

OPERATION
GROUNDWELL
FUNDRAISING
REPORT
2013





WE'RE SPARKING A MOVEMENT OF GLOBALLY ACTIVE & SOCIALY CONSCIOUS BACKPACKTIVISTS.

This fundraising report details the projects and initiatives by Operation Groundswell and its community partners of 2013.

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A LETTER FROM OGHQ

At the close of our eighth year in existence, this summer, Operation Groundswell successfully engaged 171 adventurers through 19 diverse programs in seven regions of the world. We never cease to be amazed by the power of a program that strives to reach outside of convention. Our participants are a testament to the fact that something fundamentally altering can be gained from backpacking with a purpose.

Operation Groundswell is very proud of what our program participants and program leaders accomplished together in 2013. Through the hard work of our participants, we are excited to announce that this year's fundraising efforts summed \$181, 815 (CAD)! Enabled by these premeditated fundraising efforts, our summer backpackivists participated in projects that engaged them in communities and local NGOs, stimulating critical awareness of their surroundings and learning how to transform ideas into action. At the end of this year we can say that we're accomplishing our goal of building a community of ethical travelers that are politically, socially, and environmentally aware of their impact in the world.

Every year, we strive to strengthen our diverse operations and learn from its challenges. Our major areas of improvement from 2012 include streamlining money transfer methods and developing more comprehensive documentation for tracking funds. Despite working in communities that are limited in their proximity to banking institutions and adequate Internet access, the 2013 OG executive team in Toronto and program leaders worked diligently to develop and utilize reliable methods for accurately monitoring participant donations and program budgets. The subsequent budget reports and financial summaries completed by program leaders this summer were more precise and detailed than ever before. This has not only given us a better understanding of issues expressed by the local communities we work with and live in during our OG programs, but has also enabled us to better understand the obstacles that impact access and use of the fundraising money. The unique insight gained by our improved financial reports has enabled us to follow each penny fundraised by our program participants in 2013.

By instilling this culture of accountability, we can meet our responsibility to report this input/output financial data to donors, program participants, community partners, and the Board of Directors.

The following fundraising report details all the partners and projects OG participants worked with in 2013. Everyone involved with Operation Groundswell – staff, program leaders, program participants, donors and community partners – played an integral role that has allowed OG to transform \$181, 815 of fundraised money into programs and projects that have impacted people around the world. Teams also decided to dedicate a portion of their fundraising money to the OG Project Fund for alumni-proposed projects. This fund provides past participants and program leaders with an opportunity to pitch innovative, self-sustaining projects that can be supported on an ongoing basis.

Our champions are those that have shared our goals and have been a part of OG by donating, fundraising, and spreading the word. We are immensely thankful and humbled.

To our program participants and program leaders: nothing could have been accomplished this summer without your will to explore the world and to put your heart, soul, and sweat into leaving a positive impact on the regions you visited. Thank you for your perseverance, compassion, and hard work.

To our partner communities and NGOs: we are very grateful for welcoming us into your homes and admire your thoughtful persistence in the endeavor of creating a better world. Our *raison d'être* is the meaningful work we do with you.

Always working to strengthen our operations and programs, we continue to be meticulous in our approach and are excited to learn and improve as we continue down the dusty path of backpackivism.

Sincerely,

The OG Crew



EAST AFRICA

THE MUHALLIA HILL ROAD

Location: Kiritu, North Maragoli, Kenya

Nature of Partnership: Developing the road at Muhallia Hill.

Goals: Both the early and late summer Discovery teams aspired to complete the construction of the Muhallia Hill road, which was begun by 2012 OG groups.

Accomplishments: Together, the early and late summer teams purchased all materials required to continue the construction of the Muhallia Road, completed the T-junction, supported the foundation at the bottom of the steep hill, organized employment for all workers, and built, painted, and erected a sign indicating the community and OG contributions.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$2276.56

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$2276.56

GOOD SHEPARD CLASS AND RESOURCE TEXTBOOKS

Location: Kiritu, North Maragoli, Kenya

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the Good Shepard School in Kiritu.

Goals: The early summer Discovery team wanted to purchase the majority of the textbook resources to support the new Class 8 at Good Shepard School. The late summer team strove to further support for this school with textbooks for additional levels.

Accomplishments: Both the early and late summer teams purchased and secured the delivery of all textbooks considered to be high priority by teachers.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$1897.76

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$1897.76

THE YOUNG COUNTY CHANGE MAKERS (YCCM) NYALENDA COMMUNITY LIBRARY*

Location: Nyalenda, Kisumu, Kenya

Nature of Partnership: Constructing a local community centre in Nyalenda, as begun by previous OG teams, to serve as a library, early childhood education centre, and safe hangout.

Goals: The early summer Discovery team aspired to fix up the designated structure, construct a public toilet with running water, raise awareness about the library, and develop a primary schooling scholarship program. The late summer team wanted to build on the success of the early summer team by furnishing and filling the library with books and materials, constructing a fence around the library, and raising awareness in the local community about the centre.

Accomplishments: The early summer team constructed and painted the library walls, installed the doors and wooden shelves, and purchased chairs, tables, glass windows, and materials for the construction of a public toilet. Further, this team contributed \$200 to form the basis of a scholarship program through the library for students who cannot afford primary school fees.

The late summer team acquired all of the materials required to finish the library building construction and outfit it with books, posters, shelves, and painting supplies. Moreover, the team organized an event for the community to celebrate the grand opening of the library. Separately, at the local radio station, the OG team constructed and outfitted a recording studio.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$9177.62

Cash Donations: \$614.70

Total Allocated Funds: \$9792.32

EAST AFRICA

CONTINUED...

RESCUING WIDOWS, ELDERLY, YOUTH, ORPHANS AND WITH AIDS (RWEYOWA)*

Location: Namasuba, Kampala, Uganda

Nature of Partnership: Empowering families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Goals: The early summer Discovery team sought to empower the local community infected with HIV/AIDS through supporting chicken farms that generate revenue and food for the community. The late summer Discovery team also aimed to learn about HIV/AIDS within the Namasuba community, and to provide 200 egg-laying chickens and supply funds for their upkeep.

Accomplishments: The early summer team successfully constructed chicken coops for 12 homesteads, and provided 40 families with chickens to be utilized for generating regular income.

To build on the early summer team's success, the late summer team constructed five chicken coops, purchased and delivered 200 egg-laying chickens, and provided funding for vaccinations, chicken coop materials, and education on chicken farming.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$5231.95

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$5231.95

THE JOLLY SELF HELP GROUP CHICKEN PROJECT

Location: Kiritu, North Maragoli, Kenya

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the families assisted by the Jolly Self Help Group through chicken farming.

Goals: The late summer Discovery team strove to construct a multi-layer chicken coop, provide funding for vaccinations and feed for the chickens, and purchase 100 one-day-old chicks.

Accomplishments: The OG team successfully constructed a multi-layer indoor chicken coop, purchased 80 one-week-old chicks, and provided funding for chicken vaccinations and feed.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$1066.32

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$1066.32

THE SCHOOL CLUSTER PHOTOCOPIER

Location: Kiritu, North Maragoli, Kenya

Nature of Partnership: Increasing the resources available in schools within Kiritu.

Goals: The early summer Discovery team sought to support the schools within Kiritu.

Accomplishments: The OG team successfully purchased, delivered (to the most secure and central school), and installed an industrial photocopier and supplies for the use of 12 schools within the Kiritu area.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$1190.30

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$1190.30

FEMME INTERNATIONAL

Location: Muthare Slum, Nairobi, Kenya

Nature of Partnership: Donating "Femme Kits" (menstrual health kits).

Goals: The late summer Discovery team wanted to support female youth health and sexual education in the Muthare Slum.

Accomplishments: The OG team financially contributed to Femme International's purchase of "Femme Kits" for young girls living in Muthare who are participating in their women's health education program.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$111.18

Total Allocated Funds: \$111.18

CENTRE CESAR

Location: Kimoronko, Kigali, Rwanda

Nature of Partnership: Conducting house renovations for local widows.

Goals: The late summer Discovery team strove to engage with local women and youth about gender rights issues in Rwanda, and contributed to maintaining the homes of local widows.

Accomplishments: The OG team successfully repainted four houses for local widows.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$1662.00

Cash Donations: \$814.05

Total Allocated Funds: \$2476.05



EAST AFRICA

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MAASAI MBILI ART STUDIO

Location: Kibera Slum, Nairobi, Kenya

Nature of Partnership: Gaining a cultural understanding of the Kibera Slum.

Goals: The early summer Discovery team endeavored to learn about local art in the Kibera Slum and recognize how street art during times of violence has been a source of hope and peace in the community.

Accomplishments: Having learned of the art studio's impact with local youth, the OG team financially contributed towards purchasing art supplies for children's programming in the Maasai Mbili Art Studio.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$215.83

Total Allocated Funds: \$215.83

THE MWELU FOUNDATION

Location: Mathare Valley Slum, Nairobi, Kenya

Nature of Partnership: Learning from a youth focused organization in the Mathare slum that uses photography and film production to document local issues and communicate them to the wider world.

Goals: Both early and late summer discovery teams sought to learn about the Mwelu Foundation and support their initiatives to broadcast the Mathare Valley slum environment to the world.

Accomplishments: The early summer team purchased tripods and small film equipment, as well as financially contributed towards a female sexual health education program begun by an Mwelu member. The late summer team purchased additional filming equipment for creating more documentaries, so that they can increase the range of witnesses to issues within the slum that obstruct community development.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$366.81

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$366.81

SOLO 7'S SCHOOL OF IDEAS

Location: Kibera, Nairobi, Kenya

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the Solo 7's School of Ideas.

Goals: The late summer Discovery team aspired to outfit a new art school.

Accomplishments: The OG team financially contributed towards acquiring the art materials that this school needs.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$229.89

Total Allocated Funds: \$229.89

THE WALWALI BRIDGE

Location: Kiritu, North Maragoli, Kenya

Nature of Partnership: Building a bridge and walkway in Kiritu.

Goals: The early summer Discovery team aspired to replace a dilapidated wooden bridge with a permanent structure. The late summer team then hired local labour and engineers to create a useable walkway for pedestrians and bodas to cross the bridge constructed by the earlier OG team.

Accomplishments: The early summer team purchased all materials required for the bridge and its walkway, organized the employment for 15 local workers and a small blasting crew, and helped to create the bridge framework.

The late summer team purchased all materials required for the bridge's walkway, organized employment for local workers, and constructed the walkway, frame, and handrail for the walkway.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$3323.07

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$3323.07

SOUTHEAST ASIA

ELEPHANT NATURE PARK

Location: Chiang Mai, Thailand

Nature of Partnership: Engaging with Southeast Asia's endangered Asian elephant in an ethical, engaged and constructive manner.

Goals: The early and late summer teams aspired to become educated on the plight of the Asian elephant populations and the dangers of the popular trekking industry in Thailand.

Accomplishments: Both early and late teams financially supported the elephant sanctuary and became well informed about the ethics of elephant tourism in Thailand and sustainable tourism alternatives that promote the well-being and conservation of elephant populations.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donation: \$1,156.78

Total Allocated Funds: \$1,156.78

KATCH PHKAR PERMACULTURE FARM

Location: Battambang, Cambodia

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the education of rural farmers on sustainable farming methods.

Goals: The late summer Discovery team aspired to learn about permaculture in Cambodia and provide support to the educational initiative of local farmers finding and maintaining sustainable farming methods.

Accomplishments: The OG team became educated on permaculture principles and design, built two fenced-in garden areas that they filled with soil and vegetable seeds, and dug a new pond with canals feeding into it. They further widened other canals, planted lemongrass and trees, developed a compost pile, and purchased beds for the visitors' centre.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$300

Cash Donations: \$1904.54

Total Allocated Funds: \$1204.54



GRASSHOPPER TOURS

Location: Rural communities surrounding Phnom Penh

Nature of Partnership: Becoming educated on the culture of rural Cambodia.

Goals: The late summer Animal Conservation team aspired to learn of the culture of rural communities surrounding Phnom Penh, and contribute to a grassroots organization that supports Khmer university students in addition to community farms and small businesses.

Accomplishments: In addition to the resounding educational experience, the OG team financially contributed to the general operations of Grasshopper Tours that support the local community.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$318.37

Total Allocated Funds: \$318.37

SOUTHEAST ASIA CONTINUED

BANTEAY CHHMAR COMMUNITY BASED TOURISM (CBT)*

Location: Banteay Chhmar, Cambodia

Nature of Partnership: Working alongside the CBT community-cooperative to help the community.

Goals: The early and late summer teams aspired to fund a supply of water filters to villagers who chose to accept them, aid in the repairs of five run-down houses, and build a new, strong partnership with the CBT.

Accomplishments: The early summer team acquired and distributed ceramic water filters and ran a well-attended presentation to educate the 20 families taking home the filters on water quality, hygiene, and health. Further, the team helped repair the roofs for two of the poorer families in the community, and developed a strong partnership with the CBT.

The late summer team successfully facilitated a follow up program on the water filters to assess their use and impact, as well as repaired and replaced the roofs for two more run-down homes in the community, which included providing them with rain troughs for collecting rain water to ease water scarcity issues. This team further installed a garbage collector in the house of one of the CBT members, purchased five more water filters for the community, and organized a party for the community.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$2455

Cash Donations: \$844.68

Total Allocated Funds: \$3299.68

THE PHARE PONLEU SELPAK CIRCUS

Location: Siem Reap, Cambodia

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the performing arts as a youth rehabilitation program.

Goals: The late summer team aspired to learn about how the performing arts can rehabilitate youth through an organization that empowers youth and advocates against orphanage tourism.

Accomplishments: The OG team supported this organization by attending two of their performances and learning how empowering youth art performance can be.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$173.49

Total Allocated Funds: \$173.49

THE MIRROR FOUNDATION

Location: J'Ga and Ben Jalae

Nature of Partnership: Constructing a community building for J'Ga, a small remote mountain community.

Goals: The early summer Animal Conservation team planned to construct a bamboo and thatched roof meetinghouse for the Lahu community, and learn about the history, culture, and challenges facing mountain ethnic groups in northern Thailand. Continuing this educational experience, the late summer team also aspired to build a cement bridge for Ban Jalae, which would improve the access farming vehicles have to the farm fields.

Accomplishments: The early summer team constructed the community building by leveling land, retrieving hundreds of large pieces of bamboo from the surrounding jungle, and working in collaboration with community members to physically construct the facility.

The late summer team mixed cement, gathered bamboo from the surrounding forest, made wire supports, and worked in collaboration with community members to construct the foundations of the bridge. The team donated the funds required to construct the remaining parts of the bridge that they were unable to physically contribute towards due to time constraints, and additionally chose to fund the construction of a bathroom for a disabled young man in the community.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$5142.15

Cash Donations: \$5163.45

Total Allocated Funds: \$10,305.60

RATANA'S BOXERS

Location: Chiang Mai, Thailand

Nature of Partnership: Completing Muay Thai lessons with boxers from marginalized communities staying at Sereephap Muay Thai.

Goals: The late summer Animal Conservation team wished to acquire Muay Thai lessons and to financially support the impoverished boxers staying at Sereephap Muay Thai.

Accomplishments: In exchange for Muay Thai lessons, the OG team provided funds to contribute to the living expenses of the Muay Thai boxers, which will provide food, accommodation, and a family environment for the fighters.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$111.78

Total Allocated Funds: \$111.78



SOUTHEAST ASIA CONTINUED...

TINY TOONES*

Location: Phnom Penh/Shianoukville, Cambodia

Nature of Partnership: Supporting a street-youth drop-in centre that works to develop leadership skills in the youth of their community.

Goals: The early and late summer teams sought to encourage all youth members and staff of Tiny Toones (TT) to reevaluate their role and performance within the organization by becoming more aware of their personal strengths, weaknesses and individual personalities, in order to grow personally and as an organization.

Accomplishments: The early summer team conducted a successful retreat that consisted of facilitating leadership building activities and meaningful discussions on teamwork, accountability, and goal setting with 14 TT youth and 12 staff. As a part of this program, the youth were additionally taken to the Killing Fields and S21 Prison to learn about their country's history of genocide. Lastly, this team supported a youth talent show and academic success awards, and planned a celebration for the TT staff with a boat cruise and barbeque on the Mekong.

The late summer team conducted a successful staff retreat structured to improve communication in the organization, introducing conflict resolution discussions and team building exercises in order to improve relationships. Further, this team in collaboration with the staff facilitated a science fair for over 100 local youth.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$3755.61

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$3755.61

The following was an additional recipient of the Southeast Asia Unearthed team-directed donations:

THE PANYA PROJECT

Location: Chiang Mai, Thailand

Funding Allocation: \$572.33

Reason for Funding: To help financially sustain a permaculture farm and sustainable living education centre.

PERU

KALLPA

Location: Llactapampa, El Aguaje, Tocarini, and Iquitos

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the communities of Llactapampa, El Aguaje, Tocarini, and Iquitos.

Goals: The early summer Amazon Adventure team wanted to fix a local road and prepare a wall to be used in a competition between the youth of each neighborhood to write anti-littering messages. The late summer Amazon Adventure team strove worked to fortify the main road and improve its surroundings.

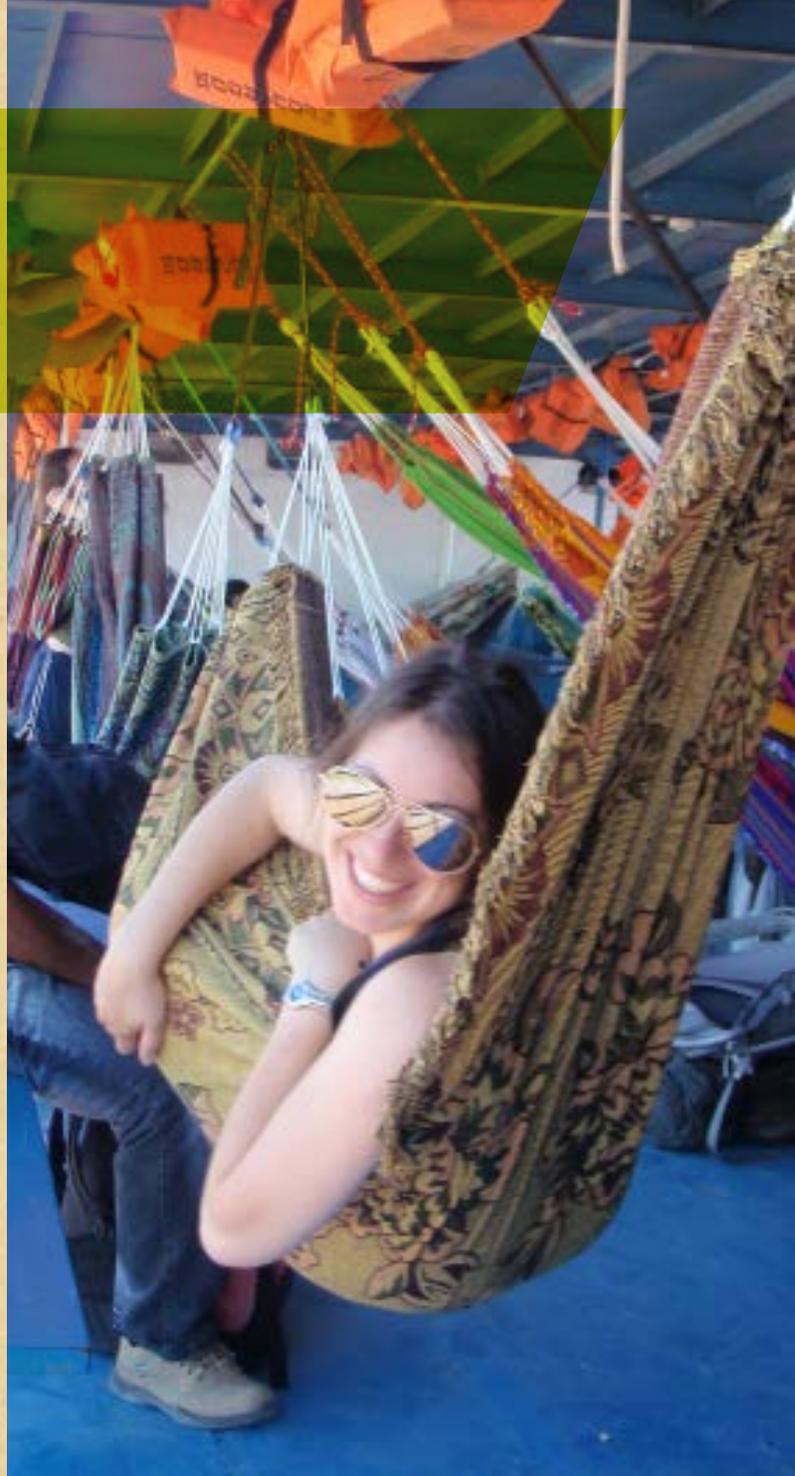
The early summer Mind and Body OG team aspired to renovate an unused community-eating centre into a vigilance centre for new mothers and newborns. The late mind and body team strove to replace broken local piping in Tocarini, implement methods to prevent animal access from the local water reservoir, replace the roof of a primary school green house, and conduct health education workshops.

Accomplishments: The early summer Amazon Adventure team painted murals at a local primary school, developed a road in Santa Lucia, and nearly finished prepping the wall for an anti-littering competition.

The late summer Amazon Adventure team dug a drainage ditch, planted grass and trees alongside the road, and moved sandbags of dirt into the bank adjacent to the road to prevent flooding of the road.

The early summer Mind and Body team cleaned, painted and repaired the run-down community structure in Llactapampa. This included plastering holes in the wall, fixing broken windows, laying down concrete to create a drainage canal and prevent water damage, painting themed murals (brushing teeth, sharing toys, etc.), and paying for necessary furniture, educational games, teaching materials and cleaning supplies to make the centre functional.

The late summer Mind and Body team conducted multiple health education workshops, finished the construction of the greenhouse roof and planted



painted Tocarini pre-school and primary walls with educational messages, provided the materials for replacing the piping in Tocarini and barb wire for discouraging animals from the water reservoir, planted trees around the internal walls of the Tocarini primary school, moved sacks of dirt into a ditch next to the road in Iquitos, and replanted grass and trees on the hillside next to the road to improve the look of the area.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$10236.95

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$10236.95

PERU

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MAYANTU

Location: San Juan de Yanayacu

Nature of Partnership: Building an information centre on the wildlife, flora, and culture of San Juan de Yanayacu.

Goals: The early Amazon Adventure team aspired to clear the assigned land and begin the construction of the Centro de Interpretacion, which the late Amazon Adventure team strove to finish.

Accomplishments: The early summer team successfully cleared land to start construction, collected wood from the surrounding jungle for the floor and support beams of the building, and erected the skeleton of one building. The late summer team continued collecting wood from the jungle, completed putting in the floors for the first building, and most of the roofing and netting walls.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$2584.91

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$2584.91

SEMBRANDO SEMILLAS

Location: Cruz Verde, Cusco

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the Sembrando Semillas Centre.

Goals: The early summer Mind and Body team sought to build a playground to promote the facility among local youth. The late summer OG team wanted to lay down the foundations and construct two solar shower units at the centre.

Accomplishments: The early summer team successfully constructed a playground made of mostly natural materials. The late summer team continued efforts to improve the facility by taking down an area of old brick, leveling the ground, and laying down the foundations and piping that would eventually become two solar shower units.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$2,066.61

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$2,066.61

The following were additional recipients of the Peru Amazon Adventure late summer team-directed donations:

TSANWA

Location: Iquitos, Peru

Total Allocated Funds: \$515.06

Reason for Donation: Group decided to donate to their general operations after receiving a workshop from TSANWA on LGBTQ youth communities in Iquitos.

CHS ALTERNATIVO

Location: Iquitos, Peru

Fundraising Allocation: \$1085.18

Reason for Donation: Group decided to donate to their general operations after receiving a workshop from the CHS Alternativo on their work with trafficked youth in Iquitos.



INDIA

17,000 FT. FOUNDATION*

Location: Leh, Ladakh

Nature of Partnership: Contributing to the education and infrastructure at a remote monastery school.

Goals: The OG team sought to learn about living in a remote village and contribute to the education and infrastructure at a local monastery school.

Accomplishments: The team constructed two playgrounds, repaired one classroom, and conducted ten days of lessons for the students. In addition, the OG-ers financially contributed to the expansion of services in the region.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$4972.67

Cash Donations: \$3763.24

Total Allocated Funds: \$8735.91

OM SHANTI OM TRUST*

Location: Manali, Himachl Pradesh, India

Nature of Partnership: Supporting flood victims in Uttarkand.

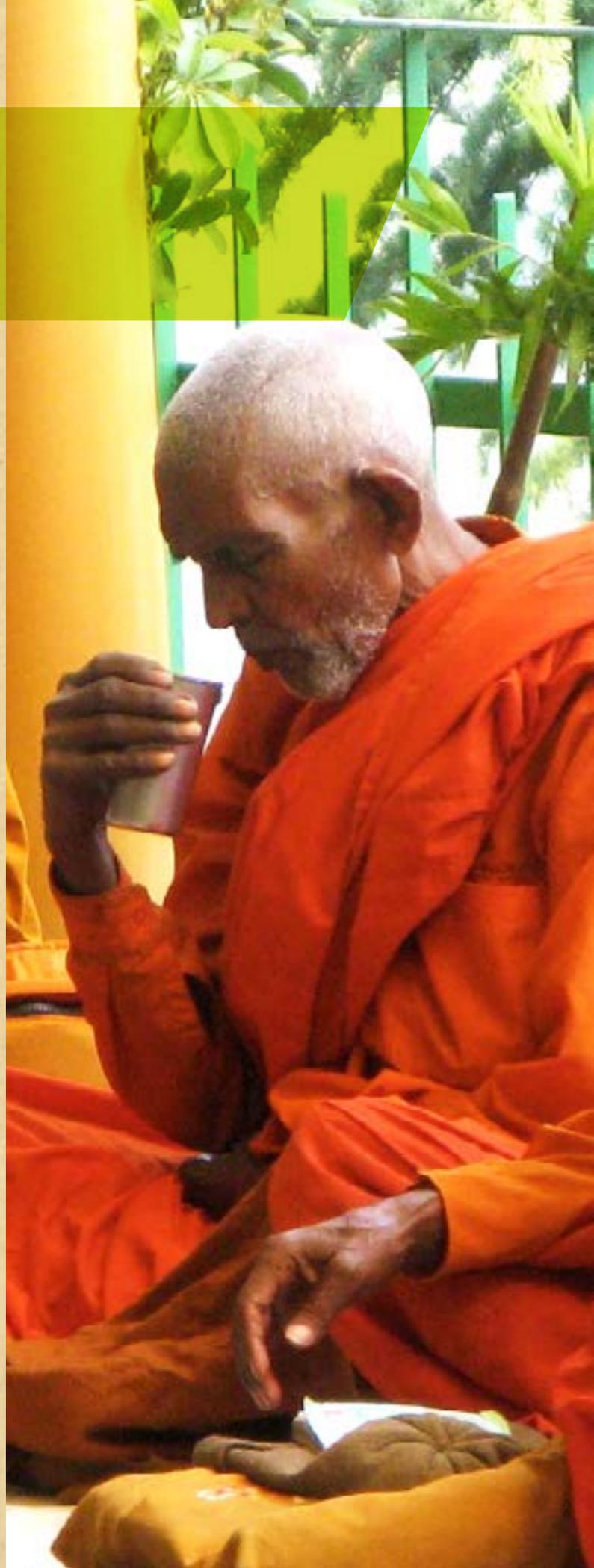
Goals: The OG team aspired to coordinate a fundraising event to generate support for the victims of the floods in Uttarkand. The goal was to raise 22000 rupees over the course of the event.

Accomplishments: The group prepared a fundraising event in entirety and raised 20,000 rupees, experienced the challenges involved in operating an NGO, and gained a deeper understanding of the issues existing in the Uttaekand community.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$432.56

Total Allocated Funds: \$432.56





WEST AFRICA

HORIZONS CHILDREN'S CENTRE (HCC)

Location: Sandema, Upper East Region, Ghana

Nature of Partnership: Supporting local youth education and the operations of the HCC.

Goals: Both Global Health and Discovery OG teams sought to support education progression for youth at the HCC by developing workshops in line with their curriculum and contributing financially to the Sandema girl's scholarship program.

Accomplishments: The early and late summer Global Health teams worked with the HCC youth on their homework and reading comprehension, and developed science workshops that they participated in. Further, the late OG team contributed to the scholarship fund available through the HCC to local girls who require financial assistance for education progression through Secondary School.

In addition to also contributing to the girl's scholarship fund, the OG Discovery team conducted multiple art workshops and sport programs for the HCC youth. Furthermore, all three OG teams contributed financially to constructing the structure of the new HCC building.

Total Donated to the Sandema Girl's Scholarship Fund: \$2750

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$7663.48

Total Allocated Funds: \$10413.48

KALEO AREA WOMEN'S DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION (KAWDA)

Location: Kumasi, Ashanti Region, Ghana

Nature of Partnership: Supporting HIV positive women in the rural Kaleo area.

Goals: The early and late Global Health teams wanted to learn about the challenges facing women afflicted with HIV/AIDs in the Kaleo area.

Accomplishments: Both OG teams educated HIV positive women about the disease and learned from their stories. The late team additionally chose to financially contribute to KAWDA to support projects designed to psychologically support and teach income generating skills for these women.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$500

Total Allocated Funds: \$500



WEST AFRICA

CONTINUED

GHANA MEDICAL HELP (GMH)

Location: Sandema, Upper East Region, Ghana

Nature of Partnership: Supporting rural hospitals in northern Ghana.

Goals: The early and late Global Health teams wanted to learn about healthcare in northern Ghana, and visit district hospitals of the Upper East Region to help GMH by conducting needs assessment research and determining the short term impact of equipment donations.

Accomplishments: The late summer OG team successfully traveled to the five district hospitals in the Upper East Region, participated in identifying the needs of each hospital, and conducted assessments of the short-term impact made by GMH equipment donations.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$1518.4

Total Allocated Funds: \$1518.4

GHANA CLINIC PROJECT

Location: Wli Todzi, Volta Region, Ghana

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the construction of a healthcare clinic in an isolated mountain community.

Goals: The Discovery team aspired to understand daily life in a geographically isolated community and to support the local clinic.

Accomplishments: The OG team successfully overcame cultural barriers to learn about the history and healthcare-related challenges facing the village, and financially contributed to completing construction of the healthcare clinic.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$2499.58

Total Allocated Funds: \$2499.58

SANDEMA GIRL'S LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Location: Sandema Preparatory School, Upper East Region, Ghana

Nature of Partnership: Supporting youth education in Sandema.

Goals: The Discovery team sought to provide girls in the Sandema community with opportunities for personal development and growth through one-on-one mentorship, group learning and self directed reflection.

Accomplishments: The OG team directed after school programs to strengthen skills in leadership, communication, teamwork, cross-cultural dialogue, program development, and self-reflection.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$16.19

Cash Donations:

Total Allocated Funds: \$16.19

YOW'S KINDERGARTEN SCHOOL PROJECT

Location: Kadema, Upper East Region, Ghana

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the initial development of an English primary school.

Goals: The Global Health and Discovery teams aspired to support Yaw's vision of developing a school for children in the Kadema community to learn English at a basic level.

Accomplishments: All OG teams financially contributed to the project and helped Yaw to develop daily lesson plans, research methods of starting a new school, and write grant applications.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$959.45

Total Allocated Funds: \$959.45





WEST AFRICA

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DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTRE

Location: Sandema, Upper East Region, Ghana

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the income generating projects of the Disability Centre.

Goals: The early and late Global Health teams sought to support the disability centre through writing grant proposals and financially contributing towards the projects they are using to sustain their operations. In addition to learning of the challenges faced by the physically and mentally challenged population in the Builsa District, the Discovery OG team strove to participate in the centre's soap-making project.

Accomplishments: The Global Health teams assisted with writing grants proposals, created information databases for easy access to the centre's members, participated in a soap production project that generates income for the centre, and financially contributed directly to the centre.

While the Discovery team was unable to directly participate in the centre's projects, they learned about the challenges facing disabled centre members and financially contributed to sustaining the centre.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$2020.75

Total Allocated Funds: \$2020.75

G-ROOTS

Location: Kadema, Upper East Region, Ghana

Nature of Partnership: Supporting rural farmers in the Kadema community.

Goals: The Discovery team endeavored to learn about the challenges facing impoverished rural farmers in northern Ghana. The Global Health teams aspired further to support these farmers through conducting on ground research to assist the operations of G-Roots.

Accomplishments: The Discovery and Global Health teams financially contributed to the operations of G-Roots. Moreover, the early and late Global Health teams successfully conducted needs-assessment research at the homesteads of each family supported by G-Roots, in addition to follow-up surveys to determine the long-term impact of past G-Roots homestead rebuilding efforts.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$4716.30

Total Allocated Funds: \$4716.30

The following was an additional recipient of the West Africa Discovery team-directed donations:

FEDERATION OF THE URBAN POOR

Location: Old Fadama, Accra, Ghana

Funding Allocation: \$642.75

Reason for Donation: The OG team offered financial compensation to the Federation and its members for showing them through Old Fadama and educating them on the history of illegal settlements and forced evictions in such communities.

THE MIDDLE EAST

RABBI'S FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Location: Al Jabal, Khan al Akhmar, Tel Aviv

Nature of Partnership: Supporting youth by providing safe play spaces.

Goals: The OG team planned to renovate a daycare for Eritrean refugees in South Tel Aviv and run a summer camp in the Bedouin village of Khan al Akhmar.

Accomplishments: The OG team successfully repainted and refurbished a kindergarten in the Bedouin area of Al-Jabal, assisted the overworked staff of the daycare for Eritrean refugees and cleaned the yard from debris, and established safe play spaces and supportive relationships with the staff and students from a local school in the Bedouin village.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour: \$1,175.19

Cash Donations: \$250

Total Allocated Funds: \$1,425.19



The following were additional recipients of the Middle East team-directed donations:

NABLUS ASSOCIATION FOR SOCIAL AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Location: New Askar Refugee Camp (Nablus)

Fundraising Allocation: \$177.35

Reason for Donation: Support their general operations

ICON SCHOOL

Location: Bethlehem

Fundraising Allocation: \$147.79

Reason for Donation: Support their general operations

CAMPAIGN TO PROTEST PALESTINIAN RESIDENCY RIGHTS IN EAST JERUSALEM

Location: Jerusalem

Fundraising Allocation: \$147.79

Reason for Donation: Support their general operations

IBRAHIM AL KHALIL ASSOCIATION

Location: Hebron

Fundraising Allocation: \$3,375

Reason for Donation: Establishment of a computer lab.

KEFFIYEH CENTRE, NEW ASKAR REFUGEE CAMP

Location: Nablus

Fundraising Allocation: \$3,375

Reason for Donation: Support their general operations

THE ARAVA INSTITUTE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Location: Kibbutz Kitura

Fundraising Allocation: \$125.62

Reason for Donation: Support their general operations





GUATEMALA

ASSOCIATION DE ARTISANS (ASOAC)

Location: Lago Atitlan

Nature of Partnership: Supporting local fabric production.

Goals: The “Fair” Trade team wanted to learn about fabric production and participate in a textile workshop.

Accomplishments: The OG team learned how to utilize belt and foot looms, make fabric blankets that will decorate the Guatemala Hub, and go Kukuyu fishing.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$625.60

Total Allocated Funds: \$625.60

QUETZALTREKKERS (QT)

Location: Las Rosas, Xela

Nature of Partnership: Supporting the trekking operations of QT to financially support local education and other social community services.

Goals: Both early and late summer OG teams strove to participate in QT treks and support a scholarship fund that enables one or more children from the Hogar Albierto School to pursue studies after their 18th birthday.

Accomplishments: The OG crews planted over 400 trees in a deforested area affected by erosion, and financially contributed to sustaining the Hogar Albierto School scholarship.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$996.19

Total Allocated Funds: \$996.19





GUATEMALA

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AS GREEN AS IT GETS (AGAIG)

Location: Guatemala City, Antigua, San Miguel Escobar

Nature of Partnership: Supporting sustainable economic development and direct trade in Guatemala.

Goals: Both early and late OG teams wanted to learn about social enterprise, coffee economics, the reality of NGO's and the myth of "fair trade."

Accomplishments: The Extreme OG team learned about the coffee industry in Guatemala. In addition to this, the "Fair" Trade team spent time with local farmers and constructed an eco-bathroom for a member of the cooperative.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$462.33

Total Allocated Funds: \$462.33

THE TZIBAL COMMUNITY

Location: Tzibal, Alta Verapaz

Nature of Partnership: Constructing a community centre in the canton of Tzibal.

Goals: Both early and late summer OG teams aspired to contribute to constructing a community centre that includes a covered basketball/soccer court, community garden, and composting latrines.

Accomplishments: The "Fair" Trade group cleaned up the designated space for a 3-tier organic garden at the centre, prepared the foundation for future tiers, completed a community flag to present during the inauguration ceremony, and financially contributed to the construction of the centre.

The Extreme OG team completed the majority of the garden foundation, raised a new vivero, purchased new vegetable seeds, and participated in a local school health conference.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$625.60

Total Allocated Funds: \$625.60





GUATEMALA

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SANTA ANITA LA UNION (APCASA)

Location: Santa Anita La Union

Nature of Partnership: Supporting local coffee processing capacity.

Goals: The “Fair” Trade team strove to construct a new beneficio, which consists of a drying patio, depulping equipment, storage lockers, and fermentation tanks, that will allow the community to process and sell green coffee.

Accomplishments: The OG team initiated the construction by purchasing materials and working with community members to pour the concrete drying patio.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$751.03

Total Allocated Funds: \$751.03

ASOCIACIÓN DE DESARROLLO INTEGRAL SAN MIGUELENSE (ADISMI)

Location: San Miguel Ixtahuacan

Nature of Partnership: Supporting human rights activism against the Marlin mine.

Goals: The “Fair” Trade program strove to participate in solidarity talks to understand the human rights and environmental impacts of mining.

Accomplishments: The “Fair” Trade program financially contributed to the construction of a screen printing and social art workshop.

Total Spent on Materials and Labour:

Cash Donations: \$157.40

Total Allocated Funds: \$157.40

The following were additional recipients of the Guatemala Extreme team-directed donations:

GUATEMALA HUB PROJECT

Location: Lago Atitlan

Funding Allocation: \$222.19

Reason for Donation: To develop and sustain the operations of an OG Guatemala Hub.

LA COMITE

Location: El Estor

Funding Allocation: \$400.17

Reason for Donation: Support their general operations.

ESCUELA LA PAZ

Location: Xela

Funding Allocation: \$265.46

Reason for Donation: Support their general operations.

LA POLOCHIC

Location: Polochic Valley

Funding Allocation: \$122.60

Reason for Donation: Support their general operations.

ARCAS

Location: Monterrico

Funding Allocation: \$192.85

Reason for Donation: Support their general operations.