

Lazarus Partners

*Brendan Wood Partners & Friends
Celebration 2006-2007*

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(Clockwise L-R): Greg & Susan Guichon, Judy Pangman, Anne Wood, Don Pangman, Angelica Mengana and Ajay Walia, Stewart Borden, Adrian Miles & Nora Turkevics, Joe Korchinski.

A Christmas Story



Anne & Brendan Wood

Twenty seven years ago in early December I met for a quiet lunch with some of my partners to contemplate the usual, annual, empty ritual, namely the dreaded company Christmas party! Three of us, all Catholics, were depressed by the upcoming spectacle. That year had been a terrible year and we had no extra cash or enthusiasm for a hollow celebration. On the second glass of wine, we rebelled unanimously. The Christmas party was off! What would we do instead? Given our moods, it was decided that little, if anything, would make us feel better. Then the inevitable... “there are lots of people worse off than us”. Why not do something to help others? So who was worse off than us and what could we do to help them? While there were countless people who needed help and uplifting, we didn’t really know who they were and how to reach them. As we meditated on this, the conversation began to light up with all kinds of ideas. In fact, there were so many ideas to look into, and causes to investigate, that we completely forgot about our meager funds. It was as if the desire to do something had multiplied our resources.

How could we get the most value to the end user? Which charitable organizations really delivered? Which were bureaucracies? Who had a handle on the best answers to social problems? What causes were the most important?

The next move was obvious. We would split up some cash amongst our employees and friends and ask them to seek out the best causes they could find and gather together for a dinner at which they would share the story behind what they did with the money. We agreed there would be no restraints on any basis - all religious and secular causes chosen by our friends were ‘in’.

The education has been spectacular, the dinners have been inspirational, to say the least, and we couldn’t have imagined how much could be done with so little money when the right people chose to put it into the right hands. We now call these efforts the Lazarus project.

Brendan

A Word from Lazarus Partners - Christmas 2006-2007

The Lazarus Partners concept was introduced over 27 years ago by Brendan Wood International. Inspired by Christmas, the first Lazarus project and those which have followed have consistently united the professional skills of Brendan Wood International with the selection of charitable organizations which define outperformance.

Lazarus Partners engages volunteers amongst our employees and friends, seeking out humanitarian organizations who view those they serve as “clients” and treat their benefactors as “investors”. Lazarus looks for charitable organizations with effective and innovative solutions to underlying causes rather than those who treat symptoms alone.

Lazarus Partners celebrates and promotes transparent accountability as a key quality of any humanitarian organization. We want to advance benchmarks of achievement which increase the power of every dollar invested. Lazarus Partners seeks out the charities who provide the highest possible percentage of the funding dollar directly to the recipient/client and whose volunteerism is equally outstanding.

Finally, Lazarus acts as the “Voice of the Client” in a world of faceless, voiceless and powerless recipients too often seen and treated solely as charity cases.

Lazarus is especially sensitive and responsive to organizations which confront danger in treacherous theatres of operation with courage and faith. Lazarus believes that one of the fundamental financial disciplines guiding charity is the vow of poverty and treats religious organizations adhering to this virtue accordingly.

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Over the years, Lazarus Partners has enlisted the moral and financial support of more than 1000 volunteers comprised of Brendan Wood International partners, employees, clients, advisors, families and friends. We have invested considerably and worked hard, never to perfection, and never without fault. The challenge is great and in many ways we have only just begun.

Voice of the Client

This Christmas finds Lazarus Partners “on the move” again embracing changes which we trust will better serve our “clients.” This year’s mantra is the “saving of lives”. It has unfolded over the years that the harder we searched for charitable organizations who met the Lazarus performance tests, the more consistently we encountered humanitarian teams who measured themselves against the toughest standards and could actually quantify their achievements in the “saving of lives”.

The Tree of Life

This new theme very much captures Lazarus Partners aspirations in our third decade of common giving. Having developed effective disciplines for choosing high performance charities over the years, we have now identified the dynamic roots in our tree of life. These root organizations can yield an enormous harvest of “saved lives”. Our mood and spirit is to maximize the level of our giving and add as many new clients as we can to the number of precious lives it is our privilege to help save. The Lazarus Tree of Life will be illuminated case by case this Christmas by the light of our gifts and intentions. No gift is too small to add to the rich fruit this Tree of Life produces in a world of suffering and adversity.

Lazarus Partners

Lazarus Core Selection Criteria



Brendan Wood

The criteria used by our team to single out an organization to be supported by Lazarus Partners are:

1. TANGIBLE DELIVERABLES

Delivery of precise quantifiable services and products to its clients. Exactly what does the charitable organization deliver and to whom? Precisely how many people are served monthly and what is the unit cost of each deliverable?

2. COMPETITIVENESS - EFFICIENCY OF THE DELIVERY SYSTEM

Does the organization achieve results in an effective operating methodology? This includes such benchmarks as the ratio of human energy to results, adjusted for the conditions in the charity's operating theatre.

3. COMPETITIVENESS - FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY

Does the organization achieve results with an efficient ratio of dollars invested versus achievement/benchmarks? Are the organization's financial goals and policies wise and objective? Above all is there a verifiable disci-

pline and planned management of money based upon results for clients?

4A. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY TO CLIENTS

Does the Management and Board operate at a high level of direct accountability to clients, absent condescension, dedicated to dignity as a fundamental right of the client?

4B. MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABILITY TO INVESTORS

Does management deliver hard facts in a fully transparent and all encompassing view to donors?

5. COMMITMENT AND PLANS TO ACHIEVE SUSTAINABLE CLIENT INDEPENDENCE

Does management have a program at work which clearly achieves goals of self-help, personal independence and responsibility amongst clients?

6. VOLUNTEERISM / RECRUITMENT

How effectively does the charity recruit, train, and retain the energy of volunteers?



Guest Speakers



(Clockwise L-R): Bill Whittaker (Master of Ceremonies), Dan Tisch and Kerri Sakamoto, Laurel Ward and Don Catalano, Kevin Burke and Ashley Wolbrink, Group Shot.

House of Hope Orphanage – Uganda

Godfrey Rudahigan



Founded in 1988 by Edward Muyoboke, House of Hope (HoH) was created out of an urgent need to save children in one of the most desperate parts of the world. House of Hope was created to feed, clothe, educate and meet the mental, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of children orphaned by war and AIDS in Africa by developing a self-sustaining agriculturally based orphanage. The orphanage is located in Kasese, Uganda, a remote village near the borders of the Congo and Rwanda where hundreds of young children are orphaned by war and HIV/AIDS.

Edward Muyoboke, born in 1959 in Kesese is of Tutsi heritage and was the third generation of his family to live in a refugee camp. After he moved to Canada Edward started sending funds back to purchase farm land in Uganda. He established the orphanage with his own house and 100-acre farm in Kasese. In 2000 he decided to move back to Kasese and operate the House of Hope and now splits his time between Canada and Uganda.

Currently HoH feeds and cares for 36 orphans, pays staff and keeps the facility running on a monthly budget of \$1,400. Children are fed 1 to 2 meals per day consisting of beans or maize. The children have all been tested for HIV/AIDS, eight tested positive and have started treatment. All 36 children go to school. Six are now in high school and three at university. In a part of the world where so many leave forever once they have the opportunity, it is inspiring to know that all these three, upon graduation, have committed to return to their family at House of Hope and help run things.

We believe that investing in these children, with love and education, is an important part of the path towards self-sufficiency. Recently the children created a mural depicting what they want to be when they grow up. I am proud to report that the House of Hope will produce many doctors, lawyers and even the next president.

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Every dollar donated to HoH goes directly to care for the children. There are no payments to administration, either in Canada or Uganda, no travel costs or office space. House of Hope has partnered with CACHA (Canada Africa Community Health Alliance) and has charitable status.

The truck donated by Lazarus Partners in 2005 as well as Lazarus’ continued support has made a world of difference to HoH. You have created renewed hope and inspiration that has kept us going. There is still much to be done as we strive for self-sufficiency but knowing there are people like you in the world fills us with confidence and resolve and I once again would like to express our thanks to you on behalf of the children.





Looking Back...

Danny Nashman

I had the privilege last night to witness a miracle and I wanted to share the full story with you...

Last night, Godfrey and I attended the Brendan Wood International Lazarus Partners Dinner where House of Hope was one of 17 featured charities. The event brings together all of the staff and clients of the firm for a night to celebrate charity. The magic began weeks before the event when my friend Stewart was looking for a charity to feature at the event. Naturally, I told him about Edward and the House of Hope.

And now to the evening.... Over the course of appetizers, dinner and dessert, a total of 17 charities were featured. They ranged from the Salvation Army to a charity for youth at risk in Russia to other HIV/AIDS related charities in Africa. Some of the speakers were extremely dynamic and they included a Nobel Peace Prize winner from Dignitas International and a former US ambassador to Finland who is the current chair of the board for the American Red Cross.

AND NOW FOR THE MIRACLE!

As the evening went on the volume of information shared from all of the charities grew and grew. Godfrey was the third to last speaker of the evening and we were not sure if he would be able to capture the attention of the audience. As soon as he was introduced the audience gave him their full attention. He spoke eloquently and brilliantly and, as he was speaking, you could hear a pin

drop in the room. Their hearts were touched and they were moved as they heard about the children, Edward and the challenges they face.

He spoke for only 5 minutes but something had clearly shifted in the room. When he was done, the head of the firm, Brendan Wood, came to the microphone and said... I want to help these kids. We should make sure they have the truck they need just in case of unrest in the months ahead. I am putting in \$5000 tonight... and I want others to join me. Godfrey and I were blown away!

The next speaker was the Nobel Peace Prize recipient who used to head up Doctors Without Borders. He started his talk in the oddest way. He said, "I have been to Kasese, I know the plight of the children there, if you support one charity tonight, please support the House of Hope"..... Needless to say, we were shocked!

After all of the speakers finished, Brendan stood back up and asked for more support for the House of Hope. One by one people raised their hands and offered \$1000 or \$2000. Within 5 minutes we had between \$17000 - \$23000 pledged (it was hard to keep track). For some reason, House of Hope captured the room.

Thanks again to Godfrey for his powerful sharing of the House of Hope story. A huge thanks to Stewart Borden and the Brendan Wood Partners for supporting us and making this miracle possible.



Ashoka

Gaston Wright

Ashoka's mission is to develop the profession of social entrepreneurship around the world.

Ashoka invests in people. It is a global non-profit organization that searches the world for social entrepreneurs—extraordinary individuals with unprecedented ideas for change in their communities. Ashoka identifies and invests in these social entrepreneurs when no one else will. It does so through stipends and professional services that allow “Ashoka Fellows” to focus fulltime on their ideas for leading social change in education and youth development, health care, environment, human rights, access to technology and economic development.

Ashoka first began electing leading social entrepreneurs to its global fellowship in 1982. Today the fellowship comprises more than 1,800 leading social entrepreneurs in 44 countries. All Ashoka funds are privately raised from individual donors and private or corporate charitable foundations.

Ashoka's value, especially as a global fellowship, depends on its ability to elect social entrepreneurs with the most powerful new ideas and potential for large scale impact. In reviewing candidates, Ashoka applies five criteria.

Criterion 1: A new idea/solution

Ashoka cannot elect someone to the fellowship unless he or she is possessed by a new idea, a new solution or approach to a social problem that will change the pattern in a field, be it education, health, or any other, at the national level (or across a broader region for small countries).

Criterion 2: Creativity

Successful social entrepreneurs must be creative both as goal-setting visionaries and in the essential follow-up problem solving.



Gaston Wright

Criterion 3: Entrepreneurial Quality

Ashoka is looking for entrepreneurs. We are looking for men and women who are possessed by an idea; who will persevere refining, testing, and then spreading or marketing the idea until it has become the new pattern for society as a whole.

Criterion 4: Social Impact of the Idea

Successful social entrepreneurship needs not only an extraordinary champion to develop an idea but a powerful, practical new idea that will spread on its own merits.

Criterion 5: Ethical Fiber

Social entrepreneurs introducing major structural changes in society, in effect, have to ask a great many people to change how they do things. If people do not trust the entrepreneur, the likelihood of success is significantly reduced. The quality of Ashoka's collaborative fellowship is dependent upon the free exchange of information and insights and trust of each other.

83% of Ashoka fellows continue to work with their idea

82% have been able to replicate their idea

71% of Ashoka fellows have been able to achieve change

How can you support Ashoka?

1. Invest financially
2. Nominate potential candidates
3. Share expertise and skills with exiting fellows

Canadian Magen David Adom for Israel

David Kaminker President, Toronto Chapter

Magen David Adom (MDA) is Israel's only first aid society, serving all Israelis regardless of race, religion, or nationality. MDA operates the ambulance service and is also responsible for the blood supply.

MDA operates with a staff of only 1,400 for the entire country, and another 10,000 volunteers. Currently the youngest volunteer is 15 and the oldest 86. One-half of the volunteers are under the age of 20 and many volunteers are Canadians who pay their own air fare to Israel and spend their summers riding on the ambulances.

Over 430,000 people receive services from MDA every year. In 2006 MDA totaled 468,347 ambulance drives, averaging 1,283 drives per day, a 5% increase from the previous year.

Under Canadian law MDA cannot send money so we send goods instead. The equipment ranges from cervical collars and IV bags to teaching aids, LP-12 defibrillators and even ambulances. In fact 38 Canadian ambulances were donated in 2006-07.

It has been a great pleasure to meet and work with the dedicated representatives of Lazarus Partners. I am truly proud and moved to have been involved and am impressed with the diverse goals and interests of the charities that Lazarus Partners supports. Experiencing the enthusiasm and warm reception reinforces the true meaning of the Season. It is only through the kind and good people like yourselves that we, Magen David Adom are able to fulfill our commitments for medical services in Israel.



David Kaminker

Ve'ahavta: The Canadian Jewish Humanitarian and Relief Committee

Avrum Rosensweig

Ve'ahavta is an organization that is firmly rooted in Jewish faith, history and tradition. We have developed relationships based on goodwill and trust across denominations in Toronto's Jewish community, and have cultivated many productive and positive inter-faith partnerships. Over our ten-year history, we have developed the infrastructure and expertise to implement international and local projects that are seen as models to be replicated in other parts of the world.

Ve'ahavta has extensive experience in recruiting, training, and monitoring our volunteers, and incorporate the Jewish mitzvah (commandment/good deed) of "Tikun Olam" (repairing the world) and tzedakah (charity) into our organizational mandate and into every project we undertake. Ve'ahavta currently has eight full-time staff members and a volunteer roster of close to 1,000. This ratio has allowed Ve'ahavta to leverage its efforts around the world to produce hands-on and widely respected results.

Some of our initiatives:

Local - Homeless Outreach Program/Homework Club at Regent Park

In Toronto we have a van that goes out 3 times a week to visit the homeless. Over 10,000 people have been visited, over 18,500 meals distributed, we have responded to 550 emergency calls and distributed 62,000 pairs of socks. Every week our volunteers help 50 children living in Regent Park with their home work. Many of these children are newcomers to Toronto and live in an under-serviced community.

Guyana

Each February, in partnership with the Lions Club, our multidisciplinary team of volunteers (physicians, nurses, laboratory technologists, a pharmacist, physiotherapist, social worker, and support workers) departs for a two-week trip to some of the most remote areas of Guyana to provide free medical care to local communities. Our team fundraises individually to cover all costs associated with their trip. Our team brings over \$400,000 of donated supplies with us each year. We set up mobile clinics and over a two-week period treat approximately 2000 patients.

Zimbabwe

Ve'ahavta and the Salvation Army Howard Hospital have worked in partnership since 1998. Ve'ahavta's focus at the Howard has been on a variety of medical research projects, training of local staff, support and development of the Hospital's HIV/AIDS and TB treatment program, and ongoing facilitation of supplies and volunteers to the Howard.

Zimbabwe is in a volatile and precarious state. Conservative estimates place the HIV/AIDS infection rate at 40% of the overall population. The number of AIDS orphans are rising quickly, and the government has shown a steady reduction in support of humanitarian aid organizations and foreign workers in the country over the last number of years. Despite these daunting realities, the interfaith nature of Ve'ahavta and the Salvation Army has allowed us to proceed with a replicable model for healthcare service and delivery in Southern Africa that has garnered a great deal of respect from various international aid bodies. Missionary hospitals have become the most successful entry point to humanitarian medical support in the developing world, as the Salvation Army has managed to remain politically neutral even in Zimbabwe.

Life-Saving Surgery

Ve'ahavta was instrumental in bringing formerly conjoined twins to Sick Kids from Zimbabwe for life-altering separation surgery.

World Crisis Response

Ve'ahavta has provided assistance in many regions including Sri Lanka, Sudan, Argentina and El Salvador.

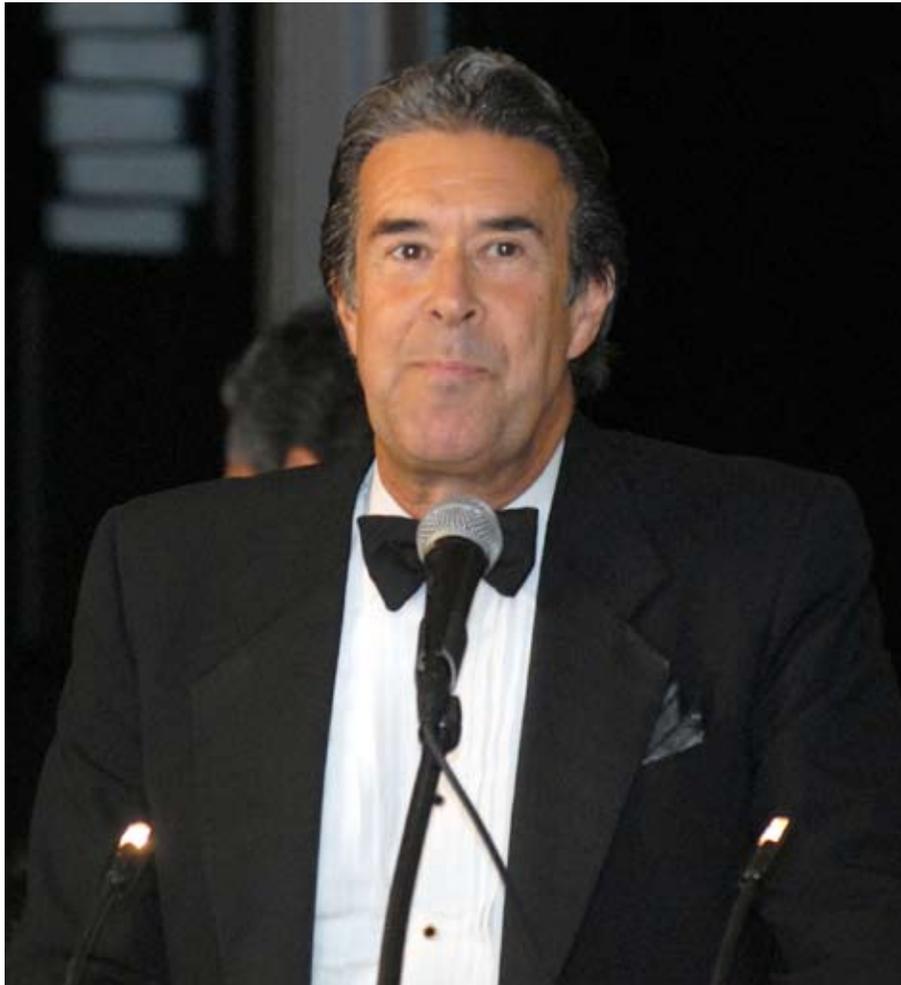
You can light one million candles from one candle and not diminish the strength of the original candle.



Avrum Rosensweig

Philip Aziz Centre

Don Pangman



Don Pangman

In 1991 an artist and teacher by the name of Philip Aziz became terminally ill with AIDS and during the last year of his life was taken in and cared for by a small church group on the Esplanade in Toronto, known as the Church in the City. Philip left his estate to the church and asked them to create a hospice to care for people infected with this devastating disease, treating them with dignity during the last days of their life, such as he was treated by the new friends he first met in 1991.

Incorporated in 1995 The Philip Aziz Centre is a Toronto based community hospice program with 4 full time staff and 75 trained volunteers providing respite, practical, emotional, and spiritual support to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other life-threatening illnesses in the comfort of their homes.

PAC recruits, screens, trains, supervises and retains a high percentage of its volunteers: volunteers provide a maximum of 4 hours per week (to avoid burn-out) and are requested to make a one year commitment to PAC. The average number of volunteers is currently at 70.

Since 1995 PAC has met the needs of hundreds of individuals and families and in 2006 will have provided over 11,500 hours of service to 138 adults and 100 children.

Research indicates an increasing demand among women and children for respite/hospice care, particularly women who need emergency medical treatment but are reluctant to leave their children with neighbors or friends for fear of revealing their illness. The medical, social and economic implications of HIV/AIDS are impacting so many in Canada and must be addressed with both haste and compassion.

We are very grateful to all who support the work of the Centre – individuals and organizations that share a mutual vision and compassion to help those living with the challenges of HIV/AIDS.

Thank you again for your gift and for the opportunity to describe what I truly believe is a compassionate organization whose leaders and volunteers offer hope and dignity to those they serve, and who are delivering social services at one of the highest levels in the City of Toronto.

Priests of the Sacred Heart

- West Papua Mission

Father Jim Casper

The Priests of the Sacred Heart, the religious community to which I belong, numbers about 2300 members and we are located in over 30 countries. Every region is accountable to our central administrative in Rome. Recently the Canadian region has been asked to put aside financial resources to assist the 7 members of our community in Indonesian Province with the West Papua project.

“The team works with a threefold objective: education, agricultural instruction and healthcare.”

Although rich in resources, the population of West Papua remains poor and the country exists with little or no infrastructure outside of the capital city of Jayapura. The jungle communities remain isolated for lack of roads. One member of our team was flown for three hours, in an Australian missionary plane, to a jungle landing and walked for 5 more hours to reach one village.

Our community works out of three parishes in Timika, with a view to helping the population of the jungle villages. The team works with a threefold objective: education, which includes the establishment of a centre for the training of teachers, agricultural instruction and healthcare.

The poorly paid Papuans are showing signs of a population under stress with little hope for the future. For example, alcoholism is on the rise among them and the HIV rate is unusually high in comparison to the rest of the country. Moreover, the cost of living is very high because everything is imported. A kilo of rice which is 5,000 rupia in Jakarta is 15,000 rupia in West Papua. Our goal is to teach the local people to grow rice and other crops and make them self-sufficient.

Contributions earmarked for the West Papua Mission are sent directly to the Provincial Superior who ultimately supervises the team. Financial statements, as well as, progress reports are prepared every month.



Father Jim Casper



(Clockwise L-R): Nora Turkevics and Anne Wood, Brendan Wood and Joe & Theresa Stephen, James Orbinski, Rolie Srivastava and David Fleck, Bob Acheson, Stefanie Lau, Len Sedun and Angelica Mengana.

Dignitas

Dr. James Orbinski



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When we think of HIV/AIDS we think of Africa. We think of Africa as a dark, despairing, continent full of war, disease, poverty and of hopelessness. However, HIV/AIDS is not simply an African problem, it is a problem all over the world. HIV/AIDS is the most effective epidemic in the history of the world.

Dignitas is a new organization that we started two years ago. We started working in Malawi, and we started with a view to take on the HIV epidemic in a new and innovative way. The innovation is very basic.

We believe in the dignity of every single human being. We believe that every single human being has a right to exist. We believe that dignity is rooted in the experience of the sameness of self in the other. To see yourself in another, requires compassion. To see another in yourself requires wisdom. To see the interdependence of self and other, requires humility. And it requires, fundamentally, a respect for each and every human being. These are the basic values of Dignitas. We started in Africa because that is where the AIDS epidemic today is worst, and that's where the impact of the epidemic is most profoundly and visibly felt.

We believe that we have a revolutionary idea. It's a very simple idea, it is called community based care. Sustainable community-based approaches bring essential medical care to the community level, helping to address the single greatest obstacle preventing millions of people from gaining access to effective treatment and prevention; the severe shortage

of healthcare workers in areas overwhelmed by AIDS. What we are doing in Malawi is training hundreds of nurses, clinical officers, and community based volunteers to work in an integrated, systematic fashion to contain and control the HIV epidemic.

In Malawi 20% of the population is HIV positive, and 500,000 children are orphaned due to AIDS. In 5 years, at a minimum, that number will be 1 million orphans. There are only 100 doctors in a country of 12 million. There are more Malawian doctors working in Manchester UK than in all of Malawi. In Canada, U.S., UK, Australia and New Zealand between 24-28% of our healthcare personnel come from the developing world. We call this phenomenon brain drain, others call it poaching of medical resources.

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The bottom line is to deal with the reality in Malawi today, we need an innovative approach. Our community based care program is a prototype. We have been working in the Zomba district for the last 24 months and we are growing at an exponential rate. In January 2006, fewer than 700 people living with HIV/AIDS had been started on antiretroviral (ARV) treatment.



David Kaminker, David Fleck, Ian Russell, James Orbinski

One year later:

- » 6000 HIV positive patients are being actively treated
- » 2000 of those patients are on life-saving ARV treatment
- » We've trained hundreds of nurses, clinical officers, and community based care workers
- » 3000 people a month are being tested for HIV

We're at the point now where we can grow exponentially in terms of our ability to work within this community based care model. We have chosen 3 three countries, Malawi, India, and Cambodia where we are going to design, test and implement this community based care model so we can figure out what works, what doesn't work, what's generalizable and what's not generalizable. A major component of our program is research. In the last year we've built research partnerships with the University of Toronto, Harvard University Partners in Help, BC Center For Excellence in AIDS Studies, the University of Malawi, and many other individual researchers.

Our next goal is to take the new knowledge that we create around community based care and disseminate that widely so that others can take up the approach. Our successes over the last two years are enormous and profound. The Malawi government recognizes Dignitas as one of the two best organizations in the country in terms of its ability to care for people living with HIV.

**HIV/AIDS STATISTICS 2007
(Provided by UNAIDS)**

Women: In sub-Saharan Africa, almost 61% of adults living with HIV in 2007 were women. Once a family member becomes ill, women overwhelmingly carry the burden of care, further increasing their vulnerability to the disease.

Children: HIV/AIDS has led to over 15 million orphans worldwide. By 2010, this number will soar to over 25 million. Orphans are deprived of love, shelter, food, health and education.

Poverty and Famine: HIV/AIDS-related illness and death destroy the economic viability of families and communities. In two-thirds of Zambian families where the father died, monthly disposable income fell by more than 80%. In 2002, famine was officially linked to HIV/AIDS in Southern Africa.

Development: Workforce attrition due to HIV/AIDS is destroying the human capital that is the foundation of public and private sectors. In less than one generation, decades of development have been reversed.

International Security: HIV/ AIDS threatens international peace, security and economic stability. Rising numbers of orphans without opportunity and rapid spread of HIV throughout the military represent significant destabilizing forces within.

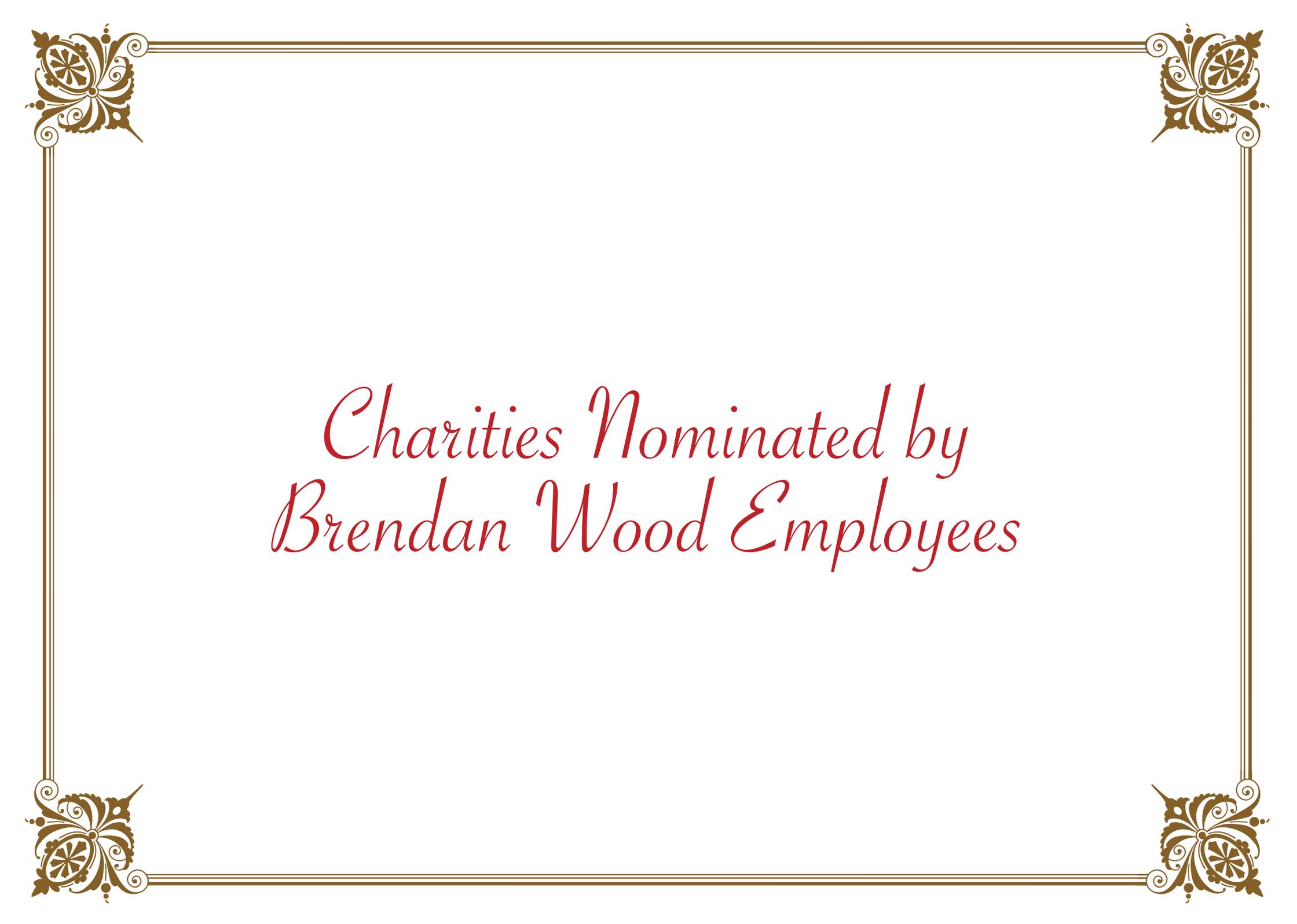
Global Statistics:

People living with HIV: 33.2 million
Newly infected in 2007: 2.5 million
AIDS deaths in 2007: 2.1 million

While the global prevalence of HIV infection - the percentage of people infected with HIV - has leveled off, the total number of people living with HIV is increasing because of ongoing acquisition of HIV infection, combined with longer survival times, in a continuously growing general population.

The number of people dying from AIDS-related illnesses has declined in the last two years, due in part to the life prolonging effects of antiretroviral therapy. AIDS is among the leading causes of death globally and remains the primary cause of death in Africa.

“Unquestionably, we are beginning to see a return on investment - new HIV infections and mortality are declining and the prevalence of HIV levelling,” said UNAIDS Executive Director Dr. Peter Piot. “But with more than 6,800 new infections and over 5,700 deaths each day due to AIDS we must expand our efforts in order to significantly reduce the impact of AIDS worldwide.”



*Charities Nominated by
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All God's Children

Amanda Knott

Based out of Illinois, All God's Children provides operating support to an orphanage in Honduras called Hogar.

Tangible Deliverables

All God's Children helps provide food, shelter, medical care, spiritual training, and education to almost 200 children. It also provides sponsorship programs to match families to individual children. Donors are welcome to provide one time monetary gifts which can be directed at a specific need such as school uniforms, or they can be directed to the general budget.

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Efficiency of the Delivery System

The organization is headed by one non-paid individual and there are no paid employees. Teams of volunteers travel to Hogar to help construct and improve living facilities. For \$25 a month donors can sponsor a child to help provide necessities such as food, clothing, education, and medical care.

Financial Efficiency

All God's Children has administrative expenses of only 2% and fundraising expenses of 1.2%, which leaves 96.8% to go directly to the programs.

Accountability to Clients and Investors

The president of the organization travels to Honduras 10 times a year with teams of volunteers and all donors are invited to visit as well.

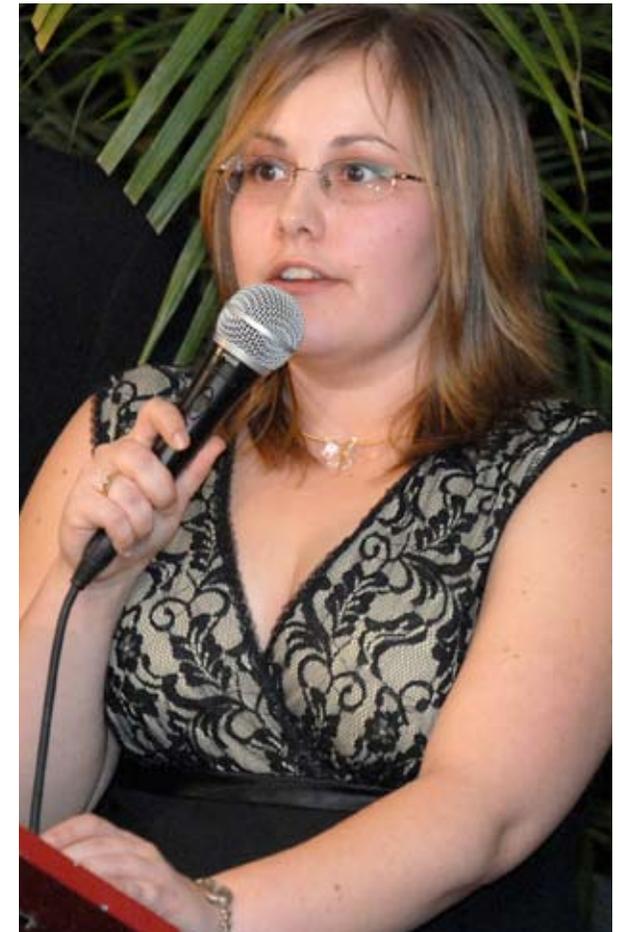
Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Results

At Hogar the children become a family by living and working together. They share the chores and learn important job skills such as sewing, woodworking, farming, carpentry, and welding. Most importantly, they embrace the values that will enable them to grow into strong adults who will make a difference in their communities.

In their late teens the children are given the opportunity to either get a job or go to university. All God's Children really tries to give them the opportunity to go to school. In the last few years about seven of the children have been attending university and have been living in townhouses that were donated by a church that was doing fundraising for the organization. One of the original girls raised at Hogar has now become the onsite pre-school teacher.

Volunteerism

Missionary groups, church groups, and families travel to the orphanage usually for a week at a time. Many go back repeatedly.



Amanda Knott

Alongside International

Jason Peetsma



Stephanie Garon and Jason Peetsma

Alongside International is a Christian humanitarian organization that engages in several direct hands-on projects in Africa and South America. These projects have a long-term positive impact on the communities by providing schools, medical clinics, homes, fresh water, and medical care.

One of these projects is the Nigeria medical outreach project that occurs annually. The recipients of this charity are rural Nigerians who lack the proper medical supplies, education and pharmaceuticals to diagnosis, treat, and prevent medical related problems and injuries. Over 60% of the recipients are orphaned as a result of the world-wide HIV/AIDS pandemic.

Tangible Deliverables

- Provided 950 medical treatments, cared for 269 wounds, handed out 441 pairs of eye glasses, administered 1320 prescriptions, treated 263 cases of worms, treated 143 Malaria patients, and cared for 112 infections.

- Held six medical clinics in eight villages in which 1660 people were medically treated at a cost of \$1.89 per person.

- The team was comprised of 32 volunteers (2 doctors, 1 RPN, 4 RNS, and 25 medical students)

Competitiveness and Efficiency of Deliveries

- Medical supplies known as Physician Travel Packs are pur-

chased from Health Partners International of Canada from cash donations at a cost of \$540 per unit. Each unit contains \$5,500 worth of medical supplies and can provide aid up to 1000 people.

- Every medical supply is personally delivered to the people by volunteers who fund their own accommodation and transportation (\$3,500 to send one volunteer for two weeks).

Competitiveness - Financial Efficiency

- Every \$1 that is donated translates into \$22 of medical aid.

- At present, the Executive Director of Alongside International provides full management service to Partners International of the Quechua people in Peru "Capacity Building" Project with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Health Partners International provides overhead and administration to Alongside International without charge.

Management Accountability to Clients and Investors

- Health Partners International of Canada performs random audits of all donations by periodically traveling to countries where the medicine is being distributed.

- The supplier of the Physician Travel Packs, Health Partners International of Canada, is promptly advised of the safe arrival of the shipment at its final destination.

- Written reports are available and are submitted to all investors and partners, detailing the usage and usefulness of that particular donation.

“Over 60% of the recipients are orphaned as a result of the world-wide HIV/AIDS pandemic.”

Sustainability

- Alongside International participates in projects that have long-term positive impacts on those in need, including hands-on construction of schools, training centers, homes, clinics and well drilling, medical care, donation distribution, interactive ministry and outreach.

Volunteerism

- With the exception of the Executive Director and his wife (who receive a combined annual salary of \$37,000), the staff is unpaid and their services are fully and completely voluntary.

- Volunteers at this date total approximately 1000.

Children in Distress (CINDI)- Kitwe

Erik Hansen and Kevin Moyo

Tangible Deliverables

CINDI-Kitwe is a community-based organization in Kitwe, the third largest town in Zambia. In Kitwe alone, there are 65,000 orphans and the statistical certainty of a massive increase in the next few years poses a daunting challenge for CINDI-Kitwe. 17% of the population of Zambia is currently infected with HIV which poses another challenge. The organization places 12,000 orphans with close relatives, friends or families and provides the orphans with education support and meal supplements.

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Efficiency of Deliverables

About 1328 children received meals four times a week in 28 feeding centers, 3626 youths were reached for HIV/AIDS awareness through the peer education program,

7047 orphans received support for education from grades 1 to 12, and 34 orphans received support for tertiary education. Furthermore, 1350 households received food parcels to supplement their household needs and 210 households received financial support to run various micro businesses.

Efficiency of Delivery Systems

Nine percent of the income is used to pay the salary of 100 employees that deliver the services to the orphans. This includes working in the administration and delivering the services.

Accountability

The charity provides full disclosure and is audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Client Independence.

The goal of the charity is to take the children out of the orphanages and to place them in communities with friends and family.

Volunteerism

CINDI-Kitwe has 700 volunteers in eleven townships that take care of the orphans and assist the organization in identifying new cases.



Kevin Moyo and Erik Hansen

Emmanuel Development Association (EDA)

Angelica Mengana and Vida Golzari

EDA provides Ethiopia's marginalized urban communities with empowering tools to help them become self-sustained and improve their overall socio-economic status.

Tangible Deliverables

EDA provides alternative basic education, women's empowerment (income generation projects), HIV/AIDS awareness, health and sanitation education, promotion of all Human Rights, income generation for youth, and education in all life skills issues.

Competitiveness and Efficiency of Deliveries

There are 12 education centers and over 8000 children who are given access to education. The 2 health clinics that have been built service over 10,000 people in the rural communities and 200 HIV/AIDS patients are under the care and support program. There are over 15 workshops yearly in each town to educate and inform the community about leadership, health, sanitation, and vital life issues such as HIV/AIDS.

Competitiveness and Efficiency of Delivery Systems

Since EDA receives all of its funding from prominent international organizations, it is accountable to compete financially and deliver its project activities with the highest efficiency of financial and budget distribution. For example, in order to establish home-based care services for 50 bed-ridden HIV/AIDS patients, 60birr (approx. \$9.00 CAD) is spent per person, per month.

Management Accountability to Clients and Investors

EDA's goal has always been to sustain a positive relation-



Tania Khojasten, Vida Golzari and Angelica Mengana

ship between itself and the community members it deals with and it holds itself responsible for the dignity of the community members involved in all of its programs. EDA's ideology of management lies in decentralized leadership. EDA is also accountable to a Board of Directors which monitors and evaluates all of EDA's activities.

Sustainability

EDA's goal is for the community members to become leaders who take initiative to improve their livelihood and the lives of those in their community. Together with government institutions and EDA, beneficiaries of the projects are involved in its com-

mencement, identification, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Volunteerism

Currently EDA has a very unique program in place. It recruits 9 Canadian youth volunteers with the help of Youth Challenge International to aid in the facilitation of their projects. We are pleased that Tania Khojasten, one of these volunteers, has been able to join us this evening and share her experiences with us. EDA's livelihood is largely based on the voluntary acts and generosity of all people willing to contribute their time, passion, skills and resources.

Dulat Bekbolsynov and his family

Said Sultanov

Tangible Deliverables

Dulat Bekbolsynov has been diagnosed with kidney failure; therefore all financial aid will go towards his kidney transplant and all associated treatments. In case the operation is not successful, all donated money will go to the Bekbolsynov family. Dulat's father had tragically died two years ago, his mother is disabled, and Dulat has a younger sister and a younger brother. The money will help them to get through the tough times and also towards the education of the younger siblings.

Competitiveness and Efficiency of Delivery System

Dulat has proved himself to be a worthy candidate because he has an excellent educational track record and true dedication to his family and friends. Being from Kazakhstan and coming from a poor rural area, it is impressive that Dulat was able to win the national scholarship "Bolashak" and was accepted at the University of Colorado.

Competitiveness (Financial Efficiency)

The financial sponsorship will go totally towards Dulat and his family. The money will be transferred directly to his bank account in Kazakhstan.

Management Accountability to Clients & Accountability to Investors

Considering the money will go towards Dulat's bank account in Kazakhstan, there is no official

management accountability, yet Dulat is fighting for his life, and his family for survival, therefore it gives enough assurance that money will be spent accordingly.

“Dulat’s father had tragically died two years ago, his mother is disabled, and has a younger sister and brother. The money will help them to get through the tough times and also towards the education of the younger siblings.”

Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Client Independence

If all goes well the University of Colorado and especially the Department of Biotechnology are all waiting for him to continue his studies. A great future awaits Dulat, yet without our help he may never live to see it.

Volunteerism/ Recruitment

There are about eight people (including myself) that are helping with this fundraising, including the Kazakh Society in UK, Bolashak Students and Dulat's siblings.



Said Sultanov

Friends of Murambinda Hospital (FMH)

Sasha Bukacheva

Tangible Deliverables

Murambinda Mission Hospital is the only medically staffed hospital in the district of Buhera in Zimbabwe. It is run by a local catholic community (sisters of the Little Company of Mary). Friends of Murambinda Hospital is a UK registered charity that provides the hospital with resources to alleviate physical pain and suffering.

FMH supplies medicines and medical services to the district population of 300,000 people. The hospital has 125 beds and has a staff of around 77. In 2005 the hospital had +6,000 admissions, +1,600 births, +1,800 minor operations, and 186 major operations. In addition, around 16,000 people were seen as outpatients.

Apart from the day-to day services, the hospital was able to launch a TB program and is now treating 520 patients in the 3rd/4th stages of HIV/AIDS with antiretroviral drugs (about 10% of the patients are children).

Competitiveness and Efficiency of Delivery System

All administrative costs are paid by the Trustees, which allows for 100% of every dollar to go directly towards the cause.

Competitiveness (Financial Efficiency)

Every dollar allocated is stretched to the limit. There is a focus on investing into equipment that can enhance the long-term efficiency of the delivery of the medical services, rather than procurement of one-off supplies.

Management Accountability to Clients & Accountability to Investors

A full cost breakdown as well as the cost per unit can be found in the annual report.

Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Client Independence

Friends of Murambinda Hospital's funds target not just medical supplies, but also training (doctors and nurses) and equipment.

“There is a focus on investing into equipment that can enhance the long-term efficiency of the delivery of the medical services, rather than procurement of one-off supplies.”

Volunteerism/ Recruitment

The charity is run by trustees who are UK and Scottish doctors that have worked in Murambinda. There are no salaries (except for medical staff in the hospital) and trustees pay all administrative costs associated with the administration of the charity and volunteer their time freely.



Sasha Bukacheva



(Clockwise L-R): Neil & Ruth Cameron, Andrea Orozco, Avrum Rosenswieg and guest , Ellen Brackstone and Brendan Wood, Martin Hubbes & Suzanne Trudel, Kevin Kelly, Cathy Jeffrey, Greg & Susan Guichon.

The Children's Home in St. Kitts – St. Christopher and Nevis

Kevin Burke and Nicole Lawrence



Kevin Burke and Nicole Lawrence

The Children's Home on the island of St. Kitts, a 30 year old facility, is a non-profit organization which houses run-aways, child victims of abuse, children who have been relocated by the courts or by Social Services, abandoned children, and orphans. Most of the children will be at the home until they are 18 years of age.

Tangible Deliverables

The Children's Home provides shelter, food, clothing, and education for any children who have been legally displaced from their families. The home accommodates 25 children, and currently houses 15.

Competitiveness - Efficiency of the Delivery System

The Children's Home adjusts its workforce to match the number of children present. At any given time, the Children's Home has two full time employees, and 20 volunteers to support their efforts. The "Den Mother" is responsible for the cooking and for ensuring the general cleanliness and maintenance of the house. The support person helps the children with their personal issues, as well as with adjusting and fostering of healthy relationships. This person would also ensure that the children can

manage their homework and school related issues. A social worker visits with the children regularly. When the house is at capacity, another worker will join the team to help manage the house in any areas that are strained.

Competitiveness - Financial Efficiency

The home has arranged to have all utility bills waived by the utility companies as a form of charitable contribution. The building housing the children is fully owned by the Children's Home. All of the donations made to the Children's Home are spent directly on the children. Administrative costs, including worker salaries, are fully subsidized by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis. Any surpluses from the Government contributions provide additional support for the children in the way of food or clothing, or towards other living expenses.

Management Accountability

The Home is managed by the Ministry of Health and it has a volunteer Board of Directors. Any interested investor is welcome to make monetary donations or donations in kind toward a specific need of the Home and donations are followed by a report on how the donation was spent or used.

Sustainability

The Home fully supports the education of the children staying there. Regrettably, there will always be a need for a place of refuge for abused or otherwise legally displaced children.

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shelter, food, clothing, and
education for any children who
have been legally displaced
from their families."*

Volunteerism/Recruitment

The "Friends of the Children's Home" is a group of past residents of the home and persons from the community. They engage in monthly discussions on local issues and take the children on educational and social field trips. The "Friends of the Children's Home" provides regular support and companionship for the children and currently has 20 volunteers.

Physicians For Peace (PFP)

Amy Tawfik

Tangible Deliverables

Physicians for Peace sends teams of medical volunteers, including physicians, dentists, nurses and other health-care professionals to countries in the Middle East, Central and South America, Africa, Eastern Europe, the Caribbean and Asia. The organization provides those countries with medical equipment, medication, prosthetic limbs, as well as training to medical staff in order for them to achieve replicable medical care in those areas of the world.

“With the focus exclusively on sustainable development, PFP provides replicable medical education and training to medical staff in developing nations.”

Competitiveness (Efficiency of the Delivery System)

PFP has been implemented in 45 countries. The programs that Physicians for Peace offers are: Dental Programs, Eye Bank & Eyeglass Distribution, Pediatric Advanced Life Support, Pediatric Ophthalmology Programs, The Philippines Project, Walking Free Programs, and Women’s & Children’s Health Initiative. In the last fiscal year, \$26 million in medical equipment and medication were sent to those countries in need and 100,000 people and medical professionals were helped and trained, respectively, in the 20 years that the charity has been operating.

Competitiveness (Financial Efficiency)

Physicians for Peace spends 97% of its donated money on program expenses, the balance on administrative and fundraising expenses.

Management Accountability to Clients & Accountability to Investors

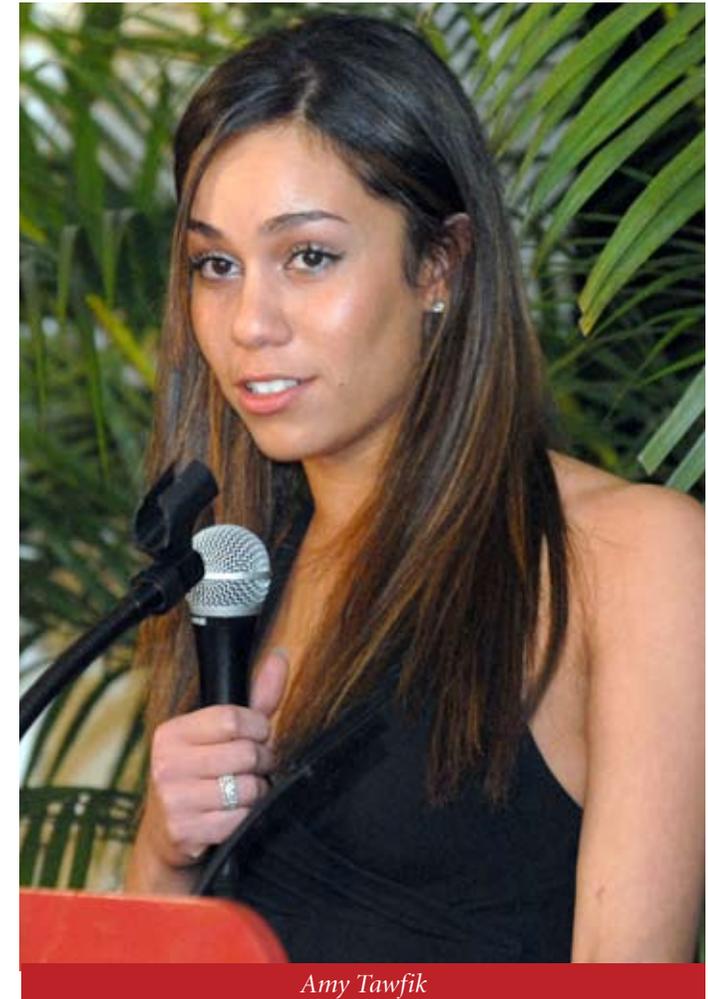
Regardless of the amount of the donation, investors may specify what their money will pay for and to which country it will go. Subsequently, investors may request a written confirmation from PFP indicating exactly where their money went and what particular program it supported.

Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Client Independence

With the focus exclusively on sustainable development, PFP provides replicable medical education and training to medical staff in developing nations. Moreover, it provides long-term therapy, medical assistance, access to medication, as well as ongoing programs. As stated by Dr. Charles E. Horton, Sr. (founder of Physicians for Peace): “If you heal someone, you help one person. If you teach someone to heal, you help many.”

Volunteerism/ Recruitment

The medical staff at Physicians for Peace consists entirely of volunteers. Approximately 100 volunteers are sent out in a year to these developing nations to assist them.



Amy Tawfik



(Clockwise L-R): Nora Turkevics and Stewart Borden, Paul & Flora Wood, Nicole Lawrence and Sasha Bukacheva, Brendan Wood and David Kaminker, Fr. Casper and Fr. Warsito, Amanda Knott and Michael Benedict

The Citizen's Foundation (TCF)

Zain Chinoy

Tangible Deliverables

In an aim to attack poverty at its root, The Citizens Foundation provides heavily subsidized education to extremely under privileged children in the urban slums and rural areas of Pakistan on a pay-as-you-can afford system. The driving concept is that education is the difference between temporary alleviation and long-term solutions.

“[TCF has] raised public awareness about the dire literacy problem in Pakistan.”

Efficiency of Deliverables

TCF provides education to almost 40,000 children. In doing so, this organization has created almost 4,000 jobs, set up 300 schools and most importantly, raised public awareness about the dire literacy problem in Pakistan.

Efficiency of Delivery Systems

Funded entirely by donations, the TCF took in almost \$8 million last year - of which almost \$7.4 million went directly to the recipients. The roughly \$600,000 administrative costs was spent on management salaries, fund-raising efforts, office expenses, utilities and travel. The CEO takes home an annual salary of roughly \$5,000 and the bulk of senior directors' work on a purely volunteer basis. Investors to the charity can choose exactly

where they would like their donations to be directed and the options include building a classroom, stocking a library or simply choosing to educate a child.

Accountability

The organization is audited by KPMG, publishes an annual report, and maintains a completely accountable and transparent approach in directing its annual income towards its programs.

Sustainability

From a long term perspective, TCF plans to add a total of 1,000 school units with an enrollment of almost 400,000 students and it is considering the addition of vocational training as part of its mandate. TCF is establishing an endowment fund, which when fully in place will meet a part of its annual running expenses and it intends to increase the size of this fund over a period of time.

Volunteerism

Teaching is a full-time job and as a result most of the teachers at TCF schools are paid. However, the directors of TCF do not derive any monetary benefit from the Foundation and, on the contrary, invest a lot of their time and resources in managing TCF free of any charge and obligation. Volunteer work with TCF can range from projects available at the head office, collection of books for school libraries, teacher training, running a donation drive and setting up TCF chapters worldwide for gathering global support.



Zain Chinoy

First Nations Development Institute (FNDI)

Len Sauer

The First Nations Development Institute assumes a venture capital investment approach and provides grants and training to Native Tribes who want to take stewardship of their assets.

Tangible Deliverables

During the fiscal year ending June, 2006 the FNDI helped over 100 individual First Nation persons on reservations to open their first ever bank accounts and provided them with financial counseling. In addition, it invested \$500,000 in projects aimed at sustainable economic initiatives.

Competitiveness (Efficiency of Delivery System)

Substantial training into investment and financial management are provided to recipients along with seed capital. Examples of successful programs include the harvesting of pine nuts in Nevada, developing better distribution operations for Bison farming in South Dakota, and the funding of a vital trades apprenticeship program for Native peoples in Wisconsin.

Competitiveness (Financial Efficiency)

The First Nations Development Institute treats Tribes and individual recipients as venture capital investment targets. Specified rates of return on investment parameters are established and re-granting depends on the meeting of these goals.

Management Accountability to Clients & Investors

The President of FNDI has considerable private sector experience in private equity and runs the First Nations Development Institute in a streamlined manner, focused on concrete financial disciplines. The FNDI is proactive in meeting ROI projections.

“The FNDI helped over 100 individual First Nation persons on reservations to open their first ever bank accounts and provided them with financial counseling”

Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Client Independence

The essential success of FNDI is to drive First Nation peoples to take ownership of their financial futures. Selected local initiatives are those which build sustainable projects and engender the financial skills to grow independently.

Volunteerism/Recruitment

The FNDI works hand in hand with members of Native communities and relies on Tribal members to advance and monitor initiatives.



Len Sauer

War Child Canada

Ajay Walia

War Child Canada is a registered Canadian charity dedicated to providing urgently needed humanitarian assistance to war-affected children around the world. Working closely with the music industry, War Child Canada helps generate awareness, support and advocacy for children's rights everywhere.

Tangible Deliverables

War Child Canada provides emergency relief, such as food, blankets and medicines and other basic necessities during crisis situations. It also supports war affected communities through long term programming in education, skills training and trauma healing as they rebuild after conflict and war.

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Competitiveness and Efficiency of Deliveries

About 93% of all donations go to charitable programs overseas to purchase supplies and to pay wages (teachers, construction workers etc). War Child Canada mostly depends on peace partners and volunteers to run its administrative functions. The organization strives to work

with the locals, by implementing partners across borders to deliver programs. Furthermore, War Child Canada does not impose any requirements on local partners or communities to brand its humanitarian activities with the War Child name or logo.

Competitiveness (Financial Efficiency)

The charity strives to maintain the highest ethical standards in all policies and programs. It values every donation and it always seeks new ways to maintain a low overhead. Also, War Child Canada has adopted the Canadian center for Philanthropy ethical fundraising and financial accountability code as its policy and does not sell, rent or trade donor databases.

Management Accountability to Clients

War Child Canada is adherent to the code of conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent movement and other non-governmental organizations in disaster relief.

Commitment for Sustainable Development

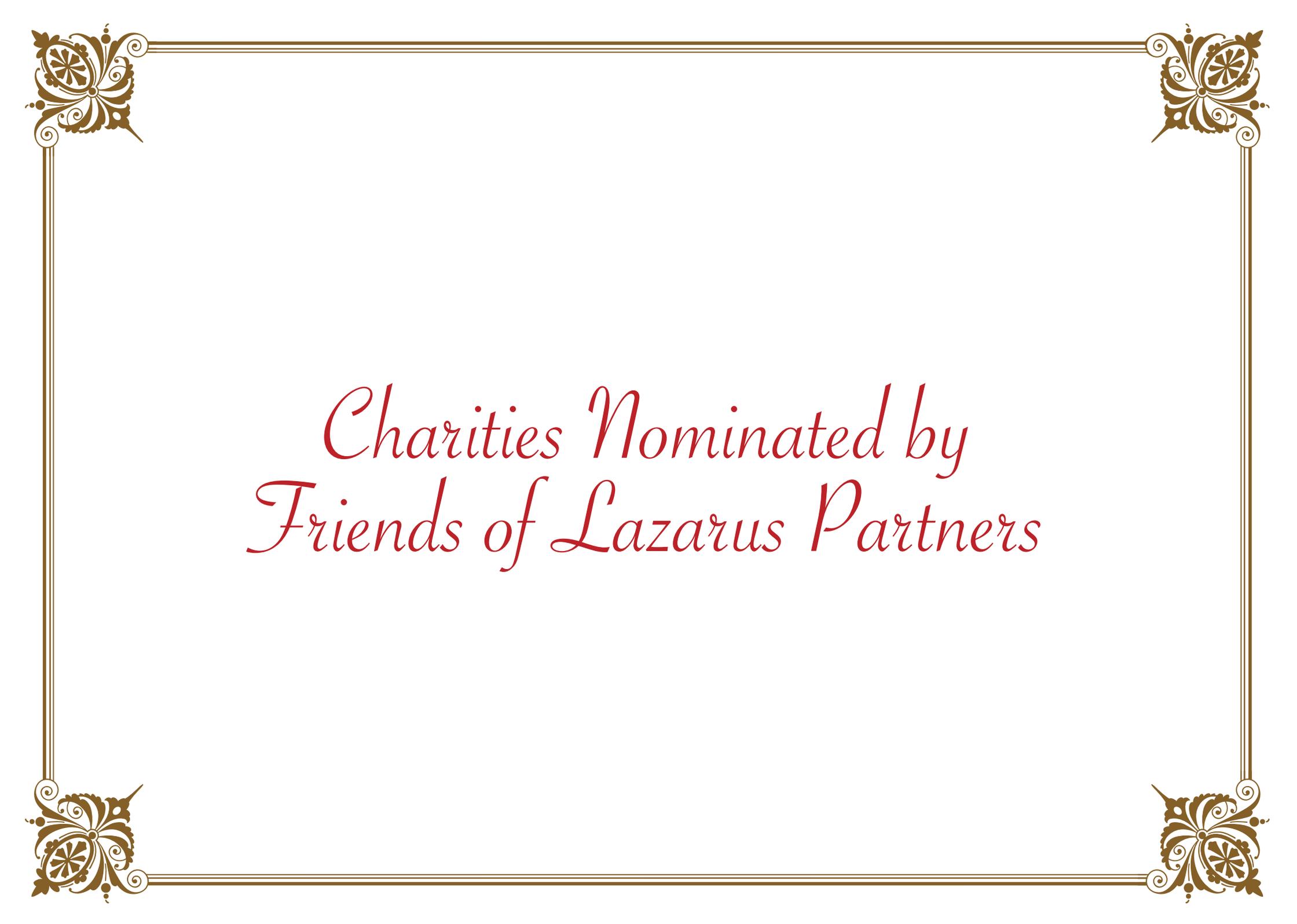
All of the War Child overseas programs focus on creating a climate of sustainable change, rather than bandage solutions. War Child is an implementing agency; it creates, implements, monitors and evaluates its own projects and programs.

Volunteerism

The organization promotes excellence amongst staff in Canada and all around the world.



Ajay Walia



*Charities Nominated by
Friends of Lazarus Partners*



(Clockwise L-R): Kevin & Dori Gillen, Don Pangman and Brendan Wood, Andrea Orozco & Deb Von Sychowski, Jon Ruby and Avrum Rosenswieg, Pat & Kara Wood.

Centennial Infant and Child Center Foundation

Raymond & Ellen Brackstone

Centennial Infant and Child Center Foundation helps children with special needs to begin to learn strategies which will help them to develop and function as independently as possible in society. Staff and families set goals through which these strategies will be achieved. All aspects of a child's development are considered. We believe the goals are best accomplished through an individualized program.

We work directly with families to lend emotional support and to encourage the optimal development of each child. This is an on-going process in which the staff and the family learn from each other.

In over 30 years, more than 1,200 children have attended the preschool. Thousands more have been served through the early Intervention Program.

Centennial's many volunteers are the backbone of the Preschool Program providing a unique one-to-one adult/child ratio. The majority make a commitment of one morning per week, however, nearly 20% of these volunteers dedicate two or three mornings to us. Of the present volunteer group, 35% have been working with our children for over 5 years and 20% for over 10 years. Some have even been with us for over 20 years!

We feel extremely fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and committed group of people who give so much of their time to our children.

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Volunteering is no longer a casual activity for people who have leisure time, but rather an acceptance of the fact that community services are everyone's concern because they strengthen and enrich community life. The reasons for their commitment are many: making a contribution, the joy of working with children, learning new things every day about children with special needs, working with professionals and inspiring staff, and making friends with other volunteers to name just a few. Centennial volunteers are a vital part of society and make the work that we do possible.



Raymond & Ellen Brackstone

Covenant House Toronto

Pat & Kara Wood

Covenant House, Canada's largest shelter for homeless youth, has offered help and hope to more than 50,000 young people since opening in 1982. Kids come to Covenant House from every background and from every part of the country. Most are between 16 and 19 and have fled or been forced out of abusive or neglectful homes.

Much more than a shelter, Covenant House provides young people with tools to build independent lives by offering them education, counseling, life skills training, job training and vocational assistance.

Our services include:

Crisis Care: In a 94-bed shelter crisis shelter, Covenant House staff take care of the immediate needs with nutritious meals, medical attention, clean clothes, safety from the streets, and structure to help rebuild lives. Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, shelter is offered nightly to as many as 80 youth between the ages of 16 and 22.

Longer-Term Housing: The Rights of Passage program is a longer-term transitional housing program for 28 young people. Youth have a room of their own for up to 15 months while they either work full-time or continue their education and work part-time. Participants share responsibility for common areas, learn life skills such as cooking and household budgeting, and save money toward their independence.

Outreach: Covenant House counselors reach out to homeless and runaway youth by going out on the street to

offer food, clothing, and counseling. Covenant House also works closely with other child welfare agencies, hospitals, and probation offices to ensure that youth on the street know that help is available.

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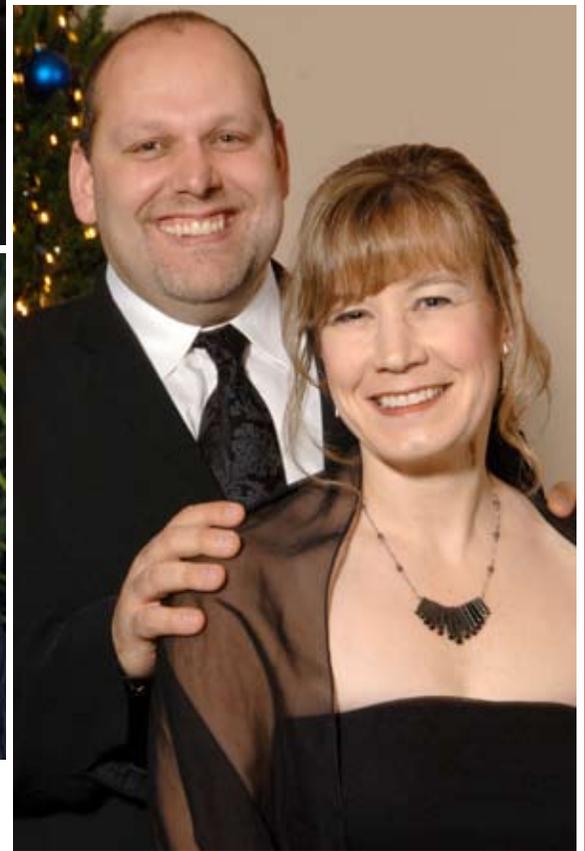
Community Support Services: Young people not living at Covenant House can visit the Community Support Services (CSS) for a meal, a shower and clean clothes. Youth also can seek counseling, recreational activities, and connect with other Covenant House programs for assistance. A small food bank, baby food, diapers, and household items like dishes are available for lower income families in the community.

In-House High School: At the In-House High School, specifically tailored courses are offered to give youth the confidence and credits towards their diploma from a community school.

Job Centre: At the Job Centre, assistance is available for job search strategies, job leads, resume writing, computer access and interview techniques. Also provided are appropriate business clothing and individual job counseling.



Kara & Pat Wood



(Clockwise L-R): James Orbinski & Rolie Srivastava, Rona Maynard & Paul Jones, John Lennard Band, Dan & Shelly Allaby, Godfrey Rudahigan and Frank Prendergast.

Red Door Family Shelter

Gerry Throop

Since 1982 more than 1,000 homeless families in Toronto have had a temporary home at the Red Door while they got back on their feet. Women and children fleeing violence, refugees and other families needing safe, supportive housing in an emergency have found it here. Our focus over the last year was on strengthening the foundation upon which the Red Door is built so that we can continue to improve the quality of support services provided to families and individuals who come through our doors.

We are pleased to report here on our top three accomplishments:

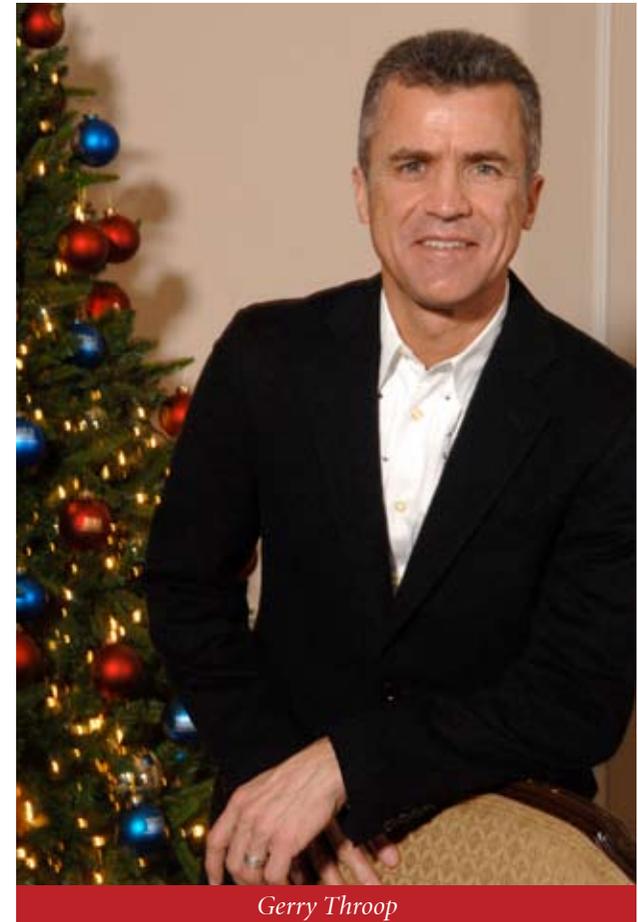
First, our 50-bed shelter for abused women was relocated to a safer, more secure location with a large backyard in which the children can play. It is situated in a residential neighbourhood with easy access to public transit.

The past year also saw the completion of our efforts to bring the Shelter operations into compliance with the City of Toronto's new Shelter Standards. One of those standards, the space standard, had a dramatic impact on our operations. It requires that each client in a shelter be provided with a minimum sleeping area of 3.5 square meters with 75 centimeters between each bed. That particular standard meant that one of our shelters was no longer financially viable and in the fall of 2006 we closed that location. This very difficult restructuring process was completed last year. We are now operating 120 beds at

our Family Shelter location, down from the previous 195 beds over three sites and we have a Family Shelter that is fully compliant with the new space standards.

“Women and children fleeing violence, refugees and other families needing safe, supportive housing in an emergency, have found it here.”

This past year the Red Door established its Moving Program that connects the generosity in the community with the many families who come through our doors. The Shelter now has a truck that is used to pick up gently used household furnishings. We store these donated items in a small warehouse space until a family moves at which time we can provide them with the critical pieces of furniture they need to furnish their new homes. We are able to give them beds so they don't have to sleep on the floor. We are able to give them tables and chairs so they can eat at home in dignity and be together as a family. It is through the Moving Program that we are able to offer a small but significant boost to mothers and their children who are starting over.



Gerry Throop

Rebounders Canada

Don and Judy Pangman

Rebounders is a grass roots support group for adult survivors of childhood cancer. It was found and run by these survivors. The goal is to help fellow survivors, many now in their 30's and 40's, understand their past in such a way that they are able to live today to its fullest, and look forward to the future with great anticipation. Survivors meet, enjoy each others company, and build and maintain strong social relationships. They organize and attend events, conferences, and help at camps for children with cancer.

Rebounders is the creation of cancer survivor Andrew Sprawson of Oakville. It was in 1973 that Andrew was diagnosed with a brain tumor at the age of 10. From that point on his life changed dramatically, as many of his old friends and new acquaintances focused on his disabilities rather than his uniqueness and creative abilities. It was not until Andrew was 29 that he began to pursue ways to engage other childhood survivors of cancer, and it wasn't long before his life began to change; he met his future wife Jill, another survivor, and today they are blessed with two handsome little boys. Andrew and Jill's boundless energy has taken Rebounders beyond their greatest dreams.

Today Rebounders includes a centre - a meeting place donated by Andrew's brother, developer Jonathan Sprawson. This lovely building is a meeting place boasting wood, home economics, sewing, cooking and baking workshops, helping survivors to enhance the talents they already possess and at a pace that is comfortable for each of these wonderful people.



Schizophrenia Society of Canada

Leslie Sheffer

Although a serious brain disorder, Schizophrenia is treatable. The illness is characterized by delusions, hallucinations, disturbances in thinking and withdrawal from social activity. The exact causes are still a mystery, but it is believed the disease is caused by a biochemical imbalance.

The Schizophrenia Society of Canada is a national registered charity that has been in operation since 1979 whose mission is to improve the quality of life for those affected by Schizophrenia and psychosis through education, support programs, public policy, and research.

At SSC we are committed to:

- Raising awareness and educating the public to help reduce stigma and discrimination
- Supporting families and individuals
- Advocating for legislative change and improved treatment and services
- Supporting research through the SSC Foundation and other independent efforts





(Clockwise L-R): Bob & Mary Catherine Acheson, Nora Turkevics, Don Pangman and Anne Wood, Ross McMaster, Joe & Theresa Stephen, Rob & Anita Bracey and Bob Brehl.

Sleeping Children Around The World (SCAW)

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Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW) donations provide bed kits to children of any race and/or religion in underdeveloped and developing countries.

No portion of a bed kit donation is spent on administration — 100% reaches a needy child. Each \$30 donation (Canadian funds) provides a bed kit that consists of a mat or mattress, pillow, sheet, blanket, mosquito net, clothes, towel and school supplies. Bed kit contents vary from country to country depending upon local needs.

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Since its founding by Murray and Margaret Dryden in 1970, SCAW has raised over \$20 million to provide bed kits for over 800,000 children in 32 countries.

Every child is photographed with the bed kit, showing the donor’s name/country (or special occasion message) on a label.

The photograph attached shows the 10 children who so greatly benefited from the Lazarus Partners donation.



Sleeping Children Around The World

YMCA of Greater Toronto

Anonymous

Operating in its 155th year the YMCA of Greater Toronto is a charity offering opportunities for personal growth, community involvement, and leadership. The YMCA focuses on making connections: connecting people, connecting with youth, and connecting with the community. They value caring, health, honesty, inclusiveness, respect, and responsibility.

The YMCA has always been dedicated to helping people attain good health through a healthy lifestyle and encouraging them to get involved in making their community a better place for everyone.

The YMCA of Greater Toronto is governed by a Board composed of committed policy volunteers who work closely with our Senior Management Team. They have 1,245 full-time staff and 1,662 part-time staff who work alongside over 5,000 volunteers. The community shows strong support for the YMCA as well. This year's Strong Kids Campaign set an ambitious fundraising goal of \$2,735,417. The community responded with immense generosity and the campaign surpassed its target.

The YMCA depends highly on volunteer work and donations to keep its membership fees to a minimum and to provide as many free programs to communities as possible.

Helping people grow in competence- and as a result, grow in confidence- has been the heart of the YMCA's mission through history. They want to create an environment receptive to diverse experiences, perspectives and interests.

The Welcome Home

Joe and Joan Korchinski

The Welcome Home was opened in 1993 in Winnipeg, and gratefully received the support and blessing of His Grace Archbishop Michael Bzdel, C.Ss.R., Metropolitan for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada.

The Welcome Home is a concrete response to the invitation of the gospel to make the choice Jesus made — the choice in favor of the poor.

A unique feature of the Welcome Home is that the Redemptorists invite people to live with them in community for periods of time to experience their life and ministry. Many Ukrainian Catholic young adults from right across Canada have given a year of their lives to serve God in this mission. It is a “time out” to discern the path of one's life and to make a difference in someone else's life.

Every busy ministry needs plenty of volunteers to make things happen. People from local parishes and schools give their time and energy to be present to others or simply to help with the chores. The bottom line is that The Welcome Home is about being “church” today. It invites all of us to see with the eyes of faith, the presence of Christ in others, especially those most in need of God's compassion and love. As one of our visitors put it, “It is about time our church did something like this for others”.



Joe & Joan Korchinski

WaterCan

Kevin Kelly & Cathy Jeffrey

WaterCan is a registered charity that is dedicated to providing clean drinking water to the world's poorest people. Since its creation in 1987, WaterCan has assisted more than one million people in 32 developing countries.

WaterCan supports projects that are long-term development initiatives, use low-cost, locally appropriate technologies, integrate water supply, sanitation and hygiene education activities emphasize community ownership of planning and management, self-help and community participation and it benefits and involves women.

WaterCan attaches great importance to public education efforts in Canada. These activities help to ensure that providing clean water and sanitation services to the world's poor is an important priority for Canadians and other members of the international community.

WaterCan helps reduce poverty in developing countries. The lack of safe water and sanitation services in the developing world is most acutely felt by rural dwellers and the urban poor. With few resources at their disposal to access to these services, the poor are particularly vulnerable to illnesses that in turn impede their productivity and make escaping poverty even more difficult.

In addition to the reduction of disease, improving access to safe water supplies makes collecting water typically the responsibility of women and girls - more convenient, less time-consuming, and less physically demanding. This in turn allows beneficiaries to have more time to pursue productive activities such as attending school, taking better care of the family, farming, or running a small business. In many cases, these social and economic benefits rather than health benefits are the reasons why communities commonly identify improved water supply as a high priority for development.

“Providing clean water and sanitation services to the world’s poor is an important priority for Canadians.”

WaterCan’s vital work is made possible by the generous support provided by individuals, schools, faith-based organizations, community groups, corporations and foundations. Last year Lazarus Partners donations helped in the aid of the Meskan District Project in Eastern Africa.

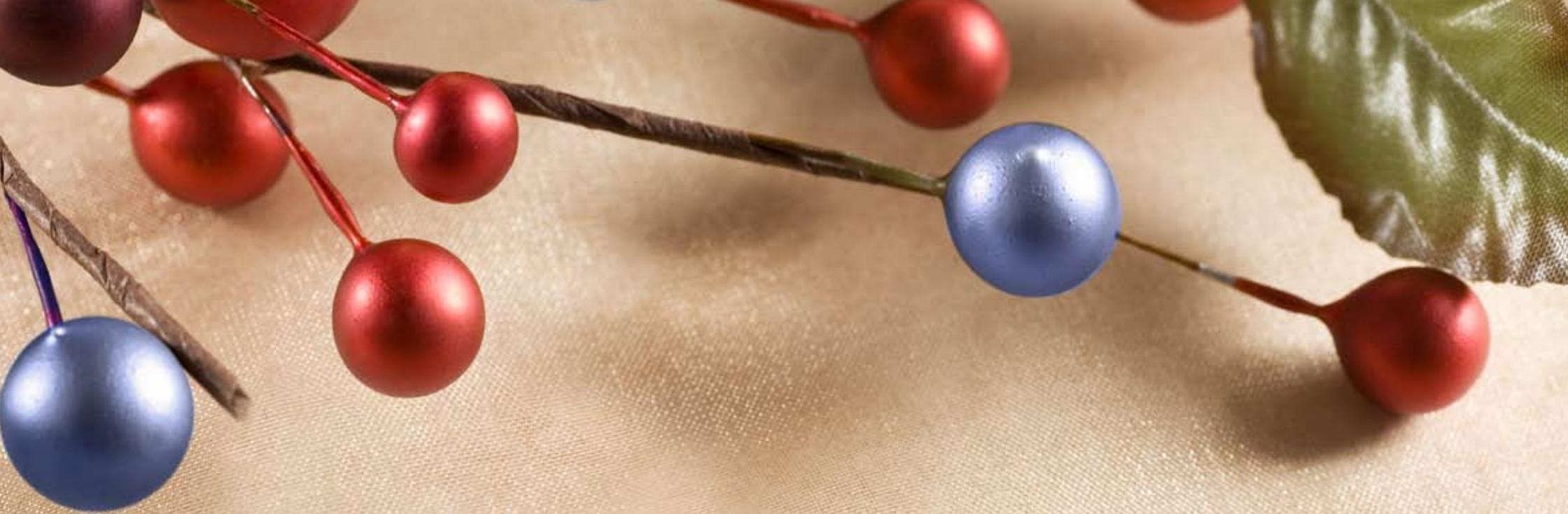


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