

# 2008 | Summarized Statement of Activities & Changes in Net Assets

Year Ended June 30, 2008

## Revenues, Gains and Other Support

Contributions	\$3,921,948
Contributions – In-Kind	717,682
Grants – Federal	–
Grants – Foundations	121,572
Realized and Unrealized gains	(198,019)
Special Events	–
Dividends, Interest and Other Income	83,800

Total Revenues, Gains and Other Support \$4,646,983

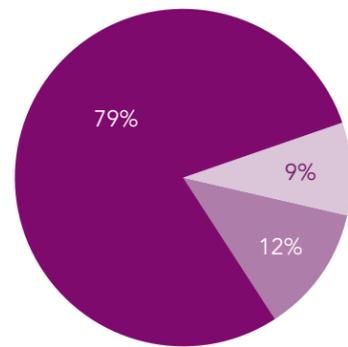
## Expenses

Program Services:	
Community Services	\$4,678,473
Management & General	533,251
Fundraising	721,376

Total Expenses \$5,933,100

Change in Net Assets (1,286,117)  
Net assets, Beginning of Year 4,095,696

Net Assets, End of Year \$2,809,579



79% Program Services  
9% Management & General  
12% Fundraising

Program Expenses	2008
Africa	81,209
Aids Eye Initiative	9,465
Cambodia	192,294
Center for Innovation in Eye Care	828,626
Guatemala	294,665
India Sight	354,784
Mexico	438,264
Other	10,426
Native American	338,809
Nepal Sight	213,614
Pakistan	13,404
Program Education	1,337,615
Sight General	138,798
Tanzania	93,638
Tibet Sight	332,862
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,678,473</b>

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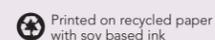
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## Seva Foundation Annual Summary Report 2008

# Compassion in Action

As we celebrate Seva's 30th Anniversary, our attention is focused on the future. We believe the best way to honor the lessons learned over the years is to apply them in building even more far-reaching solutions to poverty and disease. And thanks to our donors' continued generosity and compassion, the future is full of promise.

The core values that have always been central to Seva's approach remain: genuine partnership with the communities we serve, a primary focus on program sustainability, and an unwavering commitment to aid those most vulnerable, including indigenous populations, women and girls.

Here are just a few examples of the work that is in progress:

- Seva is honored to be invited to participate in the prestigious 2008 Clinton Global Initiative, a premier convener of world leaders, CEO's, and visionary philanthropists. Seva's Center for Innovation in Eye Care will use the opportunity to turn an innovative idea into global action for its "So One Million Eyes See Again" campaign, an ambitious initiative to restore sight to millions of people worldwide each year — with women comprising two-thirds of the patients served.
- Two new hospitals, the Battambang Ophthalmic Care Center in Cambodia and the Kham Eye Center in western China, will serve a combined four million people previously without access to care. Both hospitals emphasize services for women, children and underserved rural communities.
- Seva is working with communities in northern Guatemala to launch a multi-year initiative that will bring safe, potable water to 20 Mayan communities. Women and girls, freed from the labor of hauling water for their families, will be prime beneficiaries of this effort.

To all of our donors, partners and friends who share in Seva's vision for the future, we offer our heartfelt gratitude.

# 2008 | Program Highlights

## Sight Programs

Creating innovations in affordable eye care



Seva's Sight Programs have benefited millions of people in poor communities in countries such as Cambodia, Nepal, Tibet, India and Guatemala. Our proven approach helps local partners develop high quality, affordable eye care services that they can sustain on their own. In the past year, Seva-supported programs served over 500,000 people worldwide, including more than 25,000 children.

### RESTORING SIGHT, RESTORING LIVES

More than 75% of the world's 37 million blind could see again if only they had access to adequate care. That's why Seva supports local hospitals and clinics in providing free or low-cost eye exams, glasses, basic care and preventive education, with a special emphasis on cataract surgery. Cataract is the leading cause of blindness, yet is reversible with a relatively simple 15-minute operation.

Seva-supported partners performed more than 30,000 cataract surgeries this year. With restored vision, patients and their caretakers have renewed opportunities for education and meaningful work. Because cataract surgery so quickly cures disabling blindness, the World Bank calls it one of the most cost effective health interventions.

### BUILDING LOCAL CAPACITY

Seva nurtures the sustainability of our local partners by helping them develop their own capacity. We provide training for local staff, which this year enabled more than 25 medical and hospital management specialists to deepen their skills. To ensure our partners achieve self-sufficiency, we help them implement business models in which fees are charged to those who can afford to pay and no one is denied care.

### CONNECTING PEOPLE WITH SERVICES

Using effective outreach strategies, Seva programs make eye care services accessible to those in greatest need: the poor, women, children and those living in rural areas. We train local community health workers to provide preventive education and to refer patients needing glasses or medical treatment to the nearest hospital. Seva has opened several Community Vision Centers to make services more accessible.

## Center for Innovation in Eye Care

Transforming global eye care

Through our Center for Innovation in Eye Care, Seva is leading efforts to scale up equitable and affordable eye care services around the world. The work is organized into projects, each one bridging a gap in knowledge, service delivery and community outreach. We address these far-reaching issues using the leverage and connections that Seva has built with the World Health Organization and others.

### CENTERS FOR COMMUNITY OPHTHALMOLOGY

Seva is the leader in forming the Centers for Community Ophthalmology (CCO), a unique global network of ten major eye hospitals, each serving as a regional hub dedicated to strengthening the capacity of ten other hospitals. By 2015, these 100 eye hospitals will collectively perform an additional one million sight-restoring surgeries per year. CCO partner countries include India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Guatemala, Egypt and Tanzania. The CCO network was recently endorsed as a 2008 Clinton Global Initiative commitment.

### GENDER AND BLINDNESS INITIATIVE

Globally, two out of every three blind persons are female — because women are less able to gain access to services. This initiative develops and tests low-cost interventions to increase access for women and girls worldwide.

### GRAMEEN EYE HOSPITAL NETWORK

The first of seven eye hospitals in rural Bangladesh was inaugurated this year, energized by 18 months of strategic guidance from Seva and India's exemplary Aravind Eye Care System. Building upon the Grameen Bank's strong community networks, these hospitals are designed for high volume, financially sustainable services.

### AIDS EYE INITIATIVE

New research supported by Seva found that in developing countries, opportunistic infection related to AIDS is causing a surge of blindness. In response, Seva launched the AIDS Eye Initiative to train and equip doctors working in AIDS hot zones to examine and diagnose the eyes of their patients.

## Community Self-Development

Building strong communities in Guatemala and Mexico

Seva works with local indigenous groups to help them address the needs of their communities. This year, our Community Self-Development Program (CSD) cultivated partnerships with more than 20 community groups, bringing new opportunities to over 60,000 people.

### EDUCATION FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Real solutions to poverty come when people in marginalized communities gain the skills to advocate for their rights and participate in civic life. We work with local partners to create access to culturally appropriate educational resources.

More than 500 indigenous women benefited from Seva-supported literacy programs and workshops on a variety of topics from women's health to labor rights. A milestone was celebrated when the new Resource Center for Education and Social Change opened its doors in Chiapas this year. The Center is a hub for educational and networking opportunities for local people and will offer a range of courses, such as literacy, gender rights and computer skills.

### CREATING COMMUNITY HEALTH SOLUTIONS



To thrive, communities must be able to attend to their own health needs. That's why Seva helps train local health workers and finances the construction of clean water systems. This year, dozens of people in rural Guatemala and Mexico completed training in primary health-care, midwifery and reproductive health.

Seva also sponsored a workshop for health professionals regarding gender issues in patient care. Through a new project with Seva's Sight Program partner in Guatemala, a group of rural Mayan communities participated in an eye camp that resulted in sight-restoring surgeries for 60 people.

### FOSTERING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES

Working in partnership with 60 local community groups, Seva provides the support services and training people need in order to build organizations that can improve the quality of life in their communities — with a special focus on encouraging greater participation of women and girls. Other highlights this year include a workshop series on the environmental and social dangers posed by increasing levels of African palm production in northern Guatemala, assistance with a literacy mapping exercise in a region with a 55% illiteracy rate, and strategic planning and outreach support for Seva's new resource center.

## Native American Programs

Renewing the health of people, culture and environment

Seva partners with Native Americans working to build healthy communities, sustain their culture, and protect sacred lands and the environment. Our support is vital — Native American issues receive only 0.3% of the total grant dollars given by U.S. foundations, even though Native communities are in great need.

### DIABETES WELLNESS PROGRAM

Native American communities are struggling with an epidemic of type 2 diabetes, with mortality rates four times higher than the national average. Seva's Diabetes Wellness Program offers a unique solution — one that creates a synergy between modern medicine and traditional forms of healing.

The core of the program is the Diabetes Talking Circle, highly effective training that helps Native people develop self-managed strategies for diabetes prevention and treatment. The U.S. Indian Health Services Agency (IHS) has adopted the Talking Circles model as a Best Practice, making it available to tribes across the country.



### NATIVE AMERICAN GRASSROOTS SUPPORT

Our approach in Native American communities is to partner with groups that are having the greatest impact in their communities. Recent partnerships include:

**Honor the Earth (South Dakota):** Using a clean energy approach to community development, this group will install a 65-kilowatt wind turbine to generate power for radio station KILI at Porcupine Butte on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

**Indigenous Youth Coalition (Arizona):** Local youth, community members and elders will collaborate on several projects, such as re-introducing sustainable agricultural practices through traditional knowledge and permaculture techniques, a weaving project that gives youth a chance to learn traditional crafts, and a program to provide training and jobs for youth in the emerging field of sustainable construction.