

"We can turn despair into hope, and that's magical. We can wipe away any tears and substitute smiles"

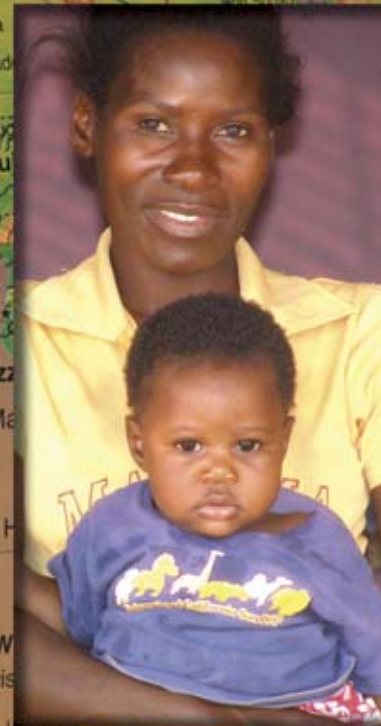
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Saving the World,
Ten Dollars at
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2007 Annual Report

December 2007

Dear Friends:

It is common to have a photograph of the head of the organization on this page of an annual report. My image is not the one that matters. What is vitally important to our work is the knowledge that there is unimaginable suffering across the globe, and your willingness to end that misery.



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In the course of my efforts on your behalf each month I see hundreds of pictures similar to this one and read just as many stories about the plight of the world's poorest people. I looked at this malnourished child and was overcome with sadness. That sadness soon turned to anger. Serious, desk pounding anger.

This is the world we live in? Really? A world where innocent children die from preventable afflictions? How can that be? How can we let that happen? Why aren't more people filled with anger?

Refugees in the Central African Republic are starving; lack of toilets and proper hygiene breeds disease in Nepal; women are dying during childbirth in Burkina Faso; students are dropping out of school in Yemen to provide for their families; millions in Pakistan lack access to mental healthcare; violence roars in Sudan and Somalia; cyclones; displaced families; children dying of diarrhea; people the world over without access to food, water, shelter, clothing, education, and medicine.

Neither the media nor governments pay enough attention to the desperate troubles of people perishing in developing countries. These folks need you. They need you to know that they exist; that they are languishing miserably; and that they can be saved. They need to know that they can count on the generosity of strangers.

And there you are, sacrificing a little each month to save their lives. There you are building maternity hostels in Uganda; supporting literacy programs in Egypt, Sudan, and Senegal; empowering women in Mali; repairing roads in Haiti; providing water to orphans in Sierra Leone; and delivering medicines to villages throughout Guatemala.

There you are, donating \$10 and saving people's lives. If you were with us throughout the entire year, you used \$120 to unleash \$45,910 of international poverty aid. That's a mighty rate of return on your investment in any economic climate!

I still get mad every time I see the image of a dying child. Furious. But it also increases my resolve to make The \$10 Club the most effective organization in the world at providing targeted poverty relief. Through our sadness and frustration and anger we can make despair disappear for millions.

Saving the World, Ten Dollars at a Time,

Adam M. Roberts
Founder & President

Financial Report¹

| | <u>2006</u> | <u>2007</u> | <u>2008</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-------------|
| <u>INCOME</u> | | | |
| Membership | \$42,765.35 | \$50,672.07 | |
| Revenue carried forward | \$13,896.00 | \$28,150.64 | \$28,904.14 |
| Grants ² | \$15,000.00 | \$3,000.00 | |
| Miscellaneous contributions | <u>\$1,161.32</u> | | |
| Total Income | <u>\$72,822.67</u> | <u>\$81,822.71</u> | |
| <u>EXPENDITURES</u> | | | |
| Project Grants | \$37,690.00 | \$45,910.00 | |
| Operational Expenses | <u>\$6,982.03</u> | <u>\$7,008.57</u> | |
| Total Expenditures | <u>\$44,672.03</u> | <u>\$52,918.57</u> | |

¹ Unaudited financial report. IRS 990 is prepared by RSM McGladrey and available upon request.

² The \$10 Club has been particularly fortunate this year to have received grants from the Hyperion Corporation's Charitable Giving Committee and the Sally Schneider Family Foundation.



You supported a literacy project in Egypt.



You facilitated the education of dozens of young girls in Senegal.



You built a facility for sewing and literacy classes for impoverished women in Zambia.



You distributed textbooks to internally displaced children in war-torn Sudan.



You helped construct a Waiting Mother's Hostel in Uganda.

Saving the world, ten dollars at a time.



You repaired vital roads in Haiti leading to health centers.



You brought medicines to nearly 2,000 Guatemalans.



You funded a women's cooperative in Mali to sell Shea butter products.

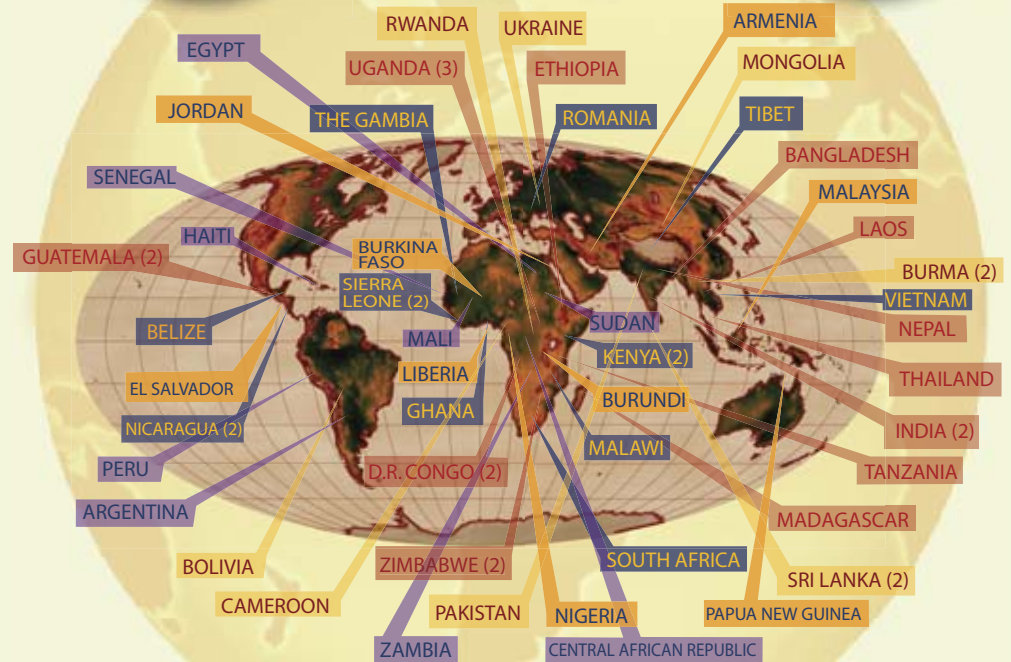
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12 Projects in 12 Countries

\$45,910

- **January—\$3,500** to build a new facility for sewing and literacy classes for women in Zambia
- **February—\$3,520** to provide anti-parasitic treatments throughout sixteen villages in Guatemala
- **March—\$3,830** to distribute books through a literacy program in Egypt
- **April—\$3,700** to produce a series of educational films on topics related to health and hygiene in the Central African Republic
- **May—\$3,710** to enable an orphanage in Sierra Leone to acquire two water tanks
- **June—\$3,750** to erect a playground in a poverty-stricken area of Argentina
- **July—\$3,750** to renovate a community center serving poor children in Peru
- **August—\$3,700** to create a boutique for a women's cooperative in Mali to sell their Shea butter products
- **September—\$5,200*** to build a Waiting Mother's Hostel alongside the Bwindi Community Health Centre in Uganda (*includes additional member contribution to ensure full project funding)
- **October—\$3,720** to facilitate the education of 60 girls in Senegal
- **November—\$3,700** to supply textbooks and pens to children in camps for Internally Displaced People in Sudan
- **December—\$3,830** to repair the roads leading to health centers in Haiti

You've done a world of good.



The \$10 Club project sites 2003 through 2007

Trying to hold the suffering away by staying away will not help. Only when you face squarely into the suffering and allow your heart to break with compassion can you truly stand in solidarity with the victims of violence. Only when your heart is open can you truly serve.

—Louise Diamond, *The Peace Book*

Identify Problem • Develop Solution • Save Lives