



TODD SCHAFER
Chief Executive Officer
Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance

Todd Schafer is the new C.E.O of the Global AIDS Interfaith Alliance (GAIA), and brings over 15 years of leadership and fundraising experience in the nonprofit sector to his role. He has spent six years living and working in Africa, as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Zaire, a consultant in many countries, and most recently as an employee of a U.K. NGO in Rwanda. He has worked with a variety of nonprofit organizations, both in the U.S. and internationally, and has worked very well with the Rwandan Network of Religious Leaders against HIV.

In August, Todd returned from a 3-year tour in Central Africa as the Programme Funding Manager at Christian Aid, one of Britain’s oldest and largest international development agencies. With regular travel to Burundi and the Democratic Republic of Congo, Todd was instrumental in significantly growing the Central Africa program by securing reliable, multi-year funding from DFID (the UK equivalent to USAID), the United Nations, and the European Union, among others. Prior to that position, his U.S.-based roles included Director of Development and External Relations at Pacific Community Ventures in San Francisco, Deputy Director/Director of Development at Sports4Kids in Oakland, and Associate Director at the Center for Tropical Research at San Francisco State University. He was an organizational consultant for strategic planning and sustainability in fundraising. Todd holds a Master of Sciences degree in Urban Planning from Columbia University (focused on social programs in developing countries) and a Bachelor’s degree in Religion from Carleton College.

In what he refers to as “a previous life”, Todd worked in Washington, DC as a Presidential Management Intern, and later as a federal budget analyst with the Economic Policy Institute. He lives in Oakland with his wife, Molly, and 3 kids re-adjusting to American schools.

