

LejaBulela Inc.



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Dear Prospective Leja Bulela Members/Friends:

It is with immense pleasure that I invite you to join Leja Bulela, Inc., an organization that, at almost 15 years old, has realized noteworthy accomplishments in its commitment to addressing injustice and poverty in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Leja Bulela, Inc. was started in 1993, in Detroit, Michigan, to alleviate the suffering of refugees in Eastern Kasai, to promote respect of human rights in Congo, and to promote socio-economic development of Kasai provinces.

Congolese living in the United States and abroad have a unique opportunity to use our skills and resources to alleviate suffering in our home area and to raise awareness around the world about injustices in our country. No matter how small, our commitment is important to addressing poverty, inequity and lack of infrastructure investment in Kasai. We invite those who may not be Congolese but who hold a special place for Congo in their hearts to join us.

Since 1993, LB, Inc. among other accomplishments, the list includes the following:

- * Shipping of medical supplies and tents for refugees in Kasai
- * Shipping of computers and more than 2,000 books to the University of Mbuji-Mayi
- * Funding the planting of palm trees in Mwene-Ditu to address soil erosion and deforestation
- * Financing the installation of a potable water pump in Mbuji-Mayi for refugees
- * Shipping of school supplies for a primary school (Projet Ndaya)
- * Holding an Annual Conference in the United States to teach Luba history, plan development projects, teach Luba youth about Luba culture, and strengthen organizational structures to assist LB in realizing its mission. We have addressed financial planning, entrepreneurship, and Luba folklore, and some of our past keynote speakers have included Mulopwe Albert Kalonji and Abbé Francois Kabasele. In 2003 we added Tshiluba classes, and 19 youth from across the United States attend the Annual Conference.

As the chairman, I am extremely happy to report that LB Leja Bulela has pledged to the construction of Kalala Muzeu Health Center among the refugees in Cibombo Cimuanyi and to primarily serve displaced persons and marginalized communities. LB is also in the process of identifying reliable NGOs working in Kasai that can support with financial and technical contributions.

The organization cannot carry out its mission without your participation, support and contribution. I therefore invite you to join us in order to accomplish this mission. Please download the application form by visiting our website (www.lejabulela.org). If you should have any questions please do not hesitate to call me.

For the Executive Committee,

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