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Later this year the Foundation will reach its 10th anniversary. It is interesting that several of the organizations that we have funded over the years are also commemorating important anniversaries this year. Indego Africa and Village Health Works are turning 10, while Green Empowerment is turning 20! Perhaps like us they only had a formless idea of what the future would bring, but believed in their missions and vision for the future. Today, thanks to wise investments, innovative ideas, the flexibility to learn from mistakes, and a lot of hard work, people in the communities around the globe are benefitting from the seeds that were planted over the years. We wish our partners a “Happy Birthday,” and look forward to continuing to work toward a common goal of ending extreme poverty and to give all people the opportunity to be happy.

Old Friend and Partner Village Health Works

In our 2009 annual report, this is how our first grant to **Village Health Works** was described: “The \$10,000 grant from the *AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation is being used to procure supplies and hire 8 Agricultural Assistant Workers to teach villagers how to grow more nutritious food, and maintain home gardens.” Procuring supplies meant going to the city to buy things like hammers and shovels. A decade ago, VHS had an empty plot of land on which to dream about what the future would bring, and we are proud of being the initial funder of their food security program. Ten years later the Village Health Works community has thrived and now offers clinics, a preschool and education support, artisan and agricultural cooperatives, a hydro-electric plant, and of course gardens. The agricultural program now encompasses training programs, on-site demonstration and production gardens, household gardens, farming and livestock cooperatives, and awareness-raising events. The overarching objective of the agriculture program is to assist with preventing malnutrition, as well as to generate income through the sale of livestock and produce. Through the course of the last year Village Health Works has made an effort to increase impact

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harvested from the on-site demonstration gardens are used to feed patients and their families through the clinical meal program. Furthermore, the chickens and cows part of the agricultural program provide eggs and milk not only to the patients in the clinic, but also to students in the Early Childhood Development Program within the Education Program. Students from preschool to Grade 3 receive nutritious meals every day, and through this Village Health Works has seen the number of malnourished children decrease.



New Partner A Breeze of Hope

This quarter, a \$10,000 Project Grant has been awarded to A Breeze of Hope Foundation (ABH) to support its school-based sexual violence awareness project in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Since 2009, ABH has been changing school cultures and helping those who've suffered sexual violence to disclose the crimes committed against them and begin healing. ABH has reached over 80,000 people through this longstanding effort, most of whom are of low or impoverished socio-economic status.

For this project, ABH will: 1) conduct workshops with middle and high schools in Cochabamba, reaching at least 4,200 students, 600 parents, and 200 educators, 2) provide students with current information on their human rights, ways to get help, and the benefits of disclosing sexual violence, and 3) ensure that professionals trained in trauma-informed response are prepared to provide legal assistance, therapeutic support, social services, academic support and advocacy to children who disclose sexual violence during or after workshops.

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A Success Story?!

Since this newsletter is about old and new partners, we wanted to acknowledge **Support for International Change (SIC)**, an organization which received several of our early project grants and Volunteer Service Awards. They decided to close shop in 2016. With their mission to provide rural reproductive health and AIDS awareness services and deliver those services where the government fell short, they worked their way out of a job. The government of Tanzania rolled out a program to institutionalize the mobile services that SIC was aiding with, so there was no longer a need for SIC to facilitate and provide this support. Sometimes success feels bitter sweet.

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