



# *Lazarus Partners*

*Brendan Wood Partners & Friends*

*Christmas Story 2007-2008*





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## A Christmas Story

Twenty nine 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.



Peter Masereka - House of Hope Orphanage, Uganda

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



Brendan & Anne Wood

# Credo

The Lazarus Partners concept was introduced over 29 years ago by Brendan Wood International. Inspired by Christmas, the first Lazarus project and those which have followed have consistently united the professional skills and relationships of Brendan Wood International with the humanitarians who 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 effective and innovative solutions to underlying causes rather than treatment of the symptoms alone.

Lazarus Partners celebrates and promotes transparent accountability and seeks out humanitarians who provide the highest possible percentage and value 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 as “charity cases”.

Lazarus is especially sensitive and responsive to organizations who take it upon themselves to 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.

## The Tree of Life

This theme captures Lazarus Partners aspirations in our third decade of giving. Having developed effective disciplines for choosing high performance charities over the years, we have identified dynamic roots in the Tree of Life. These root organizations yield a harvest of “saved lives”. Our goal 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 serve. The illumination of the Tree of Life with our gifts is symbolic.

Lazarus Partners



# Lazarus Charities Core Selection Criteria

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 discipline 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

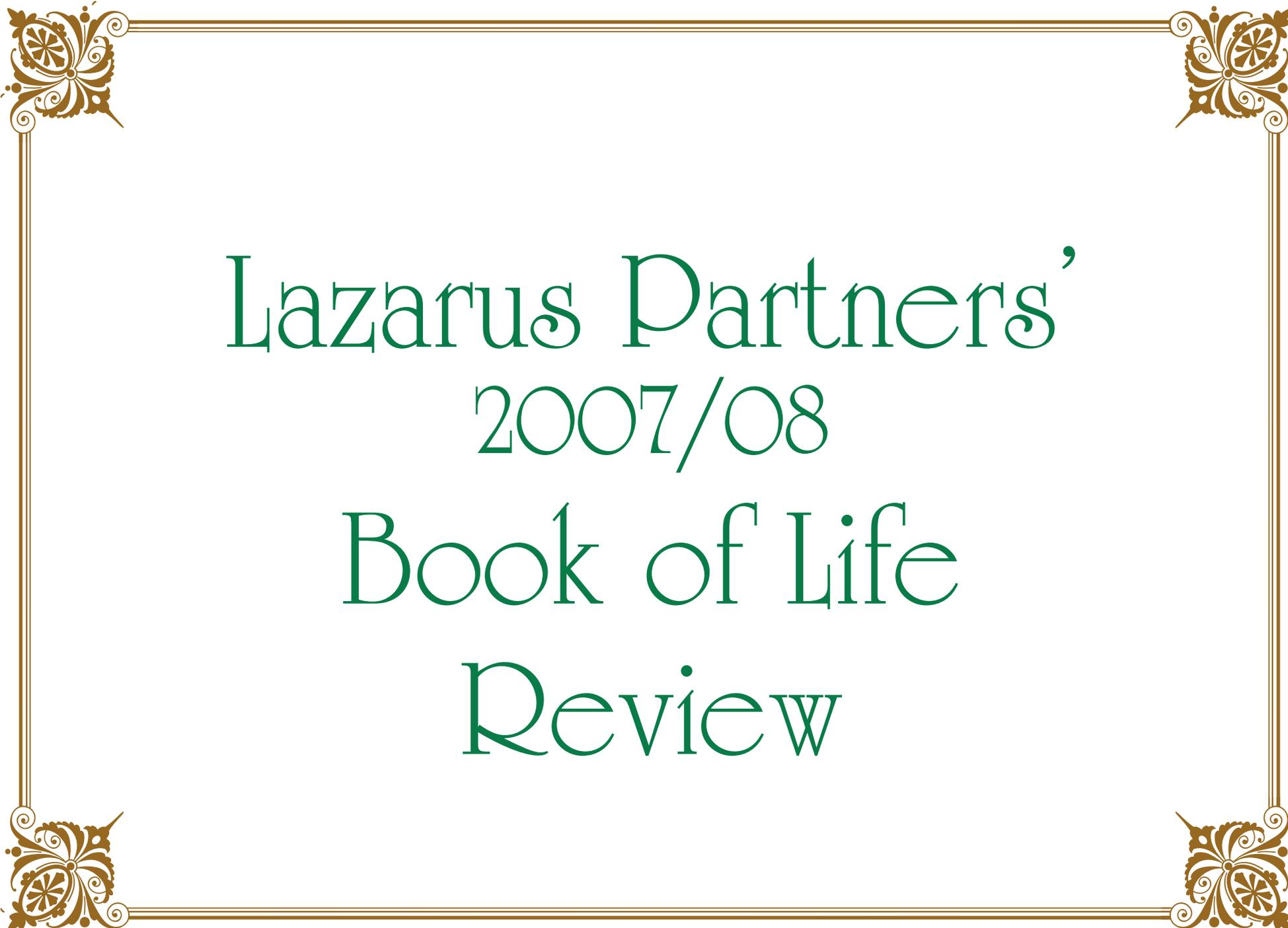
How effectively does the charity recruit, train, and retain the energy of volunteers?



Brendan Wood



(Clockwise L-R): Anne & Chris Rankin, Stewart Borden, Josee Sarrazin & Dr. Michael Schull - President Dignitas, Gary Van Nest, Doran Major, Nora Turkevics & Brendan Wood.



Lazarus Partners'  
2007/08  
Book of Life  
Review



(Clockwise L-R): Garret Herman & Guest, View from the balcony, Nora Turkevics & Adrian Miles, Father Aegi Warsito, David & Sandy Kaminker

# All God's Children

**Nominated by Amanda Knott, Panel Manager, Brendan Wood Institute**

## **Tangible Deliverables**

All God's Children helps provide food, shelter, medical care, spiritual training, and education to almost 200 children at Hogaran, an orphanage in Honduras. Most of the children are placed by INFA, the Honduran government agency responsible for finding homes for children in these circumstances. By Honduran law, children placed in any orphanage are non-adoptable and depend on the home throughout their entire childhood. All God's Children provides sponsorship programs to match people to individual children or donors are welcome to provide a one time monetary gift of any size directed at a specific need. Current projects include creation of a business to provide employment for the older children of Hogar and to help raise money, and the building of transitional housing for those at the stage where they are going to university or obtaining employment.

## **Competitiveness & Efficiency of the Delivery System**

All God's Children pays \$0 in salaries, it does not have any paid employees. The organization is headed by one non-paid individual. Work teams of adult and teen volunteers travel to Hogar to help construct and improve living facilities.

## **Financial Efficiency**

All God's Children has administrative and fundraising expenses of only 2%, leaving 98% to go directly into the programs and projects where the money is really needed. In 2006, All God's Children provided program services totaling \$683,016.

## **Accountability to Clients and Investors**

All God's Children is accountable to the clients and investors in the organization. The president of the organization travels to Honduras numerous times a year with teams of volunteers. All donors are not only welcome but invited to travel to Honduras to see what All God's Children has accomplished. It is also audited by a third party firm and has been a four star charity on Charity Navigator for over three years.

## **Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Results**

All God's Children is committed to achieving sustainable results. At Hogar the children become a family, living and working together. They embrace the values that will enable them to grow into strong adults who will make a difference in their communities. The children share the chores and learn important job skills such as sewing, woodworking, carpentry and welding. In their late teens they are given the opportunity to either get a job or go to university. Some of the girls have become seamstresses, sales girls, or gone to beauty school. Seven of the children are attending university and living in townhouses that were donated by a church raising funds for All God's Children. One of the original girls that was cared for and raised at Hogar has now become the onsite pre-school teacher.



Amanda Knott

## **Volunteerism/Recruitment**

Volunteers that support All God's Children are mostly missionary groups, church groups, and families. Groups from all over the United States and some from Canada travel to the orphanage to help out, usually for a week at a time. Some have been going for over ten years now and are now bringing their own children along so that a new generation of volunteers is emerging to continue the work of All God's Children.

# Vision Africa

**Nominated by Jordan Novak, Panel Manager, Brendan Wood Institute**

## **Tangible Deliverables:**

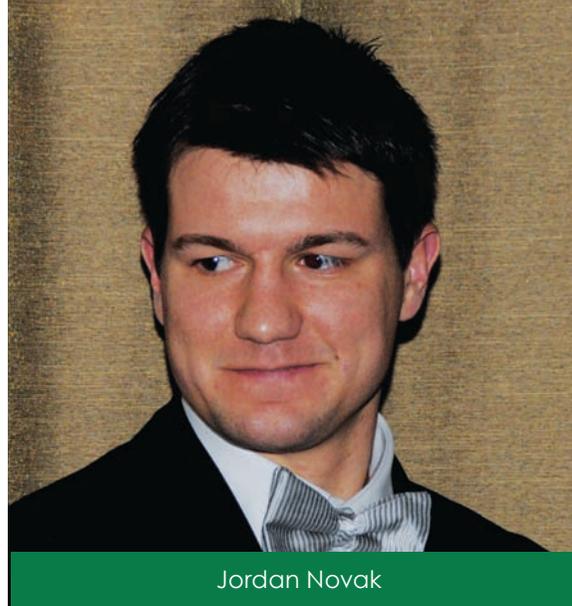
Vision Africa operates 13 projects in the slum areas of Kenya. A project in particular need this year is the Riandu Children's Home, as the funding currently only supports a third of the 100 orphans in the home and weather has destroyed crops and storage facilities. The Riandu Children's Home first opened its doors in 2004. The original group of 30 orphans has grown to 100 and the home is currently in grave need for a food storage area. A \$7000 donation will pay for the food storage room (\$2000) and feed, house and educate the 100 orphans for 3 months.

## **Competitiveness & Efficiency of the Delivery System:**

Vision Africa and an Italian charity built the home in 2004, so there are no rent expenses. A local welfare group helps run the home at minimal costs. Locals are also helping with funding in a limited way. Home schooling saves on school fees. By all measures, the home is run with incredible financial efficiency. (\$32/child/month)

## **Financial Efficiency:**

Because 100% of Vision Africa's team consists of volunteers they are able to keep overhead costs to approximately 1% of total income, meaning that 99% of the funds are donated where they are most needed - to help the children in Kenya. One dollar gives a child a main meal every day they are at school.



Jordan Novak

## **Accountability to Clients & Investors:**

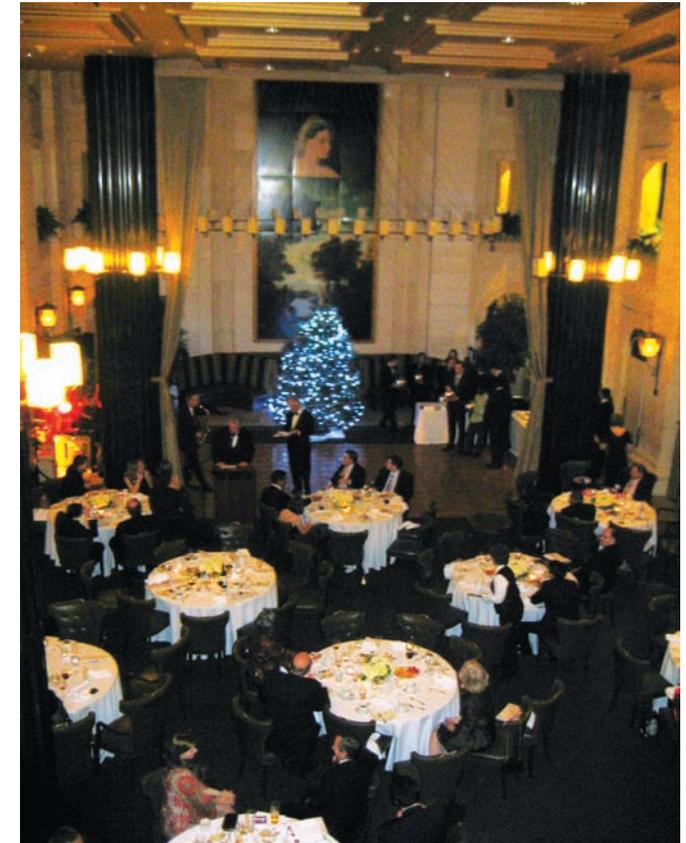
Vision Africa is a registered charity in the UK and Kenya. All UK staff are volunteers. Financials are transparent and available upon request.

## **Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Results:**

The home has been in operation for three years and grown by 300%. The combination of local support and foreign aid has helped with sustainability, though the future is difficult to think about with the day-to-day needs being unmet. The food shortage room will help with sustainability.

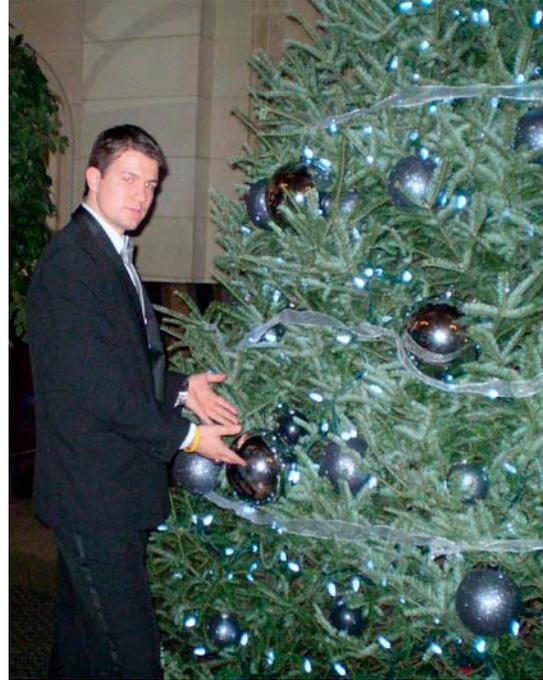
## **Volunteerism/Recruitment:**

100% volunteers claim no expenses for their work. Currently, Vision Africa has more than 100 volunteers in various children's housing and education centers across Kenya. They work hard to help children in need and ask for nothing in return.





(Clockwise L-R): Jon Ruby, Former Manager Client Services, BWI, Theresa & Joe Stephen, Howard Steinberg & Stuart Steinberg, Neil Cameron, Faculty Administrator & Lecturer, Brendan Wood Institute & Ruth Cameron, Karen Lighthouse & Erik Hansen, Panel Manager Brendan Wood Institute



(Clockwise L-R): Brendan Wood, David & Sandy Kaminker, Jordan Novak, A Musical Interlude, Joe Stephen, Jennifer Watson & Eric Bill, Panel Manager, Brendan Wood Institute, Adrian Miles

# American Refugee Committee

## Nominated By Tomas Blazejowski, Brendan Wood Institute

Currently, ARC provides lifesaving services to refugees, displaced people and those at risk in 9 countries. In Darfur (Sudan), ARC is saving and improving the quality of life for more than 750,000 people.

### Tangible Deliverables

All donations are allocated to comprehensive primary health care, immunization campaigns, water and sanitation projects, livelihood initiatives, emergency (non-food) response, gender-based violence prevention and response as well as mother and child care. ARC provides women and children with safe houses in order to protect them. Through its 16 healthcare clinics and mobile health teams, healthcare services have been provided for over 300,000 people. As an example, ARC builds one water yard and one well per month. In 2006, ARC provided access to pure drinking water for 60,000 people and built 1642 latrines. Projects to tally \$5 million were funded in Darfur.

### Competitiveness & Efficiency of the Delivery System

Due to escalating violence targeted at humanitarian agencies, many organizations in this area had to scale down operations or close down completely. However, with financial support and prudent security precautions, ARC remains operational in Darfur.

### Financial Efficiency

Ninety-two percent of every dollar goes directly to helping refugees take back control of their lives. The efficiency of ARC's programs has been recognized by many publications.

### Accountability to Clients and Investors

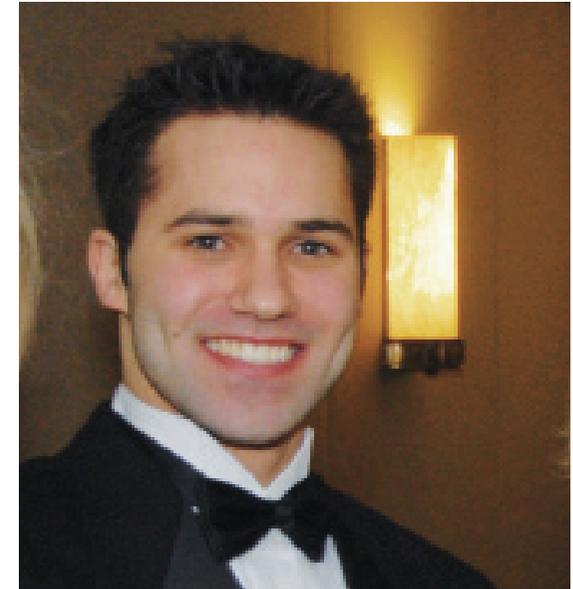
ARC received an A+ rating from the American Institute of Philanthropy and meets the Better Business Bureau's careful standards for charity accountability.

### Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Results

ARC is not in the business of creating dependent populations. By improving food quality and security, improving access to water, strengthening healthcare services and promoting sanitation practices, ARC is helping those who have lost everything to get back on their feet and stay self-sufficient.

### Volunteerism/Recruitment

Currently, there are 12 expatriates who run the organization in Darfur with about 300 Sudanese staff. Globally ARC has over 100 volunteers who provide aid in different countries.



Tomas Blazejowski



Mehdi Azodi

# The Priests Of The Sacred Heart

## Father James Casper & Father Aegi Warsito

### Tangible Deliverables

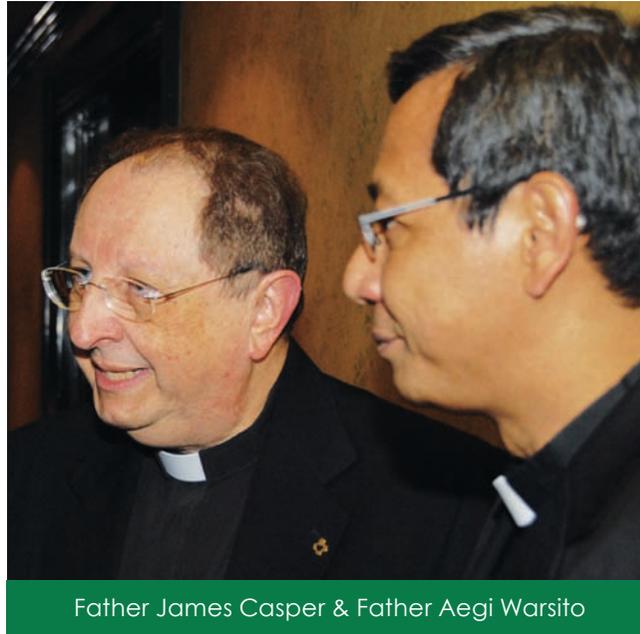
Twenty dollars covers the cost of treating one person in the RSMitra (hospital) for malaria where the individual is kept for two days. Fifty dollars covers the cost of keeping a farmer for one week at the agricultural training centre where farmers learn to grow rice and other crops. There was no tradition of growing crops since people lived off the forest; as they become more urbanized they depend on expensive imported food.

### Competitiveness & Efficiency of the Delivery System

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 health care.

### Financial Efficiency

Our people are there on a strictly volunteer basis. That is the way our religious community operates. All of our salaries, financial gifts that we receive, and so on go into a common fund. In return the community gives us what we need to live on.



Father James Casper & Father Aegi Warsito

### Accountability to Clients & Investors

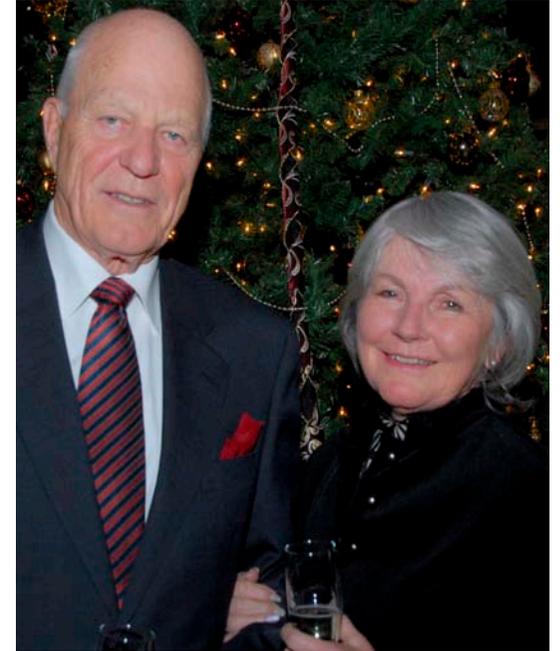
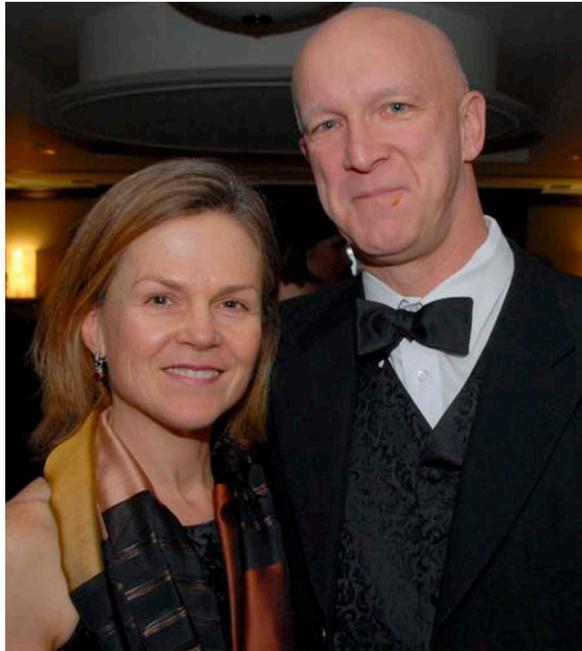
The Priests of the Sacred Heart numbers about 2300 members and we are located in over 30 countries. Every region is accountable to our central administration in Rome. The Canadian region is currently assisting our community in the Indonesian Province with the West Papua project. Contributions earmarked 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 monthly.

### Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Results

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.

### Volunteerism/Recruitment

The Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart was founded by the Venerable Leo John Dehon, SCJ, in France in 1878. We are pastors in urban and rural parishes. We are involved in teaching, counseling, chaplaincies, and social justice concerns. We are engaged in seminary education and religious formation. In all that we do and to all whom we serve, we strive to bring the love of the Heart of Jesus.



(Clockwise L-R): Susan & Greg Guichon, Kara & Patrick Wood, Joel & Mary Rochon, Nora Turkevics, Thomas Blazejowski, Anne Wood & Adrian Miles, Paul Wood

# House Of Hope Orphanage

## Peter Masereka

A \$7,500 donation will feed all 49 children at the House of Hope orphanage for the next 12 months.

### Tangible Deliverables:

House of Hope provides a safe environment for 49 orphaned children in Kasese, Uganda. The children are protected, housed, fed, clothed, supervised, taught basic life skills, educated, all with the aim of meeting the difficult mental, physical, emotional and spiritual needs of children orphaned by war and AIDS in Uganda.

### Competitiveness & Efficiency of the Delivery System:

The House of Hope is an orphanage run on a shoe-string budget overseen by a local group of volunteers (the "board"). The orphanage does have staff to look after the children, i.e. to cook, nurse (there are currently three babies in the orphanage), supervise, and maintain the orphanage. There is no other infrastructure. This is a grass-roots organization.

### Financial Efficiency:

Total yearly budget is \$48,561.60. \$47,561.00 and is directly attributed to the care of the children, leaving 2% in administration expenses (we are expecting to get this down to 1% in the year following): food for one year is \$7,500; school costs \$9,000 (an alternative school is being looked at which will lower costs slightly - school fees are mandatory in Uganda); medical costs are \$3,000; shelter is \$4,800, clothing \$800. Additional expenses include workers (\$1k-\$2k per yr per person), utilities, transport, maintenance and repairs. There is a monthly bank account charge for funds received in Canada. This is the only administration charge in Canada.



Peter Masereka & Jimmy Sublime

### Accountability to Clients & Investors:

House of Hope has partnered with CACHA (Canada Africa Community Health Alliance) and as such, now has charitable status. A receipt for income-tax purposes will be provided for your donation. CACHA is a Canadian humanitarian organization that seeks to develop and improve basic health and HIV care and education in remote African villages. CACHA's charitable-status number is 86288 9755 RR0001. In Uganda, the House of Hope is monitored by a volunteer board which oversees governance. All figures are available and tracked in an excel spreadsheet.

### Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Results:

House of Hope added two orphans this year (one baby, and one child). The orphanage cannot currently support additional children, though it aims to help more in the years going forward. One child will graduate this year giving additional space. Self-sustainability was the key to the success of House of Hope and remains a key goal. Our aim is to find sources of funding and revenue generation that will help the kids become healthy, self-sustaining adults who will contribute to their community.

### Volunteerism/Recruitment:

The board and all fundraising activity are strictly volunteer. Western volunteers also travel to Kasese to volunteer at the orphanage, though foreign volunteerism is somewhat discouraged at the moment. In some cases, local costs can mysteriously jump when a local charity is suddenly swarming with foreigners.

# House Of Hope Orphanage, Uganda



# The Miracle of the Truck...

**Danny Nashman -Reprint from the Lazarus Christmas Dinner - 2005**

I had the privilege to witness a miracle last night and wanted to share the 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 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 FOR THE MIRACLE!

Godfrey was the third to last speaker of the evening. 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 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 Dr. James Orbinski, 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 up again 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 to Godfrey for his powerful sharing of the House of Hope story. A huge thanks to Stewart and the Brendan Wood Partners for making this miracle possible.





# savefourlives

## Stephen Kenning & Shaloo Savla Co-Founders

### Tangible Deliverables

One long-lasting insecticide net protects four lives from mosquitoes that carry the malaria disease for up to 5 years. Currently 515 million people are infected by malaria, 90% of whom reside in Africa. Every 30 seconds a child in Africa dies of malaria. In addition, treatment costs African countries' health care systems \$12B.

### Competitiveness & Efficiency of the Delivery System

A unit cost of \$10 covers the purchase, transportation, delivery and implementation of one net that protects four lives. Distribution is focused primarily in sub-Saharan Africa in countries such as Liberia and Rwanda.

### Financial Efficiency

Each \$10 donation goes directly to the purchasing and delivering of the nets. 0% admin. The 'savefourlives' campaign, leverages Unicef Canada's distribution channels, contacts and economies of scale to most efficiently deliver the life-saving nets to families in need. As a comparison, a similar campaign, The Red Cross' "Malaria Bites", delivers smaller-sized nets designed for one person at a \$7 cost.



Stephen Kenning & Shaloo Savla

### Accountability to Clients & Investors

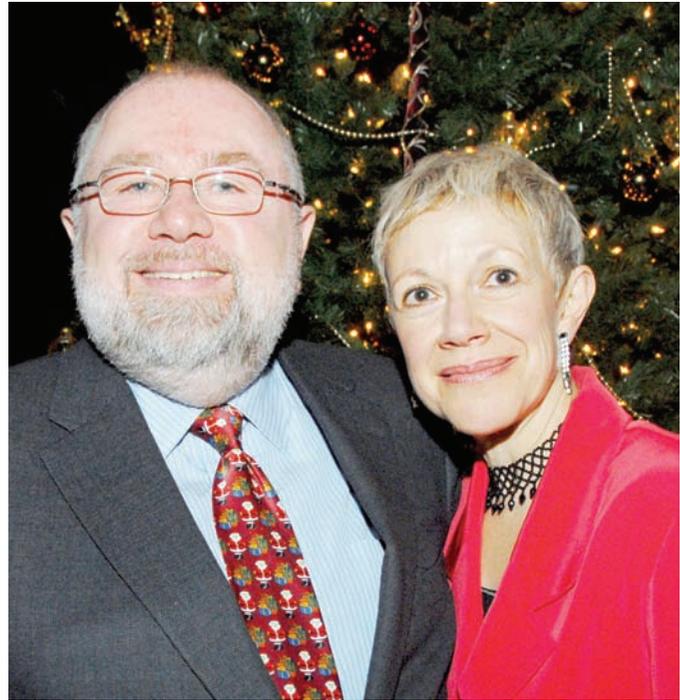
The 'savefourlives' campaign is co-founded by Shaloo Savla and Stephen Kenning, both Toronto-based young professionals, who have seen the devastating effects of malaria in their travels. They were compelled to start savefourlives with a bold mission: to mobilize the business community to give back and create tangible, immediate, and impactful change in the lives of people in need. Shaloo and Stephen are committed to monitor its effectiveness and have planned a volunteer trip to Africa in 2008. They have a strong track record in raising funds for meaningful causes, having previously spearheaded a Tsunami-relief campaign in December 2004 that raised over \$14,000 for the Canadian Red Cross in a matter of 3 days.

### Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Results

The provision of insecticide nets in malaria-interested areas is the definition of sustainability. The number one killer for children under five in Africa is malaria. It is not AIDS or war. A net allows a child's life to be sustained, to be saved. Without a net, the lives of many African families and communities are at considerable risk. The nets last up to 5 years, greatly increasing the quality of life and safety of its inhabitants from this terrible disease.

### Volunteerism/Recruitment

The campaign is being run by volunteers who understand the magnitude, yet simplicity, of how a tiny \$10 donation can impact a family's life. The calculation is clear: \$10 = 4 lives.



(Clockwise L-R): Swewart Borden, Colette & Carlos Carreiro, Paul Jones & Rona Maynard, Len Sauer, Ex Panel Manager, Brendan Wood Institute & Lauren, Ajay Walia, Panel Manager, Brendan Wood Institute, Darren & Carleen Robinson.

# Dignitas International

## Dr. Michael Schull, President

### Tangible Deliverables

Dignitas is based on a very simple idea 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. Dignitas trains hundreds of nurses, clinical officers, and community based volunteers to work in an integrated, systematic fashion to contain and control the HIV epidemic. Dignitas has collaborated with the Zomba Central Hospital, the District Health Office, the Christian Health Association in Malawi, and other organizations implementing healthcare services in Zomba District.

The program implementation methodology is designed to maximize the number of patients gaining access to services along a continuum-of-care in the short term, while at the same time building the capacity of clinicians, healthcare workers and lay persons to treat, care for and support people with HIV/AIDS, and their family members. Training received by the clinicians will be followed up with ongoing and on-the-job training and support, ensuring that people “learn by doing.”



Dr. Michael Schull

### Competitiveness & Efficiency of the Delivery System

Dignitas established its pilot project in the Zomba District of Malawi in 2004. Due to its extensive work with the local governments, in January 2006 more than 4,000 children and adults have started on life-saving antiretroviral therapy (ART). An average of 200+ new patients are gaining access to antiretroviral (ARV) medications each month, 6,000+ medical consultations are being conducted each month, an average of 4,000 people are tested for HIV each month at 30 HIV Testing & Counseling (HTC) sites, 20,000+ mothers-to-be have accessed Prevention of Mother-to-Child Transmission (PMTCT) services to help prevent transmission of HIV to their newborns, 15 community-based organizations in the Zomba District are supported, and an average of 800+ attendees are directly reached through HIV/AIDS prevention education activities every month.

### Financial Efficiency

Dignitas International does not earmark a certain dollar value going towards a certain purpose. It is interested in developing the healthcare system as a whole, and ensures the various aspects of a decent healthcare system are fulfilled. Dignitas strives to keep administrative costs low and currently uses 20% of funds to cover these costs. Its goal is to get this number down to 15% in the next few years as we move out of our initial growth phase. 80 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in Malawi. For example, \$100,000 can provide the province of Malawi with 4 vehicles, with fuel, for an entire year to transport workers and medication, and also run the costs for the entire program in Malawi for a month.



Carolyn & William Whittaker,  
Past President of The Empire Club

**Accountability to Clients & Investors:**

Dignitas International is founded by BMO Financial Group, The Donner Canadian Foundation, MAC AIDS Fund, Rotary International, St.Michael's Hospitals Foundation, and Stephen Lewis Foundation.

**Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Results:**

The following is a part of its critical path: HIV testing/ counseling, prevention of mother-to-child transmission, information, treatment and prevention of opportunistic infections and sexually transmitted infections, palliative and psychosocial care, treatment with life-extending ARV therapies.

Dignitas is now at the point where it can grow exponentially in terms of their ability to work within this community based care model. Dignitas International's next goal is to take knowledge of community based care and disseminate that knowledge widely so that others can take up the approach.

**Volunteerism/Recruitment:**

The campaign is being run by volunteers who understand the effect of a deadly disease like AIDS. They are trying to help save lives in areas which are heavily affected by the disease, and have no financial resources to mitigate its impact.



Andrew & Heather Mitchell



Charlotte Janssen & Gary Van Nest



Akshay Epur, Brendan Wood Institute



Doran & Davender Dillion – Major

# Canadian Magen David Adom

## David Kaminker

### Tangible Deliverables

MDA, Israel's only Ambulance and Emergency medical service has treated over 310,000 patients, traveling 5.65 million operational miles since 2005. MDA has attended 60,000 traffic accidents, 6,250 calls to women in labour and collected 287,000 units of blood.

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. Moreover, MDA volunteers collected 35,070 food portions for the needy per year.

### Competitiveness & Efficiency of the Delivery System

As a unique combined force of volunteers and staff, MDA is able to provide ambulance and emergency medical services at greatly reduced costs.



Alan Bruer

### Financial Efficiency

Since 2006, Canadian Magen David Adom supporters have sent 136 ambulances to Israel, including 53 Mobile Intensive Units, 83 Standard Ambulances and 2 Blood Mobiles. Operating a fleet of over 700 ambulances, MDA responded to nearly half a million calls from all People of Israel regardless of race, religion or creed.

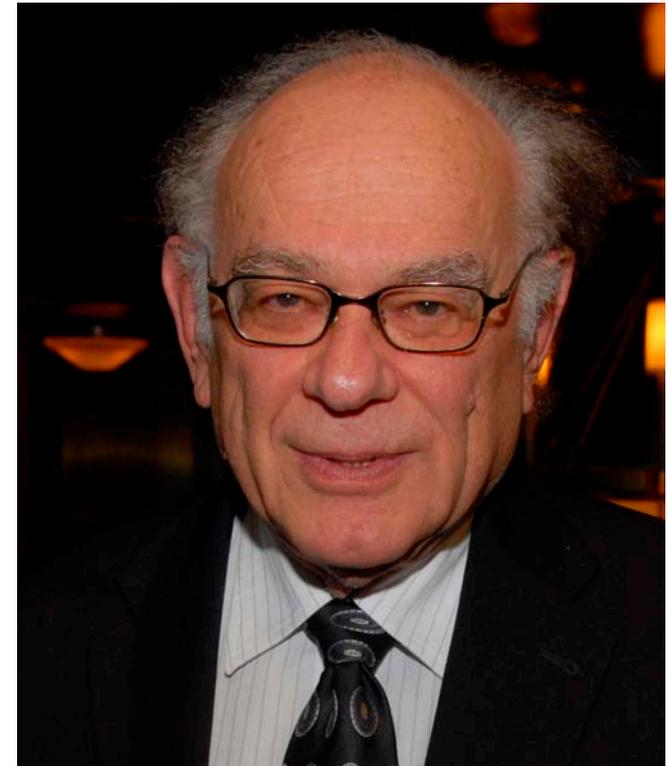
### Accountability to Clients & Investors

Synagogues, schools and Magen David Adom have an obligation to service the people of Israel. In times of crisis, terror, and peace in everyday life, MDA is available to all Israelis regardless of nationality, religion or race. It provides ambulances with medical supplies and life-saving equipment, and ensures safe blood supplies. It helps to make Israel a world leader in hematology and human genetic research.

### Commitment and Plans to Achieve Sustainable Results

Magen David Adom is committed to achieving sustainable results. MDA ambulances scheduled about 468,340 operational drives, an average of about 1,280 journeys per day.

MDA operates with a staff of only 1,400 for the entire country, and another 10,000 volunteers.



David Kaminker

### Volunteerism/Recruitment

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. Using advanced teaching technologies and simulations of real time emergencies, MDA trains over 50,000 people a year in first aid and sophisticated paramedical skills.

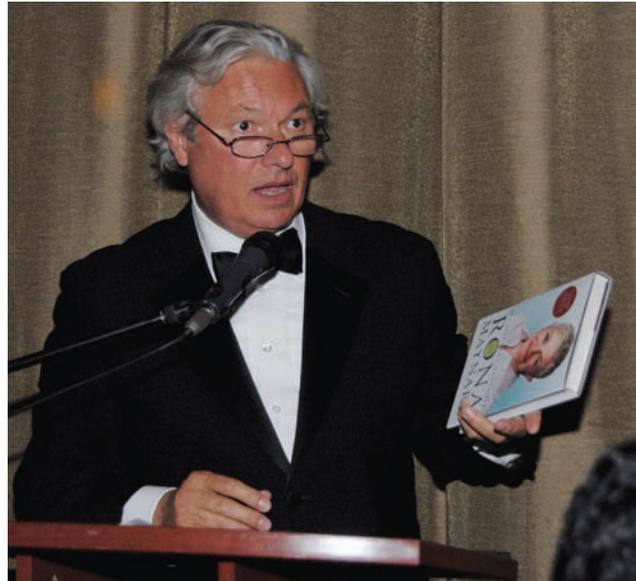
# Thanks To A Special Lazarus Friend

## Rona Maynard

Longtime Editor (In Chief) of *Chatelaine*, Rona's most recent contribution to the Canadian literature scene is entitled "My Mother's Daughter, A Memoir".

Rona was kind enough to sign copies for our guests and further volunteered to host a dinner for the winners of the Lazarus Auction. This dinner received \$4,400 in support for Lazarus Projects.

We are indebted to Rona and her husband Paul Jones for their kindness and support. Everyone loved Rona's book.



Brendan Wood



Stuart Steinberg & Stewart Borden



Rona Maynard & Carolyn Whittaker



Milan Roy



Nora Tukevics





Looking Back...

# Christmas 2006

## ASHOKA

### Gaston Wright

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
- Criterion 2: Creativity
- Criterion 3: Entrepreneurial Quality
- Criterion 4: Social Impact of the Idea
- Criterion 5: Ethical Fiber

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



Gaston Wright



Avrum Rosensweig

## VE'AHAVTA

### 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 interfaith 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.

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



(Clockwise L-R): Arthur Lapres & Anne Wood, Ross Mc Master, Dr. James Orbinski, Chair, Dignitas & Rolie Srivastava, John Lennard Trio, Mary Catherine & Bob Acheson, Flora & Paul Wood.



(Clockwise L-R): Martin Hubbes & Suzanne Trudel, Kevin & Dori Gillen, Nicole Lawrence, Avrum Rosensweig & Jon Ruby, Melanie & Peter Gibson, Monica & Bruce Friesen.

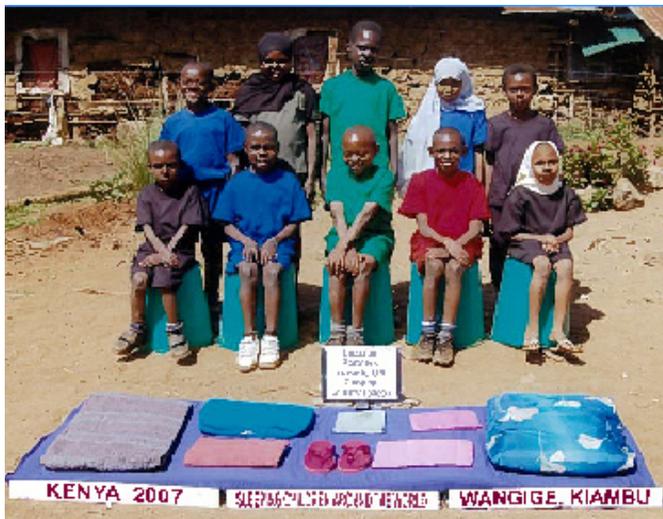
# SCAW

## Harj Sahota

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.

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.

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



Kevin Kelly & Cathy Jeffrey

# WATERCAN

## Kevin Kelly & Cathy Jeffrey

Since its creation in 1987, WaterCan, by providing clean drinking water, has assisted more than one million people in 32 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 to access these services, they are 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 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.

Last year Lazarus Partners donations helped in the aid of the Meskan District Project in Eastern Africa.



Laurel Ward

# Christmas 2005

## CICC FOUNDATION

### Ray and 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.

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 Pre-school Program. Of the present volunteer group, 35% have been working with our children for over 5 years and 20% for over 10 years. 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.

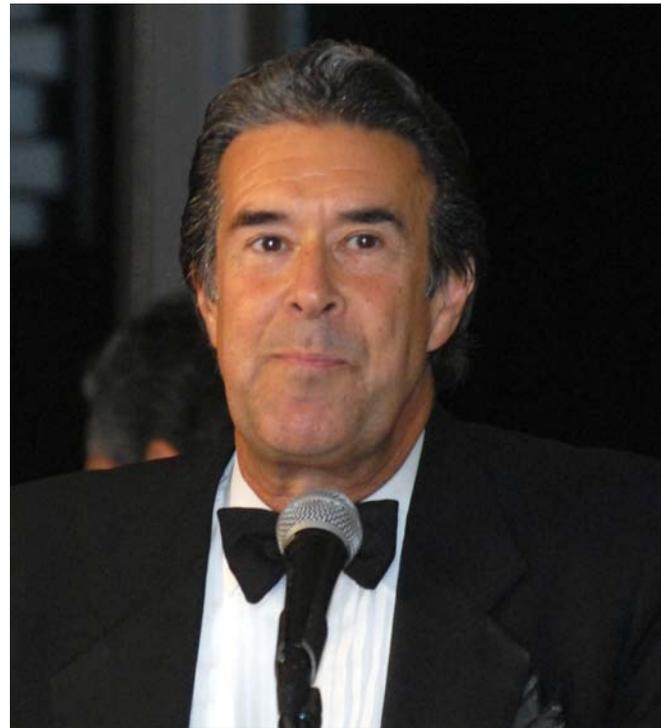


Ray & Ellen Brackstone

## PHILIP AZIZ CENTRE

### Don Pangman

In 1991, an artist and teacher by the name of Philip Aziz became terminally ill with AIDS. During the last year of his life he was taken in and cared for by a small church group 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.



Don Pangman

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.

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.

# THE REDWOOD SHELTER

## Erik Hansen

in 1987, a group of neighbours were united by the pressing need for a safe haven for abused women and their children in their community. They founded the Parkdale-High Park Rotary Club, and began the hunt for a suitable site. In 1991, they were able to secure a rundown former warehouse, and set about the enormous task of transforming the building into a welcoming new home for abused women and their children. Just like an old-fashioned barn raising, hundreds of volunteers from across the city grabbed their tools and came together. Building materials were donated, and carpenters, plumbers and electricians generously volunteered their services. The Redwood opened its doors to welcome the first family on December 6, 1993 and over the years has provided crucial emotional, social and practical support to well over 2500 women and children fleeing abuse.

The Redwood provides the emotional, practical and social support that families need to get their lives back on track. Over 80% of the women leaving The Redwood do not return to their abusive partners. The Redwood's services are truly effective in helping families start new lives. At The Redwood, thousands of women and children found the way out - and the way up.



Erik Hansen & Karen Lighthouse



Godfrey Rudahigan



Ron Durand



Ezra Levant, Ingrid van Weert,  
Bonnie Mc Elveen-Hunter -Chair-American Red Cross and Craig Waller

# Christmas 2004

## ANGELS IN THE NIGHT

### Stewart Borden

Several years ago, a colleague and I decided to spend the donation given to us by BWI on buying gloves, mitts, and hats for the homeless, and then spend the day of the Christmas Party driving around the streets of Toronto trying to give these items to those in need. Many many people were very appreciative of our donation (it was an extremely cold day), but we did end up with gloves and mitts left over – not everyone we found wanted them, and I was personally a little bit discouraged by not having been more efficient in our charity.

This year, I was introduced to an event and organization called Angels In The Night. This group has organized a hat/mitt/glove/blanket drive similar to ours several years ago, however on a much larger scale. Two Saturdays before Christmas roughly 30 volunteers gather at a downtown office and sort through thousands of items which have either been donated or bought by money raised by Angels In The Night, and organize these for 'the drop'.



Stewart Borden

Then Tuesday night, 100 volunteers are organized into 6 teams and drive throughout Toronto in donated school buses and deliver the items to pre-arranged shelters for the homeless.

Started by a mortgage broker in Vancouver, the event has spread across Canada, and now raises over \$100k each year in clothing and supplies for Canada's homeless.



Michele Rabba

## CHRISTIE LAKE CAMP

### Leslie Sheffer

Christie Lake Camp has provided first-rate summer camp experiences to economically disadvantaged children for 83 years. \$1020 sponsors one child for a full two-week session.

During the winter, the Skills Through Activity and Recreation (STAR) program provides free skill development programs for economically disadvantaged children throughout the school year in arts, education and recreation. \$175 sponsors one child's participation in one 8-12 week program and \$525 will provide a child three sessions of programs, which is the typical annual enrollment per child.



Leslie Sheffer



Joe & Joan Korchinski



Brendan Wood & Daughter Stephanie Flynn

## DAILY BREAD FOOD BANK

### John McMahon

For thousands of families across Toronto, putting food on the table is a constant challenge. The holiday season can be an especially difficult time for those individuals who live on a fixed income and must stretch their dollars simply to eat. The Daily Bread Food Bank has a two-part mission: to feed hungry people and, ultimately, to eliminate the need for food banks. We all hope that there will come a time when hunger in Canada is a thing of the past.

Between Sprott Securities, friends and associates within the financial community we are able to raise enough money to pay off the mortgage obligations on the food bank property.



John & Teri McMahon

# Christmas 2004

## DUSTIN LEOPOLD QUEST FOR THE CURE

### Larry Himmelfarb

This fund was set up to support research on Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD) for which there is no known cause or cure. In Canada an estimated 100,000 men and women suffer from IBD. The disease is particularly difficult for children and young adults since it often affects a person's self-concept, body image and lifestyle at a time when "being like everyone else" is so important.



Larry Himmelfarb

The Dustin Leopold fund was set up in memory of Dustin Leopold who lost his fight with Crohn's disease before his 18th birthday. My particular interest stems from the fact that my late father was married to Dustin's grandmother, and my son attended high school with him. Dustin's grandmother recently passed away and I made the donation to this fund in her memory.

## GRAPE\$ FOR HUMANITY

### Garrett Herman

Grapes for Humanity. Why grapes? What's that got to do with Humanity? It all begins with wine, which may sound strange as the basis for a charity but people who care about wine are the most giving people we know. So why not tap into that enormous reservoir of caring and sharing of the international wine community to raise funds for those less fortunate?

We raise money by putting on wine tastings, wine dinners, wine auctions and other wine-related activities and to direct the proceeds of these events to those in immediate need. We have raised over \$1,200,000 in just four years of operation. These monies have been used to support projects in Cambodia, Nicaragua, Honduras, Ethiopia and Angola

## THE STEPHEN LEWIS FOUNDATION

### Milan Roy

I have asked that my donation to the Stephen Lewis Foundation be directed to a specific project: the Reach Out Mbuya Parish HIV/AIDS Initiative. Reach Out Mbuya is a community-based HIV/AIDS project that serves the local community in Mbuya on the outskirts of Kampala, Uganda. The project includes a clinic which administers ARV treatment, a sewing workshop, a micro-credit scheme and support for school children affected by AIDS. Reach Out Mbuya is staffed almost exclusively by volunteers, both expatriate and Ugandan, with more than half of the program staff being HIV positive. I am a big believer in Micro-Credit programs... but I think that might be my story for next year.



Judy Pangman



Nadine Villasin & Milan Roy

# Christmas 2002 & 2003

## MEAGAN'S WALK

### Nora Turkevics

My donation to Meagan's Walk is made in memory of five-year-old Meagan Bebenek who died in 2001 after a six month battle with brain cancer. While I never had the pleasure of meeting Meagan she has certainly left a loving and lasting impression on my closest friends who had the privilege of being her neighbour.

The community in Toronto's west end where Meagan lived rallied to support her family in their mission to raise hope, awareness and research funding for pediatric brain tumours by organizing a yearly fundraiser. Meagan's Walk is held each year on Mother's Day. What started off in 2002 as a local event has snowballed and this year, in 32 different cities and towns across Canada, the US and Europe families walked in union with the Toronto group. The walk ends at The Hospital for Sick Children with all the participants forming a human hug around the Hospital to give hope to those children inside. In 2003 more than 1,500 participants raised over \$120,000.

### Update 2008

More than 2,000 people took part in the Walk in 2008 and raised \$270,000. This amount is more than twice the amount which was raised in earlier years. In addition to the Walk there is also a Golf & Spa Event and a Dinner and Dance Gala. In total these 3 events have now raised in excess of \$1 million for brain tumour research.



Nora Turkevics



Jhad Friesen

## CARVER CENTER

### Brian and Angela Walsh

We have chosen to make our donation to the Carver Center, which serves hot meals to 50-75 needy people each Saturday in cooperation with Helping Hands for the Homeless and Hungry.

We support the Carver because it helps underprivileged families in our own "backyard". The center is in the town of Port Chester, which is located between Rye, NY and Greenwich, CT, ironically two of the most affluent communities in the US. It is also a place where our children have volunteered to work by helping children with homework and a variety of sporting activities. As such, it is more than simply a place to which we give money.



Brian & Angela Walsh

# Christmas 2001

## REGIS COLLEGE

**John Allan Loftus, S.J., Ph.D on behalf of Brendan Flynn**

I had the pleasure of accepting a generous contribution to Regis College passed along to me through Brendan Flynn, with the accompanying description of your holiday gift-giving. I write to thank you personally and to congratulate you and all in the company for the splendid idea.

Regis College is the small Jesuit Grade faculty of theology at the University of Toronto. We have been the Jesuit seminary in English speaking Canada for over 70 years, more recently combining in the federation of theological schools known as the Toronto School of Theology. A college like ours is completely dependant on the generosity of a few good friends; our alumni are almost all ministers of the gospel, many in far-off places.

Unlike most educational institutions, the alums are a source of great pride for us, but not, unfortunately a lot of financial assistance. So, again, let me thank you for your contribution. Be assured of a continuing place in our thoughts and prayers for yourself and all whom you serve.



Brendan & Madeline Flynn

## KYAW OO

**Trevor Torzas and James Gillis**

While visiting Myanmar, James and I met Kyaw Oo, a native computer teacher. He welcomed us into his home during our visit. Kyaw's youngest daughter had an accident in the summer and slipped into a coma. Unfortunately, the necessary treatment was not available in Myanmar and the cost of treatment in Thailand was beyond the means of the family.

We helped finance the medical treatment for their daughter and decided to visit the family over the holidays. Their daughter, Toe Toe, is almost fully recovered and worked very hard to say thank you to us in English. James and I have both decided to contribute to Oo's family's education fund this year.



Trevor Torzas & Kathy Cheng

## SHEPHERDS OF GOOD HOPE

**Diane Wood**

Last year, from April to the end of October, the Shepherds of Good Hope in Ottawa fed thousands of people, three meals a day, in a parking lot across from their premises while renovations were underway. The renovations were badly needed, the volunteer cooks found themselves in a dangerous situation with their feet falling through rotting floor boards, with the disintegrating wiring making cooking a hazard and dangerous situation every day. The work is now finished and people can once again be served indoors.

This year the Shepherds of Good Hope have taken on a new challenge—one of finding and expanding shelter for the homeless. Their current premises are inadequate to the need in many respects. Finding appropriate space at an affordable price, and in a neighborhood that will be accepting, has been a great challenge. This contribution will assist them in their efforts, as will all our prayers.



Allison Godfrey, Ken Moore & Diane Wood

# Christmas 1999 & 2000

## COVENANT HOUSE

### Edwin Weinstein

Covenant House, which provides shelter and assistance to teenagers without a home, is a charity I have supported regularly for several years. As we have experienced how difficult it is for a daughter with all the benefits of a home to make her way through her teen years, it has made us more aware of what life would be like without this kind comfort and support. As well, during my twenties I worked in a similar center in London (UK) where kids were received into public care after losing or being separated from their parents. Having spent a year with these kids and living through their upsets with them, the memory of their names and faces are alive in my memory. Hopefully, my donation will allow others to provide kids in Toronto with the support they need to weather their difficulties and emerge with dignity and self-respect.

## INDIVIDUAL

### Jack and Marion Clements

Having been inspired by some of the stories we heard last year, we decided to use your generous donation to help an individual instead of an organization. Through some volunteer work I've done this year, we learned of a young lady who has amazed us both with her strength of character. She is a single mother with four young children who was abandoned by her husband when her cancer came out of remission. She has bravely fought on, with a smile and great inner strength, never once complaining. So we cashed your cheque, put the money in a Christmas card and anonymously dropped it through her mail slot with a note from Santa Claus telling her it was for those "extras" that she might need or want at Christmas.

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to do this.



Ed & Robin Weinstein

## PALLOTTA TEAM WORKS

### Gene Wolfson and Tom Fasano

This year we were both moved by a story that our Y2K compliance consultant told us. In August, he will participate in a 500-mile bicycle race from Fairbanks to Anchorage in an event entitled, "Pallotta Team Works'Alaska AIDS Vaccine Ride". Over 1200 cyclists will be riding to raise money for three maverick research teams working towards the eradication of AIDS. Dr. David Ho at the Aaron Diamond AIDS Research Center in New York, Dr. Rafi Ahmed at the Emory Vaccine Center at Emory University, and Dr. Irvin Chen at UCLA AIDS Institute, are all doing cutting edge, outside-the-box research trying to find a cure for this disease. The riders hope to raise over \$7 million for these leading science teams that are slow to receive funding from traditional sources.

With over 33 million people estimated to be infected with AIDS in 2000, we thought this was a worthwhile use of the funds you have so generously donated. Needless to say, we have matched those funds in our contribution.



Jack & Marion Clements with their son David & Sarah Clements

# THE RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF CANADA

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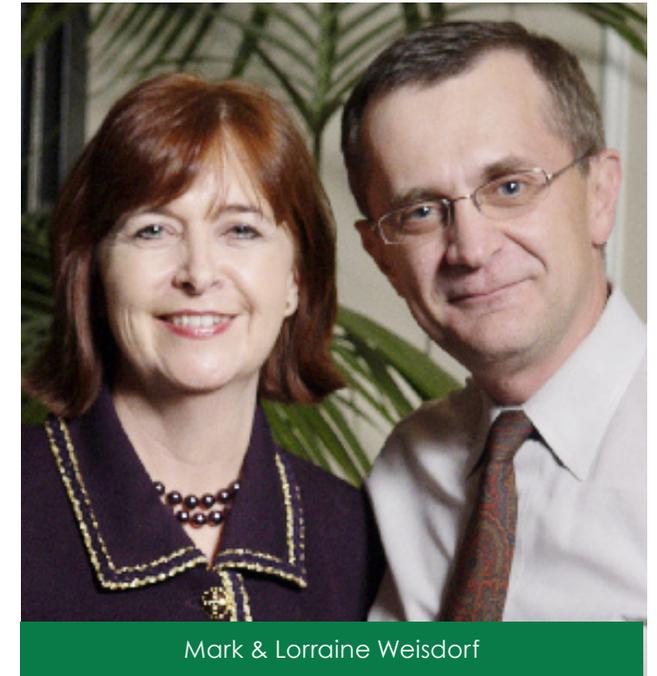
I would like to take this opportunity to thank BWI for inviting me to one of the most uplifting parties I've yet to attend.

As the first of its kind in Canada, the Rabbinical College of Canada was established in 1942 by students to provide Jewish education for the community in Montreal. My father, a holocaust survivor, arrived in Montreal in 1953 as an orphan. The RCC took him with open arms, along with many more like him. RCC has grown to become Canada's largest Rabbinical College, producing thousands of community leaders. Many came from broken homes or families of Holocaust survivors. Today, RCC has over 500 students and over 50% are on scholarships, coming from lower income families.

I hope people will learn from Brendan and his friends to share with others. As my wife Neomi said at the dinner, "charity is for all year round, not only during the holiday season." May we all merit Joy and Happiness in the New Year.



David Fleck



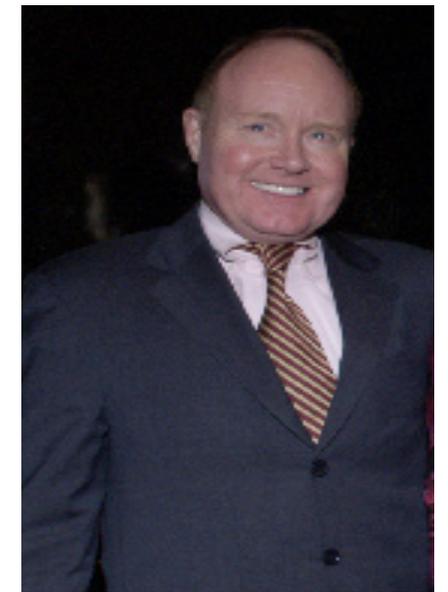
Mark & Lorraine Weisdorf



Charles Yang, BWI



BWI Partners - Stewart Borden, Nora Turkevics & Brendan Wood



Ian Russell

## HINCKS FARM

### Verla Moore

Hincks-Dellcrest Farm in Beaver Valley is a half-way house for inner-city kids with severe psychiatric and behavioral difficulties, who cannot function successfully in their homes and schools. They live in a farm setting in Duncan, Ontario, where they must attend area schools if they can; otherwise, teachers are brought in. They raise turkeys to sell and are responsible for looking after them until the big day when they meet God. For a donation of \$200 you help the kids, plus get a farm turkey. The kids who raised the bird deliver it.



Verla Moore

## TYNDALE ST-GEORGES

### Brian Aune

Tyndale St-Georges is a community center in Montreal that we think truly and honestly helps the neighborhood it serves. It is the kind of community centre that we can call up and say "Mrs. Nash, what exactly do you need today? and Mrs. Nash will say "Socks – I need lots of socks, and tins of ham and tuna too". So we will take a break from our world, stuff the car with socks and ham and tuna for Mrs. Nash and her co-workers so that they can help people – personally, simply, sincerely, one on one, hand to hand.



Irwin & Netta Greenblatt



Christmas Carolers

## THE BREATH OF LIFE CHALLENGE

### Ken Read

At the 1999 BWI Christmas Party, everyone enjoyed meeting Ken Read, the accomplished Olympic skier. He is a delightful gentleman as well as a wonderful spokesperson for the "Breath of Life Challenge". The Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is an outstanding cause to which Ken brought an unusual positive energy by challenging givers and challenging himself to match their generosity. Needless to say, we are partial to that line of thinking and everyone appreciated Ken's inspiration. We wish him strong wings for the journey ahead and truly hope to see Ken more often in public life in Canada.



Dan Tisch & Kerri Sakamoto





Other Charities  
Supported by Lazarus

# PEOPLE WITH AIDS FOUNDATION OF TORONTO

2004-2008

Excerpts From Stewart Borden's Ride in 2004

I'm about to hop on my bike again and ride 660km to Montreal as an annual fundraiser for the People With Aids Foundation of Toronto. Before this bike rally existed, the largest fundraiser PWA had was a comedy festival which raised \$18,000. This bike rally raises more than \$600,000 for PWA. Clearly this bike rally has had an incredible impact on PWA and its ability to deliver services. The big costs of putting the rally on have been covered by some key corporate sponsors (food, powerdrinks, WATER, camp grounds, train tickets back, etc...), so 100% of your donation goes directly to help people with the awful combination of living in poverty AND living with HIV/AIDS. This often means they can't afford the food or the medication to keep them healthy.

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It's day three and we've made it to Kingston!!!! yeah!!!!. This was the quickest we've made it yet. Everyday we've been breaking speed records - mostly because there has been little wind (in any direction). Now, this is good because it's not blowing against you, but considering it's over 40 degrees out here a little breeze now and then would go a long way. There are just over 200 riders this year, so needless to say we've had our share of accidents, mostly involving trains, well, train tracks at least. My awards that I give out every morning in order to suitably embarrass those that deserve it have been going over very well. Geoffrey and Wendy raised \$2000 and won the ping pong ball head award for shaving their heads last night to raise money for PWA .

Thank you again to everyone that sponsored me... we raised over \$600,000 dollars which I feel is just incredible for a motley crew of riders ( and non-riders like myself).



## MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

Lazarus has been a long-time supporter of LOM's Annual Gala and Auction to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada. We are pleased to join Garrett Herman and his partners in this worthy cause. This yearly event continues to celebrate the life and times of Bruce Grinton, an LOM trader whose battle with MS ended too soon, some 10 years ago. 2007 marked the 14th Anniversary of this event and a net total of \$367,000 was raised towards a cure for this debilitating disease - a new level of achievement for this event. The grand total donated over the 14 year life of the Gala is \$2,567,000.

Although Lazarus Partner's contributions are modest relative to Garrett Herman's total initiatives, to date Lazarus has managed to donate \$20,000 to this noble cause.

## DELSLE YOUTH SERVICES

Rik Emmett, Dave Dunlop and the Bay Street band: Men in Suits (featuring our own Stewart Borden) rocked together at the Hard Rock Cafe on February 7, 2008 to help raise funds for Deslisle Youth Services and the children, youth and families they support. Lazarus contributed \$1,000 and a large group of Lazarus volunteers were on hand at this event not only to enjoy the music but also to gather additional data on DYS and the work it does.

Deslisle Youth Services has been helping children with mental health issues, multiple special needs and at-risk youth from across Toronto for over 35 years. DYS's goal is to help youth that need support by enabling them to live, learn and grow, feel safe, and be encouraged to stay in school and to graduate with their peers.

## RACE FOR DIGNITY

Lazarus Partners donated \$5,000 to the 2007 Race for Dignity Challenge. This event raised over \$300,000 for Dignitas' community-based HIV/AIDS programming in Africa. The Challenge also successfully raised Dignitas' profile by engaging the thousands of people who converged on Yonge-Dundas Square on June 23rd, 2007.

## CYSTIC FIBROSIS ASSOCIATION

Brendan Wood was invited by Daniel Labrecque to attend the Cystic Fibrosis Association's Annual Ball held in Montreal on May 8th at the old Windsor Train Station. Daniel is the co-chair of the Ball along with Fred Green, the new CEO of CP Rail.

Nearly 500 people attended to celebrate 25 years of the annual ball of The Québécois Association Cystic Fibrosis. Celebrants, live music an auction and even the circus followed one another in a festive atmosphere which reached its apogee with the handing-over of the symbolic cheque of \$640,000 at the end of the evening. Lazarus Partners contribution of \$5,000 was very graciously received.

## CAMH

Men in Suits performed to a capacity crowd at the C Lounge on April 12, 2007 in support of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). More than 300 supporters, including 25 Lazarus volunteers, enjoyed an evening of dancing and great food while helping to raise awareness for issues of mental health and addiction. Lazarus Partners donated \$1,000.

Addiction and mental illness continue to be a persistent health crisis in Ontario. CAMH's goal is to increase awareness and help reduce the stigma associated with these issues and give hope to those who suffer from these illnesses while supporting research into mental health and addiction.

## CANADIAN FRIENDS OF HAIFA UNIVERSITY

### INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF ANTI SEMITISM

Lazarus Partners was a Gold Sponsor (contribution of \$10,000 ) for the November 19th, 2006 Tribute Dinner for Tony and Elizabeth Comper. As a result of this event the University of Haifa established The Elizabeth and Tony Comper Interdisciplinary Institute for the Study of Antisemitism and Racism at the University of Haifa, under the leadership of Prof. Arie Kochavi from the Faculty of Humanities, Department of General History.

The University of Haifa is not only a leader and centre of excellence in the social sciences, but is unique among all Israeli universities in its social mission. Through events such as this one, the University will continue to be a haven in Israel where Muslims, Druze, Christians and Jews live and study together - striving to make the University of Haifa "The Place Where Peace Starts".

## SALVATION ARMY CORPS 614

Geoff and Sandara Ryan both grew up in Salvation Army families, entered full-time ministry as Salvation Army officers and were ordained in 1990. Following a 70-year absence of the Salvation Army in the Soviet Union, they led a six-officer team to reestablish the ministry there. They came back to Canada in 2000 and are presently living and working in Regent Park, the oldest and largest housing project in Canada, with a project called Project 614. 'The 614' has been a model of change impacting the Salvation Army mission in the inner city. There are now several 614s worldwide, with more starting in the near future.

Their team is committed to a way of community development that is uniquely powerful. By moving into the community, becoming part of the lives of those served, forming relationships between members of the community who can serve each other, building self-esteem, friendships and partnerships, Project 614 achieves results. They have every faith in the wisdom of their approach and the unique depth of its effectiveness in developing the heart of a community.

Lazarus Partners has worked hand-in-hand with Salvation Army Corps 614 for many years, participating in their Christmas sponsorship program. The gifts we provide help to make Christmas a time for celebration for many of the families in their community and they are especially thankful that we personally deliver the gifts and get to experience the lives of people in this community.

In addition to the hand-to hand giving, Lazarus Partners has made donations to the Salvation Army for years totalling more than \$100,000.



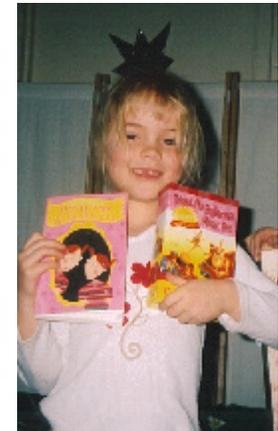
*Thank you!*

*BRENDAN WOOD INTERNATIONAL*  
March 8, 2004



The Salvation Army Corps 614  
Regent Park, Toronto

*Hope is believing in spite of the evidence and watching the evidence change*



# YONGE STREET MISSION

Each year, the Yonge Street Mission relies on almost 2000 volunteers to assist with programs, meals, the Food Bank, tutoring, building maintenance and a wide variety of seasonal activities. We are proud that many of our Lazarus volunteers (some of which are seen in the photos below) can be counted among that group. For many years we have been involved with their Christmas gift program as well as serving meals, building shelves and selling merchandise at the Thrift Store (even modeling some outfits on the street to entice shoppers inside).



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*How to be with you!  
I have a great  
idea!*

December 30, 2005.

Brendan Wood International  
Attn: Mr. Brendan Wood, Chairman  
17 Prince Arthur Ave.  
Toronto, ON M5R 1B2.

Dear Mr. Wood,

Thank you for letter of December 20, 2005, which Rick has forwarded to me, along with the amazing gifts of \$7,500 and \$275.00. We also received a gift from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mifflin, who generously designated the \$275 cheque forwarded to him by Brendan Wood International, to Yonge Street Mission.

Please extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone at Brendan Wood International who has made these life-changing gifts possible. Your confidence in our work encourages us.

Rick shared with me some of his reflections on the Lazarus Partners' Christmas Event, and I was so impressed by the sensitivity and responsiveness the Partners demonstrate to local and international charities. Thank you also for forwarding your Christmas Journal 2004/2005. How truly inspirational, and how many lives you have each positively impacted these past twenty five years! We are indeed honoured by your interest.

As you can imagine, these past few weeks have been some of our busiest. People of all ages have streamed into our various sites for our special events, seasonal meals and Christmas Market assistance.

For some, this was their first visit to the Mission. And because of the support of friends such as yourselves, what an introduction this has been! We've met families with children who want to know about our computer programs and after-school clubs, seniors who now know about our meal and drop-in programs and recent immigrants interested in our ESL programs.

Your support has helped ensure that season of goodwill will continue in their hearts and their futures long after presents have been opened and foods eaten. For you have shared with us one of the most precious gifts you can offer: *hope*.

If you would like more information about the Mission, or would be able to visit us, we would be delighted to welcome you on a tour. Until then, please accept our best wishes to each of you for a very happy new year.

Gratefully yours,

*Barbara Walkden*

Barbara Walkden  
Director of Development

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Enclosure

*Barbara's  
a thanks to  
you Rick*





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