

*The \$10 Club*

Saving the world, ten dollars at a time



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**2005 Annual Report**



December 2005

Dear Friends:

This year, I've been reminded constantly of the significance of The \$10 Club—providing steady, direct aid to every corner of the globe.

Since I penned the letter for our *Annual Report* a year ago, an unnerving series of dreadful global events has occurred. Approximately a quarter of a million people were killed in the Indian Ocean tsunami and another 80,000 in the Pakistan earthquake. Millions have been displaced, losing jobs, homes, worldly possessions and, all too often, hope. Meanwhile, villages around the world have been suffocated by drought and devoured by floods. It reminds me that our planet is quite fragile.

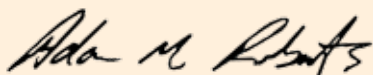
Admirably, governments, corporations, and individuals have donated or pledged billions in recovery aid. But reports are rampant that only a portion of the money has been spent, much of it on staff and administrative expenses. Why is it so hard to administer support on the ground where it is needed most? It reminds me how important it is that The \$10 Club gets aid to those in need, and ensures that 100% of each \$10 donation goes to projects, not overhead.

And while I applaud those who step up in the face of a massive calamity, I wonder why more people don't act on a regular basis, when there is not necessarily a single tragic event taking over the news. The combined scourges of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria, malnutrition, and illiteracy conspire to destroy countless lives globally each day. It reminds me how thoughtful you are, not only by donating money to tsunami victims, but also by recognizing that every day there is someone suffering somewhere. Poor children on the streets of India, like the boy on the cover, are not featured on the news each night. But you see them. You help them.

I look at the map on the facing page and see a committed team of visionaries who, *together*, have ensured that the neediest people in developing countries have access to safe drinking water, education, blankets, medicines, health care, winter shoes, and life-saving bednets. I see the faces of people in Cameroon, Rwanda, Sri Lanka, India, Ukraine, and Mongolia—and with each image I know, without a doubt, that someone is alive, at peace, in comfort, and has newfound hope because of you.

Jeffrey Sachs, author of *The End of Poverty*, recently wrote that there was a lot of talk in 2005 about ending extreme poverty, but “these words have yet to make a discernible difference for the hungry, destitute and dying.” Sachs concludes that “2006 must be the year of action,” and at year's end, each of us “must be asked a single question: what did you do this year to end extreme poverty?” Look at this annual report and every one that follows and think about the people we help each month. That's not just talk. “What did you do this year to end extreme poverty?” I've got twelve fabulous answers.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Adam M. Roberts". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Adam" and last name "Roberts" clearly legible.

Adam M. Roberts  
President

# You've done a world of good.





*You provided nursing mothers with essential supplies in Sri Lanka.*



*You helped construct a gym at a children's prison in Mongolia.*



*You provided warm winter shoes to Ukrainian orphans.*

## Saving the world



*You paid for the construction of a rainwater tank.*



*You bought uniforms, supplies, and a new generator at an orphanage in Burma.*



*You gave anti-malarial bednets to women and children in Uganda.*

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*for construction water catchment in Rwanda.*



*You trained traditional birth attendants in Pakistan.*



2005

*12 Projects in 11 Countries*

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**\$27,400**

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- **January—\$2,050** to provide beds, mattresses, and storage lockers to displaced children after the tsunami in Sri Lanka
- **February—\$3,100\*** to give special sanitary kits to nursing mothers and water to camps for internally displaced people in Sri Lanka (\*Includes additional member contributions toward tsunami relief.)
- **March—\$2,100** to build and furnish a gym in a children's prison in Mongolia
- **April—\$2,140** to install a rainwater catchment system to provide safe drinking water to the people of the Muramba community in Rwanda
- **May—\$2,150** to provide two sets of school uniforms and fully equipped school bags to 18 children in a Burmese orphanage as well as a generator to provide the library with power
- **June—\$2,150** to supply 200 street kids in India with blankets and medicines
- **July—\$2,200** to launch a solar cooker and efficient wood cooking program, as well as a revolving micro-credit solar cooker fund, in Bolivia
- **August—\$2,230** to train traditional birth attendants in Pakistan
- **September—\$2,260** to fund the continuing education of 28 students in Cameroon
- **October—\$2,250** to buy insulated winter boots for 150 children at an orphanage in Ukraine
- **November—\$2,220** to drill a bore hole with pump and piping to enable income-generating projects for a community in Zimbabwe
- **December—\$2,550** to provide 230 people—women prisoners and their children— with insecticide-treated bednets to prevent malaria in Uganda

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*Ten bucks sure buys a lot these days!*

# Financial Report<sup>1</sup>

	<u>2004<sup>2</sup></u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
<b><u>INCOME</u></b>			
Membership	\$21,898.78	\$29,637.88	
Revenue carried forward	\$2,560.91	\$4,711.94	\$13,896.00
Grants	\$500.00	\$7,000.00 <sup>3</sup>	
Member core budget contributions		<u>\$1,210.46</u>	
Total Income	<u>\$24,959.69</u>	<u>\$42,560.28</u>	
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>			
Project Grants	\$20,080.00	\$27,400.00	
Operational Expenses	<u>\$167.75</u>	<u>\$1,264.28</u>	
Total Expenditures	<u>\$20,247.75</u>	<u>\$28,664.28</u>	

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<sup>1</sup> Unaudited financial report. IRS Form 990 prepared by RSM McGladrey and available upon request.

<sup>2</sup> Amended figures. Includes updated year-end totals and excludes previously reported in-kind contribution amounts.

<sup>3</sup> The \$10 Club was honored to have been awarded a grant from the Threshold Foundation's New Visions for Culture and Society Committee (<http://www.thresholdfoundation.org/>).

*“In the course of history, there comes a time when humanity is called to shift to a new level of consciousness, to reach a higher moral ground. A time when we have to shed our fear and give hope to each other. That time is now.”*

–2004 Nobel Laureate Wangari Maathai



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