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Creating Bridges to Knowledge

GuideStar

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Use the GuideStar database to identify grantmaking information and funding history for 1.8 million U.S. IRS-recognized tax-exempt organizations; gather insights on financials, people/leadership, mission, and more.

Recommend that you also use [Foundation Directory Online](#), a useful companion database, for ensuring the most robust results.

Creating Your Customized Search

Tips for Filtering Your Search

- There may not be one perfect set of criteria for your query; the best possible set of prospects are usually found by running multiple searches, using different words/phrases
- Explore each of the filter boxes (also called facets) to understand what they are best used for.
- The facets should anticipate the types of information you are trying to gather. For example:
 - *Who are you serving* – Use the **Population Served** facet. Examples might be poor, veterans, homeless.
 - *What you are doing for the population* – Use **Subject Area** and /or **Keyword** facets. Examples might be job training, counseling, wheelchairs
 - *Why the service is needed* – Use **Subject Area** and/or **Keyword** facets. Examples might be employment, workforce development
 - *Where is the population located* – Use the **search box to identify non-U.S. locations**. Examples might be Africa, France, Uganda.
 - *What type of support do you need* – Use the **search box to identify specific support needs**, such as equipment. Examples might be wheelchairs, walkers, eyeglasses.

Geography Filter

This filter is limited to the locations of organizations that are in the United States; it will *not* help you with filtering for states or countries **to which support is provided**.

TIP: Use the search box at the top of the page to search for keywords that will identify *recipients* that are located in U.S. and non-US countries or cities. See more below about keyword searching.

Geography	Organization	Financials
STATE	-	
	<input type="text" value="Enter state"/>	
ZIP CODE	+	
METRO STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)	+	
CITY	+	
COUNTY	+	

Organization Filter

Subject Area and **Populations Served** are likely the most important filters for your search.

Click on the links below to learn more about each facet; scroll down and look at tabs for A-Z Lists, Browse the Hierarchy, and Search

- [Subjects](#) Describes WHAT is being supported. Example: Elementary Education or Clean Water Supply.
- [Populations](#) Describes WHO is being supported. Example: Girls or People with Disabilities.

Geography **Organization** Financials

SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY ⓘ

Platinum

Gold

Silver

Bronze

No seal

SUBJECT AREA ⓘ +

POPULATIONS SERVED +

IRS SUBSECTION +

AFFILIATION TYPE ⓘ +

SPECIFIC EXCLUSION +

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES +

DIVERSITY +

DIVERSITY -

Show only organizations that have provided data on diversity, equity and inclusion OFF

Financials Filter

Geography Organization **Financials**

REVENUE (FORM 990) -

\$0 MAX

More revenue filters +

TOTAL EXPENSES +

TOTAL ASSETS +

Following is an example of how to search GuideStar:

Query: locate Grantmakers who provide support to people in Africa with physical disabilities, specifically providing wheelchairs

1. Select the **Organization** tab; type disabilities in the **Populations Served** box, then continue to expand; select the **People with Physical Disabilities** option

POPULATIONS SERVED

People with physical disabilities ✕

disabilities

Age groups ▾

Ethnic and racial groups ▾

Family relationships ▾

Health ▲

People with disabilities ▲

People with hearing impairments

People with intellectual disabilities

People with learning disabilities

People with other disabilities

People with physical disabilities

People with psychosocial disabilities

People with vision impairments

2. In the **search box**, enter these keywords: Africa wheelchair.
3. Clicking **Search** combines searching for support for populations of people with physical disabilities AND Africa AND wheelchairs.
4. 98 organizations are returned. Note they are **sorted by relevance**, but you can change the sort to: Org Name, Revenues, Gross Receipts, Assets

Search GuideStar Pro

Organizations People

africa wheelchair

Search

Geography **Organization** Financials

SEAL OF TRANSPARENCY ⓘ

Platinum

Gold

Silver

Bronze

No seal

SUBJECT AREA ⓘ +

POPULATIONS SERVED

People with physical disabilities ✕

disabilities

98 results found. [Clear search](#)

SORT BY **Relevance**

Access download Access cohort

 **Crutches 4 Africa Inc.** **Gold**

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GuideStar Charity Check: Pub78 Verified

become respected, and viable individuals with worth in their respective communities. We have aided 113,000 people directly in 16 African nations and 10 countries outside of Africa. ... disability enablement crutch recycling Africa Africa East Africa crutches wheelchairs walkers canes, Health, Rehabilitation, Human services, Special population support, Social and economic status, Economically disadvantaged ...

[See GuideStar Charity Check](#)

TOTAL REVENUE ⓘ
\$538,273

GROSS RECEIPTS ⓘ
\$658,350

ASSETS
\$42,357

 **Pilot Light Foundation** **Silver**

TOTAL REVENUE ⓘ
\$148,641

Click on one of the organizations displayed for more in-depth information.

Summary

Programs + Results

Financials

Operations

In the Mission section, look at the **Subject Area** and **Populations Served** for possible other search strategies.

Tax Forms – click here to access and download historical and current IRS Form 990s

Mission

Our mission is to find and help those who are disabled physically by war, injury, disease, birth defect, accident, or polio, and provide mobility devices so that they may become respected, and viable individuals with worth in their respective communities. We have aided 113,000 people directly in 16 African nations and 10 countries outside of Africa.

Ruling year ⓘ

1999

EIN

84-1451840

founder president

Mr David Talbot

Subject area ⓘ

Health

Rehabilitation

Special population support

Director

Mrs Candice Talbot

Population served ⓘ

Economically disadvantaged people

Victims and oppressed people

People with physical disabilities

Main address

284 S Franklin St
Denver, CO 80209 USA

[Show more contact info](#)

NTEE code ⓘ

Health - General and Rehabilitative N.E.C. (E99)
Rehabilitative Medical Services (E50)
Services to Promote the Independence of Specific Populations (P80)



IRS subsection

501(c)(3) Public Charity

IRS filing requirement

This organization is required to file an IRS Form 990 or 990-EZ.

Tax forms

[Show Forms 990](#)

Communication



Programs and results

What we aim to solve

SOURCE: Self-reported by organization

Getting a waiver of taxation, or other fees at the port in Africa.
Getting the items to bonafide recipients in areas away from the city.
Marketing and fundraising, social awareness of the need.

Our programs

SOURCE: Self-reported by organization

What are the organization's current programs, how do they measure success, and who do the programs serve?

Collection of devices for Crutches 4 Africa	+
Distribution oversight	+
US Transportation	+
storage of mobility devices	+
shipping abroad	+

Where we work

Uganda; Costa Rica; Pakistan; Africa; El Salvador



Our results

SOURCE: Self-reported by organization

How does this organization measure their results? It's a hard question but an important one.

number of recipient individuals directly aided

TOTALS BY YEAR



POPULATION(S) SERVED

Adults

RELATED PROGRAM

Collection of devices for Crutches 4 Africa

TYPE OF METRIC

Output - describing our activities and reach

DIRECTION OF SUCCESS

Increasing

CONTEXT NOTES

this represents devices delivered directly to users abroad.

Number of groups/individuals benefiting from tools/resources/education materials provided

TOTALS BY YEAR



POPULATION(S) SERVED

Adults

RELATED PROGRAM

Distribution oversight

TYPE OF METRIC

Outcome - describing the effects on people or issues

DIRECTION OF SUCCESS

Increasing

CONTEXT NOTES

community individuals impacted by restoring mobility to their disabled neighbors

Goals & Strategy

SOURCE: Self-reported by organization

Learn about the organization's key goals, strategies, capabilities, and progress.

Charting impact

Four powerful questions that require reflection about what really matters - results.

What is the organization aiming to accomplish?	+
What are the organization's key strategies for making this happen?	+
What are the organization's capabilities for doing this?	+
What have they accomplished so far and what's next?	+

GuideStar does an especially good job of summarizing the organization's financial position; the financial data comes primarily from the Form 990.

Financials

Financial documents

[Download audited financials](#)

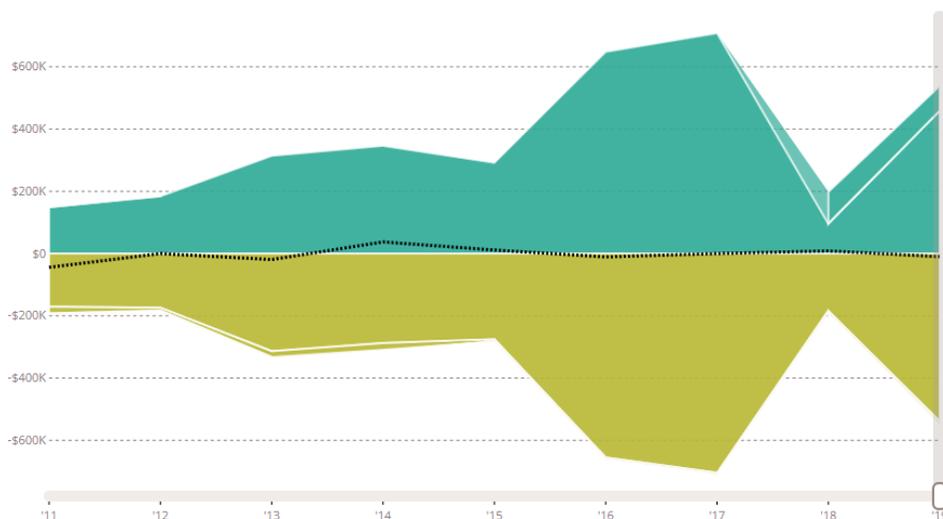
Crutches 4 Africa Inc.
Fiscal year: Jan 01 - Dec 31

Revenue vs. expenses: 2019 breakdown

SOURCE: IRS Form 990

NET GAIN/LOSS: -\$9,972 in 2019

Total revenue:	\$538,273
Contributions:	\$458,421
Gov't grants:	\$0
Program services:	\$79,852
Investments:	\$0
Special events:	\$0
Sales:	\$0
Other:	\$0
Total expenses:	\$548,245
Program services:	\$539,423
Administration:	\$8,822
Fundraising:	\$0



Note: When component data are not available, the graph displays the total Revenue and/or Expense values.

Liquidity in 2019

SOURCE: IRS Form 990

0.00

Average of 0.00 over 9 years

'11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

Months of cash in 2019

SOURCE: IRS Form 990

0.9

Average of 1.4 over 9 years

'11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

Fringe rate in 2019

SOURCE: IRS Form 990

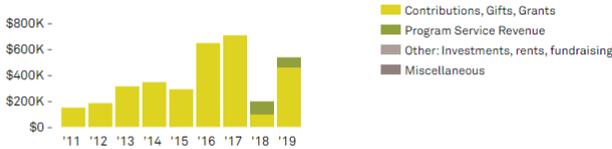
2%

Average of 0% over 9 years

'11 '12 '13 '14 '15 '16 '17 '18 '19

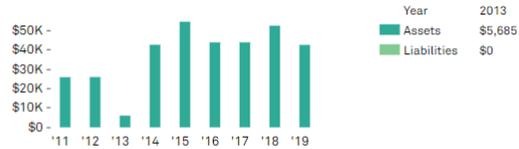
Funding sources

Source: IRS Form 990



Assets & liabilities

Source: IRS Form 990



Financial data

Source: IRS Form 990

Digitizing IRS form 990 data

Paid Preparer
Business Administration Systems Corp
820 Simms St Unit 12
Golden, CO 80401
Tel: 303-337-8195

Revenue & expenses

Balance sheet

Financial trends analysis

Glossary & formula definitions

Crutches 4 Africa Inc. Financial trends analysis

Fiscal Year: Jan 01 - Dec 31
SOURCE: IRS Form 990

Fiscal year: Jan 01 - Dec 31

[View full report](#) [Download data](#)

This snapshot of Crutches 4 Africa Inc.'s financial trends applies Nonprofit Finance Fund® analysis to data hosted by GuideStar. While it highlights the data that matter most, remember that context is key – numbers only tell part of any story.

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Business model indicators

Profitability	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Unrestricted surplus (deficit) before depreciation	\$11,929	-\$10,597	\$44	\$8,626	-\$9,972
As % of expenses	4.3%	-1.6%	0.0%	4.6%	-1.8%
Unrestricted surplus (deficit) after depreciation	\$11,375	-\$10,661	\$6	\$8,607	-\$9,972
As % of expenses	4.1%	-1.6%	0.0%	4.5%	-1.8%
Revenue composition					
Total revenue (unrestricted & restricted)	\$291,610	\$648,347	\$708,400	\$197,856	\$538,273
Total revenue, % change over prior year	-15.8%	122.3%	9.3%	-72.1%	172.1%
Program services revenue	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	51.4%	14.8%
Membership dues	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Investment income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Government grants	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
All other grants and contributions	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	48.6%	85.2%
Other revenue	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Expense composition					
Total expenses before depreciation	\$279,681	\$658,944	\$708,356	\$189,230	\$548,245
Total expenses, % change over prior	-9.4%	135.6%	7.5%	-73.3%	189.7%

Operations

The people, governance practices, and partners that make the organization tick.

Documents

[Letter of Determination](#)

Form 1023/1024 is not available for this organization

founder president

Mr David Talbot

David had polio at the age of two, and knows the value of mobility. He has advocated for the underserved for decades. He has foster parented ten children with his wife... [Read more](#)

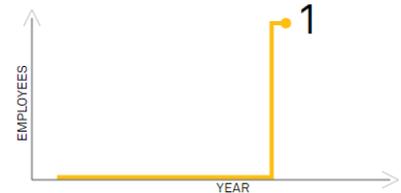
Director

Candice Talbot

Candice has many skills she gives to the cause. Predominantly arranging transportation, storage, prepping and loading containers, traveling with David and walking the dog. She was a professional photographer, and dental assistant.... [Read more](#)

Number of employees

Source: IRS Form 990



Officers, directors, trustees, and key employees

Highest paid employees

Board of directors

Crutches 4 Africa Inc. Officers, directors, trustees, and key employees

SOURCE: IRS Form 990

Show data for fiscal year

David Talbot
Director/Manager

Candice Talbot
Secretary

Dale R Smith
Director

Compensation data

[Download](#) up to 5 most recent years of officer and director compensation data for this organization