

Planet Aid

The Planet

Sometime in 1999 the Planet will be home to 6 billion people. A hundred years ago we were only 2.5 billion. We inhabit a small planet living with thousands of other species of animals, plants, fungi and bacteria. Our world is changing faster than ever. While our ability to create wealth has never been greater the gap between rich and poor remains abysmal. Emerging diseases, ethnic rivalries, environmental degradation brought about by population pressure represent a great challenge. At the root of many problems is continued poverty, a lack of skills and capital that perpetuate misery.



Planet Aid was established to meet these challenges in concrete action from people to people, from people with personal and material surplus to people without means.

Humana People to People

Planet Aid, Inc. is a member of The Federation for Associations connected to the International HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE Movement. HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE has 25 member organizations from Europe, Africa, Asia and North America.

The first organization was established in Europe in 1977. Since then HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE has grown to become a major international development aid organization. The members in southern Africa operate more than a hundred development aid projects involving 250,000 people.

HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE works where the need is greatest, among families in the poverty stricken rural areas, with street children and orphans in the cities, providing jobs in tree-planting, farming and small scale productions, training teacher for the village schools, building clinics, digging latrines and educating about basic health issues.

All projects have strong educational components because the aim is to mobilize and empower people to change their own lives.

Humana People to People in Africa

There are more than 100 HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE projects in Angola, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Guinea Bissau. The projects are engaged in solving a wide range of social, economic and educational issues.

Schools for children organized around basic education, constructive discipline and state administered examinations.

Child Aid programs involve the whole family surrounding the child.

Child Towns provide a home and schooling for children orphaned by wars or disease.

Frontline Institute in Zimbabwe educates students from many countries in a unique international environment.

Teacher Training Colleges are being operated in cooperation with ministries of education in Angola and Mozambique. The colleges have specialized in training village teachers.

Refugee Aid is resettling refugees and displaced people.

Partnership in Development

To continue and expand the efforts funding is needed. Therefore Planet Aid seeks partners who are ready to commit financially to the well being of people in other nations. Below are some examples of what your partnership contribution can achieve:

Teacher Training: a sponsorship will pay for educating one student for 2 1/2 years at a teacher training college: \$5,500

Positive Living Clubs for people living with HIV/AIDS run by the HOPE Center. Ten clubs for one year: \$2,500

Child Town – ten children for one year, everything included, room, board and school, cost: \$18,000

Sports Schools - provide accelerated basic education for street children. One year of education for 100 students costs: \$20,000

Tree-planting program - involving 750 families for one year, costs: \$5,000

Relief Aid is organized when catastrophe hits. 10% of the clothes received from overseas are used as Relief Aid.

HOPE is the program for AIDS/HIV. Clinics and social centers for the sick, their families, friends and communities.

From Subsistence Farmer to Commercial Farmer teaches modern farming methods. Families work on parcels of fertile farm land for five years and raise capital for future land ownership.

Commercial enterprises such as plantations, sewing workshops or construction companies create jobs, a range of products and a surplus for social programs.

Tree-planting projects provide fruits, wood for fuel and construction and protect the environment.

The Vocational Schools educate young men and women in the crafts.

Construction of 750 latrines, building materials and administration, costs: \$15,000

Child Aid - Child House with 100 children attending for one year, costs: \$3,500

Shipping – From places of surplus to places in need. Shipment of US surplus production to Africa. One 40 ft container costs \$7,000.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank all the partners who have contributed to HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE projects. The list to thank include USAID, The World Food Program in Angola and Mozambique, UNICEF in Angola and Mozambique, Save the Children (US) in Angola, Coca Cola in Mozambique, Chevron in Angola, to mention a few. Your generous contributions have saved lives, alleviated suffering and contributed to the economic and social development in southern Africa. **Thank You!**



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The Objectives of Planet Aid

Emergency and Disaster Relief

- serving victims of hunger, war, natural disasters, atomic accidents, plagues and other catastrophes;
- assisting to relocate people and rebuild areas hit by these types of disasters and accidents;

Development

- serving poorer nations, the poorest of the world's populations and self-organizing development initiatives;
- undertaking all kind of development projects worldwide including but not in any way limited to schools, clinics, mini-banking, farming and small-scale industry;

Protection of the Natural Habitat

- serving threatened elements of the Earth's atmosphere, its soil, its plants and its animals;
- initiating protective actions to preserve rivers, seas, and forests from misuse;
- undertaking all sorts of projects aimed at protecting the natural habitat of the Earth;

Building the Organization

- serving the general public so as to make it possible for it to participate in many ways in the activities of the corporation;
- establishing educational facilities for the training of personnel and volun-

teers;

- forming member associations, initiating support-groups and establishing a worldwide network of co-operators and activists;

Research and Innovation

- serving the above mentioned activities through developing methods and systems for their implementation;
- producing and distributing informative materials to the public containing basic knowledge as well as specific information about the above mentioned activities;
- producing educational, informative materials so as to organize schools to participate in the above mentioned activities

Charity

- operating exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, and

In Pursuance of these Purposes the corporation shall have the powers to do any and all acts and things necessary, proper and consistent with maintaining tax-exempt status under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 as amended, or to comparable sections of successor statute; and to do any and all acts and things a non-profit corporation may do under the provisions of Chapter 180, as amended, of Massachusetts General Law.

Facts about Planet Aid, Inc.

- * Incorporated in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on January 28, 1997,
- * Granted status as a 501(c)(3) organization by the Internal Revenue Service with EIN # 04-3348171,
- * Registered as a PVO with USAID.
- * Collects clothes in MA, RI and NH,
- * Sells clothes in retail stores in the Boston area,
- * Raises funds and has registered as a charitable organization with the Attor-

ney Generals in MA, NH, RI, CT, NY, NJ and CA.

Member of:

- * The Federation for Associations connected to the International HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE Movement,
- * Merrimack River Valley Chamber of Commerce,
- * Massachusetts Recycling Coalition,
- * The National Recycling Coalition



United we stand
Togetherness is our design
You and We – Planet Aid

Planet Aid Activities

Planet Aid started collecting used clothes in the in the spring of 1997. Two years later the organization has 600+ clothes collection drop off boxes in eastern Massachusetts, southern New Hampshire and Rhode Island where local residents can donate clothes 24 hours a day.

In 1998 1,700 tons of clothes were collected through this collection system. Some were sold in the organization's stores, some were sold to clothes dealers and 250 tons were donated to ADPP Angola. Planet Aid raised funds through street and door-to-door solicitation and

coin collection cans in businesses in MA, NY, NJ and CA. Through this collection it was possible to send a forty foot container of medicine, food, clothes and toys as emergency aid to victims of hurricane Mitch in Nicaragua.



The achievements in 1998 were a result of many people's combined efforts. 200,000 people donated clothes in 1998, 600 businesses provided sites for collection boxes, 500 businesses a spot on their counter for a collection can, 12,000 bought used clothes in a Planet Aid store, 10,000 made a cash donation, 200 worked as staff and volunteers for Planet Aid sometime during 1998. As the organization

is expanding it will be able to provide more development and relief aid in 1999.

From the haves to have-nots. From the sound to the sick. From the store-keeper to the empty stomachs. From the liberated to the chained.

From you to all of them.

- from Humana People to People's charter

Financial Statements 1998

The financial records of Planet Aid, Inc. for 1998 was audited by Ruane & Co, CPA. The main figures were.

Financial Position 12/31/98:

Total assets	\$476,979
Total liabilities	\$400,841
Net assets	\$76,138

Statement of Activities 1998:

Total public support	\$1,054,550
Program expenses:	
- clothes collection, sorting & sale	\$782,890
- donations to ADPP Angola	\$100,194
- donation victims of hurricane Mitch	\$16,497
Administrative expenses	\$51,039
Fundraising expenses	\$47,099
Net result 1998	\$56,870
Net result previous year	\$19,268
Net assets end of year	\$76,138

