April 4, 2013

Dear Friends of ACE,

We are writing to you on behalf of the African Community Education Program (ACE), a 501(c)3 non-profit education program in Worcester, MA. ACE currently serves over 100 African refugee and immigrant students within the Worcester Public School system. Our students come from war-torn countries of Africa such as Somalia and the Democratic Republic of Congo, and as a result lack a proper education prior to coming to the United States. Many students do not speak any English when they arrive, and even those who can are often illiterate, putting them years behind their peers academically. These challenges, in addition to the culture shock they face, make school very difficult for our students. Our mission is to help these students catch up in school, ease their transition, graduate high school and attend college. ACE provides a safe, community environment in which our students can learn, grow, and achieve their dreams.

We would like to cordially invite you to our 6th annual Spring Festival! This year’s Spring Festival will be held on April 27th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, located at 28 Mullberry St, Worcester, MA 01605. Doors open at 3:00 p.m. and the program will run from 4 to 6 p.m. The program includes African drumming, dancing, inspirational stories from our students, and a fashion show. Immediately following the program, there will be a buffet of delicious home cooked African food.

As more and more African families come to the Worcester area, they turn to ACE for help. Your support is more important now than ever and will allow ACE to continue to grow as a community and to ensure that our students thrive academically, socially, and culturally.

If you are unable to attend the festival, we hope that you will consider making a donation in lieu of your attendance. Donations can be made securely through our website, www.acechildren.org. We hope that you will support ACE in our mission to help our students be successful in school and in life by joining us for this exciting event!

Thank you,

Kaska Yawo
Executive Director