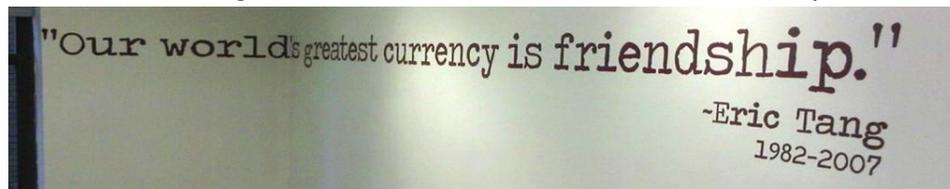




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Building a world where all people can be happy

2012 marks the beginning of the Foundation's 5th year. What began as a "pipe dream" has transformed a group of ordinary people into philanthropists who have made a positive impact on the lives of thousands of people around the world. With your continued support we should surpass a half million dollars in total funds raised and grants given sometime this year. Quite an accomplishment, indeed. On behalf of Eric, the *AllPeopleBeHappy* board and advisory council, thank you for this wonderful gift on what would have been his 30th birthday.



2012 Volunteer Service Awards



We are also using the occasion of Eric's birthday to announce the availability of the 2012 Volunteer Service Awards. Because of the generosity and support of our many donors we have available funds for up to 12 awards. Applications are due on February 29, 2012. Details about the application process can be found on our website at <http://www.allpeoplebehappy.org/VolunteerAward.aspx>.

New Grants

Over 15,600 families in Western Kenya have organized themselves into community groups and established Community Trading Depots (CTD) for better terms of trade for their labor. With the \$10,000 grant from *AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation, **Common Ground for Africa (CGA)** aims to establish a Regional Trading Center (RTC). The RTC will provide the reliable transfer of grain commodities purchased from CTD to higher paying urban markets, and act as training centers for ongoing organic farming skills training. CGA's long term vision is to begin processing, creating value-added packaged products branded under the name Farmers' Own!



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Face AIDS is dedicated to building a global movement of young leaders to fight HIV/AIDS. Face AIDS harnesses young people's passion for social change and empowers them with the skills, resources, and peer community needed to take action now and throughout their lives. The organization currently has operations in the United States and Rwanda. In Rwanda, there are 35 chapters involving about 1,200 members across Rwanda's Eastern Province. Each chapter is asked to submit a proposal in the area of malnutrition, drug use, sexual health, or maternal health, as they relate to fighting HIV/AIDS. With the \$10,000 grant from *AllPeopleBeHappy*, 6 chapters with the highest potential proposals will receive funds to implement their plans. Throughout this process chapter members are engaged in business training and a structured savings program, receiving and investing their stipends. This training extends well beyond the 6 month duration of their projects.



and clean delivery kits.

Bodhi Tree Foundation's Safe Motherhood program is an ongoing project in Humla, Nepal, that has been active for four years, helping the women to improve maternal and newborn health. They have organized and funded five Safe Motherhood classes, educated more than 150 women, purchased and distributed over 1000 Clean Delivery Kits and provided a year's supply of pre and postnatal vitamins to 2,100 pregnant and breastfeeding women. The grant of \$3,000 from *AllPeopleBeHappy* is being used for Safe Motherhood classes

Partners in the News

Ambassador Susan Rice, U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and member of President Obama's Cabinet, visited with the ladies of the Cocoki Cooperative and **Indego Africa** in Kigali, Rwanda in late November. To keep up with Indego Africa's progress, *like* them on <http://www.facebook.com/IndegoAfrica>.

Village Health Works is being profiled on CNN and Global Health Frontline <http://www.ghfn.org/1-topics-general-pages/policy-amp-projects>. You might also want to read Tracy Kidder's best seller, Strength in What Remains, which chronicles the life of Deogratias Niyizonkiza, the organization's remarkable Founder.

Save the Date!

Plans for the *AllPeopleBeHappy* 5th Annual Meeting in Houston are currently taking shape so please save the date, Sunday, April 1, 2012.

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