

An Impressive Year for Global Giving

Thanks to the continued investment of our Donors, the fiscal year ending April 30, 2011 was nearly a record setting year for CAFAmerica, with more than \$26 million in donations raised to serve the needs of communities globally. Ranging from conserving natural resources in the Lower Zambezi to meeting the needs of Mongolian orphans, CAFAmerica continued its work across six continents and in more than 85 countries ([click here for highlights](#)).

Perhaps most significant, we responded to the destructive floods and cyclone in Australia, and devastating earthquakes and tsunami in Japan. In partnership with organizations on the ground in these countries, CAFAmerica was able to provide immediate support to assist in disaster relief efforts.

As the barriers to global giving continue to shrink, our donors and the nonprofit partners we serve are realizing the important impact that support from the US can have. Charitable giving to international affairs was the fastest growing philanthropic subsector last year (15.3%) according to *Giving USA 2011*. As more donors become aware of their options for effectively supporting foreign nonprofits, we believe this number will continue to grow.

Throughout our work, CAFAmerica prides itself on being a careful and conscientious steward of its donors' money. As a result, in FY 2010/11 over 97% of CAFAmerica's total income went towards programs, with only 2.7% covering management and fundraising expenses.

To get a sense of the impact our donations made, here are some highlights of this past year's grantmaking:

In Africa

- **Conservation Lower Zambezi** in Zambia. This organization is committed to the conservation and sustainable use of the local wildlife and natural resources of the Lower Zambezi through environmental protection, education and supporting local community development.
- **Concern for the Girl Child** in Uganda which provides disadvantaged children with increased access to education and health, and advocates for children's rights; Particular focus is on promoting the girls rights in social, cultural, political and economic spheres of life.

In Asia

- The **Indian School of Microfinance for Women**, with the vision to strengthen and spread microfinance as a strategy for poverty alleviation through development of appropriate knowledge and skilled human resources.
- The **Mongolian Children's Aid Foundation**, whose mission is to develop programs and sponsor projects that will improve living conditions, provide increased educational and employment opportunities, and promote the health and general welfare of Mongolian children who are either true orphans or who are not able to live with their families for economic or social reasons.

In Australia and Oceania

- **Down Syndrome Association of NSW Inc.** which encourages people with Down Syndrome to fulfill their potential for successful and happy lives in a society that knows their abilities and is supportive of their needs.
- **Reverse Garbage Cooperative Ltd.** in Australia delivers a wide range of educational workshops and programs, using Reverse Garbage materials to promote environmental awareness and creativity.

In Europe

- **Network of Estonian Nonprofit Organizations**, a membership organization created for the implementation and protection of the common interest of Estonian public benefit nonprofits.
- **Elton John AIDS Foundation**, also in the UK, is the largest HIV/AIDS grant maker in the UK and one of the 20 largest international AIDS charities.

In Latin America

- **Fundacion Cruzada Argentina** whose mission is to promote the development of rural communities through assistance and support for productive projects and training that will generate work related skills and attitudes.
- **Un Techo para Mi Pais** in Chile which provides help to those people with limited economic resource, promoting and providing housing, accommodation and life solutions to the settlers who live in poverty and extreme poverty.

In North America

- **Metro Food Bank Society Nova Scotia** in Canada is a charitable organization that helps feed hungry people by collecting and distributing food to more than 150 member agency food banks and meal programs, while at the same time striving to eliminate chronic hunger and poverty through research, awareness and support programs.
- **Salt Spring Island Conservancy** a registered charitable society dedicated to preserving and restoring the natural environment of Salt Spring Island by holding, managing, restoring natural habitat preserves, conservation covenants and by helping landowners care for their land.