



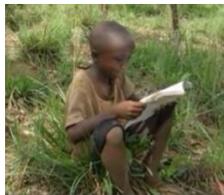
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Building a world where all people can be happy

The Foundation continued its tradition and held its 5th Annual Meeting at the Houston Arboretum on April 1st. In addition to a summary of the year's activities, we heard about the tremendous progress that **Indego Africa** has made from its co-founder Tom Mitro. Erika Vohman, founder of The **Maya Nut Institute**, led a lively discussion about the benefits of this highly nutritious food from the rain forests of Central and South America. The Maya Nut Institute's program really defies our attempts to categorize it since it has elements of sustainable agriculture, training and education, health care, clean water, and micro-enterprise development. Details of the *AllPeopleBehappy* Foundation's 2011 accomplishments can be found in the 2011 Annual Report on the allpeoplebehappy.org website.



New Grant



Since its founding in 2007, **Village Health Works** has been partnering with the community in and around Kigutu, Burundi to address its many needs. They built a hospital and with the help of *AllPeopleBeHappy*, established a Food Security program which has prospered since its inception in late 2008. The 2012 *AllPeopleBeHappy* grant of \$10,000 will fund a new Educational Initiative which will address pressing educational needs by providing direct support for local students and training and development for educators throughout Burundi. The program involves three main components: implementing a teacher training and support program, conducting student competitions that improve student engagement and enthusiasm, and providing material support to the neediest students to enable participation. Much like VHW's health and other community programs, it is anticipated that the education initiative will serve as a charter program and become a model for the region through continual refinement and meeting the needs of an education starved region.



Renewed Grants

Indego Africa was awarded another \$10,000 grant to continue its Hand Up program. Since it was founded in 2006, Indego Africa has enabled Rwandan women to improve their lives and the lives of their families by providing skills training and export markets for their fair-trade

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handicrafts. Specifically the Hands Up program provides 1) business management skills training, 2) literacy training, 3) ESL training, and 4) workplace upgrades for the women in partner cooperatives. High-achieving students from Generation Rwanda, and US interns conduct the training programs.

AllPeopleBeHappy also awarded **The Kossoye Project** another \$10,000 to continue its Ethiopian Household Gardening effort in Kossoye and neighboring regions. By expanding its partnership with Gondar University, the program is poised to grow throughout the region. Much of the 2012 grant will be used to build a much needed seed bank for the area.



Volunteer Service Awards

We are excited to report that so far in 2012, eleven volunteers working with 8 different non-profits in 8 different countries on 3 continents were awarded Volunteer Service Awards. We look forward to publishing their reports as they return from their various assignments.



Name	Organization	Country
Janna Elwell	Greenheart Travel a division of Center for Cultural Interchange	Chile
Armani Hawes	Greenheart Travel a division of Center for Cultural Interchange	Ecuador
Michael Austin	The Kossoye Project	Ethiopia
Molly Ortiz	Ghana Act via fiscal agent Omprakash	Ghana
Philip Issa	KIVA via fiscal agent Langley Hill Friends Meeting	Palestine
Chloe Guss	Indego Africa	Rwanda
Paola Pardo	Global Student Embassy	Tanzania
Christopher Kuo	Support for International Change	Tanzania
Megan Kelly	Support for International Change	Tanzania
Cynthia Lee	Support for International Change	Tanzania
Michelle DeChant	Global Emergency Care Collaborative	Uganda

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