



Rainbow World Fund 2010 Annual Report



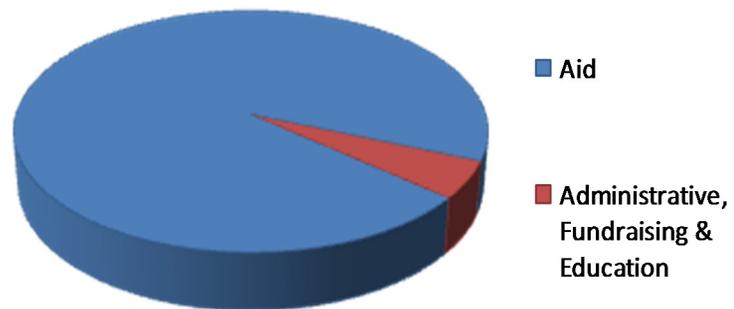
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Rainbow World Fund Efficiency

Rainbow World Fund's 2010 EFFICIENCY

Of every \$1 RWF received (monetary donations, grants, interest income and contributed supplies), 95¢ went to programs and services that directly benefited those most in need and 5¢ went to administrative, fundraising costs, and the cost to educate people about humanitarian aid issues.



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Who We Are

We are a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and friends international humanitarian charity. Rainbow World Fund's (RWF) mission is to promote LGBT philanthropy in the area of world humanitarian relief. RWF provides a united voice, a large visible presence and a proven structure to deliver LGBT charitable assistance to the larger world community.

Founded in 2000 by members of the San Francisco LGBT community, RWF works to help people who suffer from hunger, poverty, disease, oppression and war by raising awareness and funds to support relief efforts around the world. RWF works in the LGBT and friends community educating people about world need. Along with raising our community's consciousness, RWF raises funds to support humanitarian relief projects.

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also works to raise awareness of the charitable contributions of the LGBT community, and to establish connections with non-LGBT communities. RWF programs strengthen our community by increasing LGBT visibility, serving as a platform for our community's compassion and concern and changing how the world sees LGBT people by building bridges with the larger world community.

RWF provides a united voice, and a structure to deliver charitable assistance from the larger world community. RWF is unique as the world's first and only LGBT organization. RWF currently supports projects focusing on development, land, ger, education, or relief in Africa, Asia, Caribbean, and the United States. RWF

RWF's philosophy is that we are all "One Human Family" and that we are living in a time that tells us that our survival on this planet depends on us all giving more to each other. We bring people together who believe that together we can heal the world. We believe that LGBT people like all people have a unique role in world healing. RWF is part of that healing. We are working to change the separation consciousness that is underlying the disparity in the world – how people feel divided in the world today – by racism, sexism, homophobia, and so on. RWF is about remind people that we are really all part of one big global family and the we need to help each other.

RWF was recognized for its humanitarian aid by the California State Assembly following the 2004 South-east Asia tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and for recovery aid to Haiti after Hurricane Jeanne. RWF's founder, Jeff Cotter, was named to the OUT 100 List as one of the most intriguing people of 2005. San Francisco Mayor, Gavin Newsom, and The US House Speaker, Nancy Pelosi, have also recognized RWF's work. In June 2007, RWF was named Organizational Grand Marshal of the San Francisco PRIDE celebration and parade. The Rainbow World Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is headquartered in San Francisco, California.



Board of Directors

Jeffrey A. Cotter, Founder-President

Cotter is a psychiatric social worker specializing in trauma recovery and HIV/AIDS case management practicing in San Francisco, California. Cotter has worked in the HIV/AIDS and LGBT civil rights fields since 1987. *Education:* Master of Social Work, 1990, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Bachelor of Science, Management Information System, 1985, Old Dominion University.



Karen N. Kai, Vice President

An independent research and writing consultant, Kai is a community activist who has served on the boards of local, statewide and national Asian American, civil and human rights organizations. She is a former Chairperson of the San Francisco Human Rights Commission and served as co-chair of its LGBT Advisory Board. *Education:* J.D., University of San Francisco, 1978; San Francisco State University, Bachelor of Arts, Political Science, 1975.



Bradford C. Hubert, Secretary and Treasurer

Hubert is a Compliance Consultant and former Supervising Auditor at a large US-based financial institution. He has over 10 years of service as treasurer and board member of community and faith-based non-profit boards of directors. Hubert is and also has been a member and supporter of other organizations promoting equal rights and low-income senior housing as well as care and support for people with HIV/AIDS and at-risk youth. *Education:* Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh 1990.



Board of Directors continued

Lisa Capaldini, MD, MPH

An Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF, Capaldini has been in private practice in Internal Medicine with an emphasis on care of people with HIV disease since 1988. Capaldini's areas of interest include quality of life, the doctor-patient relationship, and treatment of neuropsychiatric disorders in the primary care setting. *Education:* M.D., 1982, University of California, San Francisco. Masters of Public Health, 1982, University of California, Berkeley. Baccalaureate of Arts, in the History of Ideas, 1978, Williams College.



Sister Jeannine Gramick, IBVM, PhD

A reform-minded Roman Catholic nun, activist and co-founder of New Ways Ministry - helping LGBT Roman Catholics in the United States. In 1971, Gramick began working with gays and lesbians. In 2000, Gramick and New Ways co-founder Father Robert Nugent were ordered by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (under Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, now Pope Benedict XVI) to cease ministering to gays and lesbians due to the Church's teaching that same-sex relationships are sinful. While Nugent formally acquiesced to the decision by resigning from New Ways, Gramick respectfully set aside the order altogether. Gramick is the author of several books on LGBT Catholic issues. The documentary *In Good Conscience* details her journey of activism, the Vatican's attempt to silence her and her decision to disregard the attempt. *Education:* Doctorate in Mathematics Education from the University of Pennsylvania.



Staff

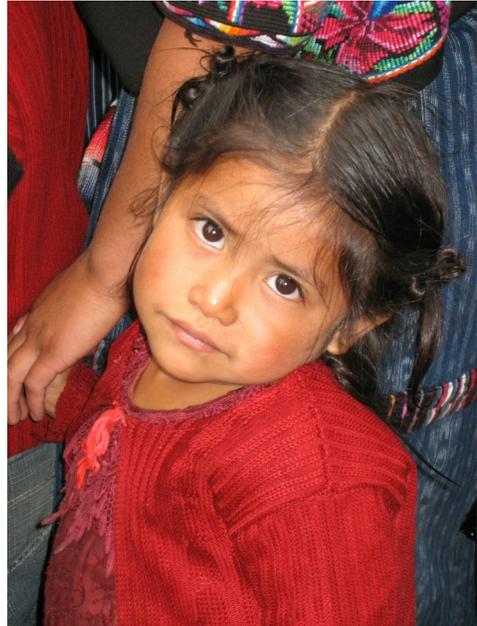
Jeff Cotter, Executive Director
Paul Stankiewicz, Project Manager
Chris Bates, Administration
Audrey Heller, Communications Specialist
Chas Nol, Information Technology
Support Staff: Michael Thomas, Michael Norton, Armandine Legare

Our Global Programs

Global Awareness—Guatemala

RWF did not go on our annual trip to Guatemala this year as our Executive Director, Jeff Cotter, who leads this trip, was involved in a serious bicycling accident requiring many months of rehabilitation. RWF will travel to Guatemala again in July, 2011. This year we donated \$5,000 to support the work of the Women In Solidarity project, and a program that helps people with physical mobility disabilities. **To date, RWF aid for Guatemala totals over \$1,293,000.**

About our partner: Global Partners: Running Waters, Inc. (GPRW) is a nonprofit organization established to build relationships through collaboration on water, food and health projects in Latin America. It is a project of the School Sisters of Notre Dame (SSND), an order of Catholic Sisters that are based in the USA. RWF has worked with this group for the six years on a number of aid projects. Partnering with a religious group to provide aid is part of RWF bridge building mission. The aid provided via this partnership is provided freely and the SSND does not proselytize.



Global HIV/AIDS



In 2010 RWF continued to support the needs of orphans and children left vulnerable by HIV/AIDS through an innovative program called In-jongo Yethu aka Uplifting Those In Need.

The geographic focus of the program is the Eastern Cape of Africa in the sub-districts of Lukhanji, Nkonkobe and Makana. These districts are semi-arid, largely rural containing large towns with a 60 to 70% unemployment rate. 23.2% of the population of the Eastern Cape is HIV seropositive. AIDS has left thousands of children without parents.

Through this program, each child, according to individual need, will receive a variety of services including: clinical nutrition interventions,

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Global HIV/AIDS Continued

food and/or food parcels, shelter interventions, child protection interventions (birth registration identification and inheritance support), general healthcare services such as immunizations, HIV prevention education and related interventions, psychosocial care, general and vocational education, and antiretroviral treatment. RWF's funds are specifically used to fund the program's Service Corp Coordinator's position which oversees 17 Corp volunteers who serve nearly 10,000 children. This year we provided \$10,000 for the program, which was used to fund eight peer educator positions. **To date, RWF has granted over \$60,000 toward fighting HIV/AIDS in Africa.**



About our partner: Africare helps Africa. Over the course of its 35 years, Africare has become a leader among private, charitable U.S. organizations assisting Africa. Africare's programs address needs principally in areas of food security and agriculture as well as health and HIV/AIDS. Africare also supports water resource development, environmental management, basic education, microenterprise development, governance initiatives and emergency humanitarian aid. Africare reaches families and communities in 26 countries in every major region of Africa.

Iraqi LGBT Refugees

Since 2004, hundreds of gay men have been killed or executed in Iraq. Although this deadly campaign has been investigated and recognized by the Human Rights Report of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) in 2007, little has been done to stop the killings.

In 2009 the violence and killing escalated. LGBT people in Iraq are targeted by clerics, such as those associated with Moktada al-Sadr, who are reviving religious pressure against gays leading to killings and by militias seeking rally their bases. The majority of kills and torture are being perpetrated by militias. Between February and March it is estimated that 28 to 60 men have been killed and many more have been terrorized and tortured.

In addition to our advocacy work on a political level, Rainbow World Fund raised funds to support the work of Heartland Alliance and a number of on the ground organizations that are working to bring at risk LGBT Iraqis to safety. Your donations will be used to provide direct aid to those most in need, providing for safe passage, shelter, medical and psychiatric needs as well as support through the refugee/asylum process. **RWF donated \$2,000 this year. To date, RWF has granted \$12,000 to aid Iraqi LGBT refugees.**

About our partner: Since 1888, Heartland Alliance has worked to advance human rights and responds to the human needs of endangered populations—particularly the poor, the isolated, and the displaced—through the provision of comprehensive and respectful services and the promotion of permanent solutions leading to a more just global society.

Safe Drinking Water Access

RWF is partnered with Water.org and is working to increase access to safe drinking water in communities in Central America. Through this partnership we have funded several water projects in rural Honduras. These projects provide mountain spring-fed gravity-flow systems with taps outside each village household, drainage for wastewater, and latrines in each household. The projects improve overall community health conditions and reduces thousands of hours spent primarily by women in collecting water each year. In 2010, RWF provided \$10,000 for safe drinking water access. To date, RWF funding for water service systems in Honduras totals over \$69,200.



About our partner: Since 1990, Water.org has been working to bring sustainable water supply and sanitation systems to people throughout the world. All of the projects that they have supported are still in operation. Water.org's work is simple and effective. By partnering with local indigenous development organizations and communities, they are able to have the maximum positive impact. Local communities manage their own projects gaining the experience and ownership necessary to shape a long-term solution.

Hunger and Disaster Relief

RWF is partnered with CARE (Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere) to help fight global poverty. In 2010, RWF provided \$25,000 for CARE's Haiti Urban Garden Project that improves the food supply and income earning potential for struggling families by teaching them agricultural skills. The project is based in Gonaives, an extremely impoverished part of Haiti. Additionally, RWF contributed \$42,685 to help Haiti recover from the devastating earthquake on January 12, 2010. To date, RWF has provided \$353,216 for CARE projects worldwide.



About our partner: Founded in 1945, CARE is one of the world's largest private international humanitarian organizations. It is active in more than 60 countries and is committed to helping families in poor communities improve their lives and achieve lasting victories over poverty. CARE's mission is to serve individuals and families in the poorest communities in the world.

Chile Earthquake

On February 27, 2010, a magnitude 8.8 earthquake struck off the coast of Chile. More than 1.5 million people were displaced, 500,000 homes were destroyed and 723 people were reported killed. To help Chile recover RWF held a Chili Cookoff fundraiser that raised \$4,000 that went to cover housing expenses for The Felice Sala Girls Orphanage in San Vicente de Tagua, Santiago Chile while it was being rebuilt.

Global Medical Aid

Since 2004 RWF has been collecting and distributing medicines and medical equipment around the world. **In 2010 we distributed thousands of pounds of medications and medical equipment to clinics in Zimbabwe and India valued at \$301,530.** To date, RWF has distributed medications and medical equipment valued at \$794,034 to Zimbabwe and India.



About our partners: Founded in 1997, RAMP (Recycled AIDS Medicines Program) is a non-profit organization that gathers and delivers unused HIV medicines at no cost to organizations overseas. Under a doctor's supervision, these organizations provide these life-saving drugs to patients who otherwise have no access to them. Donated medicines come from individuals, health professionals, and community groups.

Healthcare Charities, Inc., was established in 1995 for the purpose of supporting international health and community services. The AIMS Hospital in India is the recipient of over 60 ocean containers and over 25 air-freight shipments of medical equipment and supplies. Healthcare Charities, Inc brings together a dedicated team of physicians, nurses, and other healthcare professionals to provide the highest standards of medical treatment.

Landmine Eradication

From 2005 through 2009 RWF funded landmine clearance in Cambodia in partnership with the United Nation's Association Adopt-A-Minefield. The projects we funded focused on minefields in the Kamrieng, Battambang Lak 62 area of Cambodia. In 2009 Adopt-A-Minefield announced that they were ending their Cambodia mission. This year we formed a partnership with MAG (Mines Advisory Group) America to continue to aid communities in Cambodia effected by landmines. In 2010 we donated \$10,000 to this effort. To date, RWF has provided \$50,000 for landmine eradication.

Miscellaneous Aid

In 2010 RWF donated to three one-time projects. Those projects were computers for the Hogar Infante orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico (\$3,412), a respiratory device for a person in Guatemala (\$500) and \$500 to support The Empowering African Children project. Those donations totaled \$4,412.

Advocacy

In May 2010, Executive Director Jeff Cotter and several RWF volunteers traveled to Washington, DC as part of CARE's national advocacy program. They met with Senate and Congressional officials to advocate on behalf of America's core humanitarian development accounts, including international HIV/AIDS funding and a change in the current "abstinence only" earmarks to such aid. This was the sixth year that members of RWF participated in this conference.



The World Tree of Hope



Spreading Hope: The Tree of Hope

For the fifth year RWF created The Tree of Hope at San Francisco City Hall. This unique project invited people to decorate a holiday tree by covering it with thousands of origami cranes inscribed with their wishes for the future of the world. The campaign focused on drawing attention to the plight of children in need. Mayor Newsom and Jeff Cotter sent an invitation asking people to participate by sending RWF their wish. The invitation circulated around the world via the Internet. The tree was displayed at San Francisco City Hall during the month of December. Contributors have included President Barack Obama, Dame Jane Goodall, Senator Hillary Clinton, Speaker Nancy Pelosi, Mayor Gavin Newsom, Shirley Temple Black, Courtney Cox, David Aquette, Frances Moore Lappe, Danielle Steel, Joan Fontaine, Jane Russell, Phyllis Diller, Tippi Hedren, Patty Duke, Julie Newmar, Dame Edna, Ru Paul, hundreds of children and, of course, people all over the world. The Tree of Hope was a powerful artistic expression and experience as well as a platform for compassion to be seen and appreciated throughout the world. RWF's objective was to create a holiday project that inspired hope – the feeling and energy that we instill in our work.



2010 World Tree of Hope

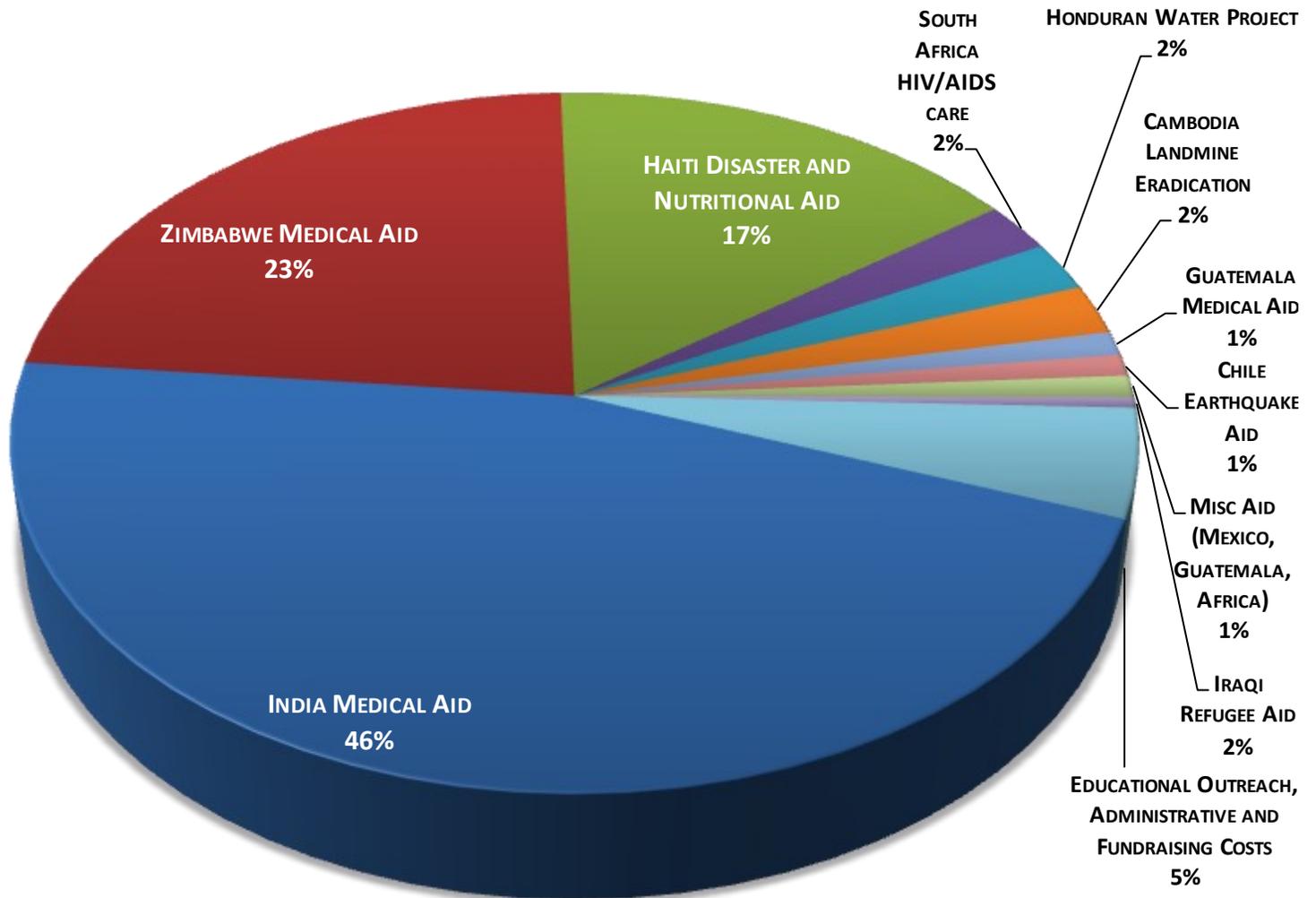
The project was also designed to connect people to RWF and encourage them to think about their power to take further action to reduce the suffering caused by hunger, poverty, disease, disaster, oppression and war. The project also recognized the needs and desires of individuals to participate in the global community and offered people a communal exercise of transforming contemplation into action. During the final art display, the general public and participants saw the impact of how their individual inscribed cranes, together with many others, were transformed into something beautiful, beyond the scope of their individual efforts.

The project was inspired by the story of a girl named Sadako Sasaki who was two years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and who died of leukemia 10 years later. While in the hospital, Sadako learned of the Japanese legend that grants the folder of 1,000 paper cranes a single wish. She died 356 cranes short of her goal. Her classmates folded the rest and all 1,000 cranes were buried with her. As the world learned of her story, the folded paper crane became a symbol of world peace.

The Tree of Hope continues to be a huge success on many levels. In particular, it brought the LGBT community together with the Japanese American community. We worked tirelessly as a team to accomplish the project. Origami enthusiasts all over the country participated in folding thousands of cranes. We even had origami enthusiasts who had been forced to live in internment camps during World War II, demonstrating the power of hope and continued healing.

Distributions

Distributions: How your donations were used



Financials

Rainbow World Fund - Statement of Receipts & Disbursements for Year Ending 12/31/2010

RECEIPTS

Donations - Monetary	154,827
Donations - In-kind	304,942
Subtotal - Donations (All)	<u>459,769</u>
Grants	-
Interest	37
Total Receipts	<u><u>459,806</u></u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Aid Grants - Monetary	109,686
Aid Grants - In-kind	304,942
Subtotal Aid Grants	<u>414,628</u>
Tree of Hope	-
Bus of Hope	92
Fundraising/Professional Fees	359
Occupancy/Rent/Utilities	12,945
Printing/Publication/Postage	5,769
Other	2,637
Total Disbursements	<u>436,431</u>
Net Increase(Decrease) in Fund Balance	23,375
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	26,597
Fund Balance at End of Year (Net Fund Balance)	<u><u>49,972</u></u>

Aid Grants - Detail:

Guatemala - Monetary	5,000
Guatemala - In-kind	-
Subtotal - Aid to Guatemala	<u>5,000</u>
Healthcare Charities (In-kind) - India	201,300
RAMP (In-kind) - Zimbabwe Medical	100,230
CARE	67,686
Africare HIV/AIDS-South Africa	10,000
Heartland Alli.-Iraqi LGBTW Refugee	2,000
Water.org (formerly Waterpartners Int'l)	10,000
MAG America-Landmine Removal Efforts	10,000
NEST-Chilean Orphanage	4,000
Misc. Aid (Mexico, Guatemala, Africa)	4,412
Total Aid Disbursements	<u>414,628</u>