outing Fundraising
  - 5- House Party Fundraising

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