



2009 Annual Report





Report from the President

Business is all about relationships and good business is all about trust. In today's world we see this concept challenged almost on a daily basis. Since the inception of ECHOES Around the World, the Board of Directors and our partners in Africa have focused our attention on the fine points of transparency and accountability. Building trust has been a journey of understanding what it means to live in poverty, conducting business with your fellow man, respecting differing opinions, keeping your word and being open to communication.

ECHOES has concentrated efforts over the course of several years to ensure transparency and accountability in all of our dealings. With our partners, this has been accomplished through monthly telephone communication, emails, meetings with our partners both in the United States and Uganda, pictorial proof of projects and board member visits. Creating and sustaining transparency and accountability with our partners has required us to understand that business conducted in Uganda, a feint and parry sort of negotiating process, challenges them as much as it challenges us. With this understanding, we have learned that trust though not easily given can be well earned.

We strive to honor each donor by being clear on our purpose and intent for each dollar donated. By limiting our expenses, we meet our goal that 95% of every dollar donated is spent on projects that support the children and communities we serve. We continue to employ best practices by partnering with professionals whose pro bono services keep us current. And we are exploring new ways to stay in touch.

We appreciate each and every dollar that is donated to ECHOES and honor all of our donors who trust us to use their gifts wisely, by doing just that. We encourage you to visit our website to see the latest pictures of our on-going projects.

2009 was an incredibly empowering year for us. Our donations increased over previous years despite a struggling economy. The number of donors increased as well by a gratifying 35%. Among our accomplishments are the following:

At The Schools

- Our 2009 fundraiser, Call to Care - Sheltering Our Sisters, was an overwhelming success. Women helping women joined to raise monies for a new two story girls' dormitory at Centenary High School. Currently it is already housing young women and half the building is completed.
- Salaries for teachers and the matrons at the primary school, Trinity Children's Centre, continue to be made possible due to generous gifts.
- Scholarships for our orphaned students continue but desperately need to increase.

At Double Cure Medical Centre

- Salaries for the primary care physician at Double Cure Medical Center and tuition for a young woman completing her final year of medical school were also welcome gifts.
- Medicines were purchased for the Mobile Clinic and Double Cure Medical Centre.
- A dentist chair and equipment were installed at the medical clinic along with a competent dentist.

ECHOES Organizational Steps Forward

- Our Board of Directors welcomed a new member to our board.
- A board member taskforce researched succession issues and brought forth recommendations which were enacted by the end of 2009.
- Communication with our partners in Africa was increased through phone, Skype and email contact.
- Review of best practices was undertaken by our Executive Board which produced a strategic vision for accounting, database management, Internet document storage and "going green."

As we look into 2010, we will be focusing on maintaining and increasing the current level of support already given to Trinity Children's Centre and Centenary High School. Added focus will be on the medical needs of the communities served by Double Cure Medical Centre. Our 2010 fundraiser, which will be held November 5th at St. Davids Golf Club, targets the completion and outfitting of the Surgical Building to allow immediate on-site surgical procedures.

We thank all of you who supported us in 2009 through your dollar and in-kind donations of service to our Board. Without you, we cannot improve the lives of the children and many Ugandan villagers that our programs support. We appreciate your trust and belief in us. ECHOES Around the World will continue to earn that trust one child, one community, one donation at a time as we strive toward greater transparency and accountability.

With gratitude and best wishes,
Mel Lewis Bonder
President, Board of Directors



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Statement of Activities – Year Ended December 31, 2009

Revenues	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
Contributions	54,314	379	54,693
Fundraiser Event	99,771	—	99,771
Investment Income	456	68	524
Total	\$154,541	\$447	\$154,988

Expenses	Unrestricted	Restricted	Totals
Programs	96,200	21,648	117,848
Direct Program Expense	5,135	35	5,170
General & Adm Expense	5,952	200	6,152
Fundraiser Expense	10,706	—	10,706
Total	\$117,993	\$21,883	\$139,876

Increase in net assets	\$14,517
Net assets, beginning of year	\$68,900
Net assets, end of year	\$83,417

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Those who serve on our Board of Directors and the Advisory Board receive no compensation for the work they do on behalf of the organization.

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November 5, 2010

Call to Care - Operation Healing Hands Fundraiser

WHAT: Call to Care - Operation Healing Hands Fundraiser

WHEN: Friday, November 5th at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: St. Davids Golf Club, Wayne, Pennsylvania

WHY: Complete the construction and outfit a critically needed emergency surgical suite at Double Cure Medical Centre, Mpigi, Uganda

GOAL: \$60,000

ECHOES is proud to be honoring two outstanding area physicians, Dr. Anthony Coletta who has led surgical teams in Haiti and Dr. Stephen Gluckman, a HIV and infectious disease specialist who has worked in Africa.

We invite you to join us - to make a difference in the lives of many - one person at a time, one community at a time.



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