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Building a world where all people can be happy

It is absolutely amazing what a few passionate people can accomplish with very little money and a lot of hard work and dedication. If you find that hard to believe, just read about the Foundation's new grants as well as the reports from our returning Volunteer Service Award recipients. Hopefully you will be as inspired as we are and will give generously **now** during our fundraising campaign (<http://www.allpeoplebehappy.org/>) so we can fund even more awards in 2012.

New Grants



Since its beginning in 2008, **Thanda** has provided daily after-school support to orphans of AIDS and vulnerable children in local schools throughout the province of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. In this rural community, 39% of pregnant women are HIV positive and 27% of children are orphaned. The children of **Thanda** receive a meal and engage in after-school activities, during which they complete homework, play sports, learn academics, develop skills, and receive personal guidance. The grant of \$10,000 from the *AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation

provides daily meals to 50 children and after school art and computer programs for students in grades 8-11.

Maya Nut Institute alleviates poverty, malnutrition and deforestation in Central America and Mexico by teaching about the nutrition, uses and processing of a nut from a native, draught resistant rainforest tree. The Maya Nut is readily available and is nutritious, delicious, versatile and easy to harvest. The processed nuts can provide both food and income. Two \$10,000 grants from the *AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation (2008-2009) were used to conduct Maya Nut workshops in El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Guatemala. With this and other funding, 16,000 women from 1100 rural communities have been trained, and more than 1.9 million Maya Nut trees have been planted. In addition, 23 women's micro-enterprises have been formed, which provide jobs and income for over 300 women. In the spring of 2011, a



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third grant of \$4,800 was awarded to train women in the districts of Choloteca, Lempira, and Copan in Honduras. This fall, an additional grant of \$10,000 was awarded to develop a Maya Nut exporting industry with rural women in Choloteca, Honduras.

Volunteer Service Award Recipients

Nicole Kennerly spent her summer in Ghana, “*AllPeopleBeHappy* afforded me the opportunity to work with **Ghana Act** at an eye clinic that visits rural areas to address preventable blindness, eye health, and vision. I traveled to many villages where I took patient vitals and distributed supplies. This opportunity spoke to me because it provided healthcare to people with limited access and it improved patient vision, which is a means of not only seeing the world but of learning from it. Studies have shown that poor eyesight constrains



quality of life and the ability to learn in school and perform many jobs. I hope that by improving eye sight, we also empowered people to better their lives.” To read more about her experience we invite you to read her blog entry “Lessons from the Unexpected in Volunteering: Taking Opportunities, Taking Time.” (<http://stopstartpause.blogspot.com/2011/09/lessons-from-unexpected-in-volunteering.html>)



Bobby Fredrickson also spent his summer in Ghana. Actually this was his second trip to Ghana. Over winter break 2010-11 he participated in a service learning course sponsored by **Amizade** and helped build a computer room in the village of Jukwa’s community center’s library. It occurred to him that adding a projector would greatly enhance teaching opportunities and could also provide income-generating opportunities for the center. He put



together a proposal and with his Volunteer Service Award grant he was able to make his idea a reality. For a more complete description what he accomplished, we invite you to read his complete report at <http://www.allpeoplebehappy.org/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=AnT6PDpPUgk%3d&tabid=198>.

To read more about the accomplishments and reflections of these incredible volunteers follow *AllPeopleBeHappy* on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/AllPeopleBeHappy> or our website www.AllPeopleBeHappy.org.

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