

The \$10 Club

Saving the world, ten dollars at a time



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Dear Friends:

One out of eight. Survey the basic image of the world on the cover of this annual report and consider that in two years we funded essential poverty alleviation projects in 23 countries—one out of every eight nations on the planet. Look at it another way: the positive impact of our shared vision already has extended to 12% of the nations of the world. Amazing.

Five out of eight. I often reflect on the eight Millennium Development Goals (MDG), approved by the United Nations in 2000 in an effort to diminish human suffering. The overwhelming breadth of global poverty makes the utter lack of national commitments to ease the plight of the impoverished truly shocking. Where governments fail, each of you—with no more than a ten dollar commitment each month—does your part to meet these UN goals.

Just look at what we've done this year alone:

- MDG: Halve extreme poverty and hunger; \$10 CLUB ACTION: Feed people suffering from HIV/AIDS in Tanzania.
- MDG: Achieve universal primary education; \$10 CLUB ACTION: Provide photocopiers to schools in Guatemala, desks and chairs to students in Uganda, and uniforms to students in Thailand.
- MDG: Empower women; \$10 CLUB ACTION: Finance a women's sewing cooperative in Democratic Republic of Congo, and create a safety-net education fund for girls in Zimbabwe.
- MDG: Reduce under-five child mortality; \$10 CLUB ACTION: Fund water-seal latrines to reduce the diarrheal diseases that claim the lives of 125,000 Bangladeshi children annually.
- MDG: Ensure environmental sustainability by providing access to safe drinking water; \$10 CLUB ACTION: Construct a communal water tap from a municipal water line in Ethiopia.

We started The \$10 Club in an effort to assist those facing the greatest misery in their lives. You demonstrate time after time the mighty power of grassroots micropreneurship. Each month you answer the challenge; you face the reality that you can't do *everything*, but you can do *something*; you make a difference. On behalf of the thousands of people across the globe who have benefited from your generosity, who have been lifted from despair because of your monthly sacrifice, thank you.

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12 Projects in 12 Countries

\$20,080

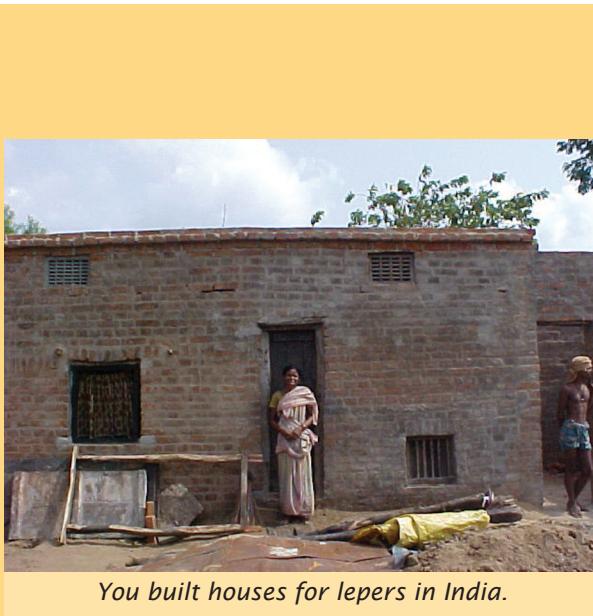
- **January—\$1,290** to purchase a photocopier, copy supplies, and books for children at three schools in Guatemala
- **February—\$1,300** to buy 8 desks and 80 chairs for a school in Uganda
- **March—\$1,440** to connect a slum community in Ethiopia to a municipal water line providing clean drinking water
- **April—\$1,570** to build 24 water-seal latrines in Bangladesh
- **May—\$1,610** to erect ten brick housing units at a leper colony in India
- **June—\$1,720** to purchase school uniforms and supplies for a teen literacy program at the Mercy Centre in Bangkok, Thailand
- **July—\$1,830** to supply two surgical instrument trays at an eye clinic in Madagascar
- **August—\$1,790** to acquire an air compression system for a ventilator at a hospital in Nepal
- **September—\$1,780** to replace sewing machines, fabric, and supplies at a women's sewing cooperative in the Democratic Republic of Congo
- **October—\$1,830** to provide essential, nutritious food to approximately 70 people suffering with HIV/AIDS in Tanzania for a period of nine weeks
- **November—\$1,920** to create a "safety-net" education fund for underprivileged girls in Zimbabwe
- **December—\$2,000** to fund prosthetic limbs for 20 amputees in Laos

Can you afford to say yes to \$10 a month?

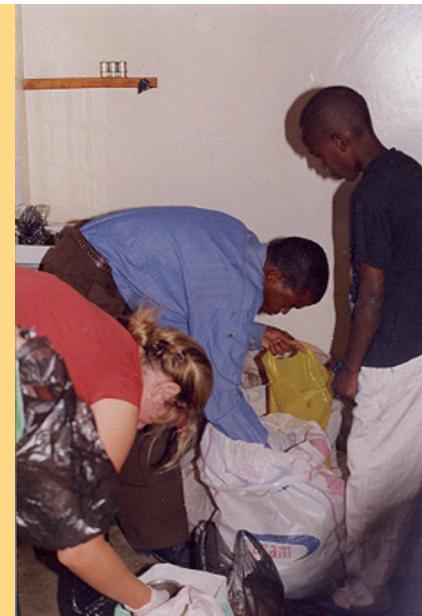
The real question is: Can you afford to say no?



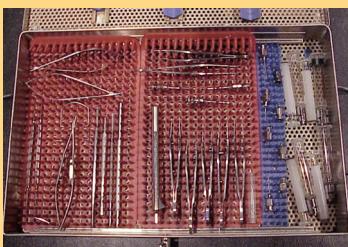
You bought school uniforms for students in a literacy program in Thailand.



You built houses for lepers in India.



You bought food for AIDS patients in Tanzania.



You bought surgical instruments for an eye clinic in Madagascar.

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You bought desks and chairs for kids in Uganda.



You bought textbooks for students in Guatemala.



You brought clean drinking water to a poor Ethiopian community.

What You Are Saying About Our Work Together

The Ten Dollar Club is one of the best things I do all month. Thank you for letting me be a small part of your work.

Small, grassroots, necessary. The way to go.

Being part of The \$10 Club is something I am very proud of in my life.

I'm speechless, yet so very, very grateful for your work.

I really believe your organization is an excellent giving model and one that is an excellent example of what small amounts, pooled together, can accomplish.

May you get the World's Greatest Feeling of Satisfaction for your incredible effort; what a difference you make in the lives of so many!

Adam, no, the extra money isn't for anyone else. I just think you are doing great and wanted to add another contribution.

This is the best news today Adam. I can't imagine being blind living in this country but in a third world country it must be the worst. I am so pleased that this month's money is going to help people who suffer blindness. I saw a programme a while back about people having their cataracts removed and being able to see for even the first time in some cases and it was overwhelming.

Thank goodness for the \$10 Club and you.

I just have to congratulate you on all you've achieved in such a short time. The sky's the limit now! Wonderful.

Adam, what you do is amazing and how \$10 a month can impact the world is inspiring. The recent pictures you sent of the housing in India makes me think differently every day. Please keep up your work.

I introduced the \$10 Club to my family to help my daughters experience the satisfaction of being able to make a difference. Sometimes people in developing countries seem so far away, but with the \$10 Club we can have a direct impact on their lives. When my children save money for the Club, or do a few extra chores to meet their monthly goal, they learn the joy inherent in being a responsible global citizen.

As always, I am touched, impressed, and proud to be a member of the \$10 Club.

It is a privilege to be a part of the Club. It certainly underscores that one truly motivated person can make a positive difference in others' lives.

Thanks for making the monthly miracle happen.

Financial Report

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
<u>INCOME</u>			
Membership and Miscellaneous	\$12,715.53	\$22,309.16	
Donations carried forward from previous year*	\$.00	\$ 2,560.53	\$4,789.69
Administrator donations in-kind	\$ 755.23	\$ 1,120.50	
Grants	\$.00	\$ 500.00	
Total income	<u>\$ 13,470.76</u>	<u>\$26,490.19</u>	
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Project Grants	\$10,155.00	\$20,080.00	
Operational Expenses (Website, domain, email, printing & mailing costs, incorporation, bank fees, etc.)	\$ 755.23	\$ 1,620.50	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$10,910.23</u>	<u>\$21,700.50</u>	

*Includes advance membership contributions paid for a period of months extending into the following year.