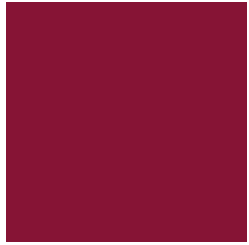




Alternative Gifts International



Connecting people who want to help, with people who **can** help the people who **need** help.

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USA & GLOBAL
 Women for Peace
 Peace X Peace
\$20,000.00

UNITED STATES
Soothe Their Hunger Pangs
\$54,842.20¹
Hope for Homeless Neighbors
\$44,428.50²
Self-Reliance for Women in Transition
 The Enterprising Kitchen, La Mujer Obrera, Women's Initiative Network
\$25,942.77
Young Peace Builders
\$12,379.30

MEXICO
Sanitation Solutions
 Floresta
\$20,000.00

COLOMBIA & WEST BANK
Peacemakers at Work
 Christian Peacemaker Teams
\$20,000.00

PERU
Say CHEESE
 Lutheran World Relief
\$20,000.00

BOLIVIA
Equip a Clinic
 Mano a Mano Medical Resources
\$43,782.98

HAITI
Healthy Stoves
 Trees, Water & People
\$48,985.11
Plant a Forest
 Quixote Center
\$56,357.82
Rescue a River
 Nature Conservancy
\$36,149.85
Green Justice
 AGI
\$20,000.00

GAZA STRIP (PALESTINE)
Nutritious Snacks for Preschool Students
 American Near East Refugee Aid
\$54,502.20

DR of the CONGO
Mainstreaming Polio Victims
 Int'l. Polio Victims Response Comm.
\$20,000.00

RWANDA
Gorilla Protection
 Dian Fossey Gorilla Fund
\$39,682.05

NAMIBIA & TANZANIA
Bikes for Women & Girls
 Institute for Transportation & Development Policy
\$88,302.87

TANZANIA & E. AFRICA
Children with Cancer
 IMA World Health
\$58,672.76

MALAWI
"My-Bank" Micro Loans
 Opportunity International
\$63,545.31

SUDAN
Aid to War-Torn Darfur
 MAP International
\$114,247.68

LEBANON
Safe Homes for Migrant Women
 Catholic Charities USA
\$20,000.00

AFGHANISTAN
Watershed Restoration
 Catholic Relief Services
\$20,926.62

CHINA
TV & Better Nutrition for Lepers
 China Connection
\$20,000.00

NEPAL
Rural Health Care
 Empower Education
\$20,000.00

NEPAL & TIBET
Cataract Surgery
 Seva Foundation
\$50,827.32

UGANDA
Teens with AIDS
 International Relief Teams
\$22,240.04

KENYA
Scholarships for Nomadic Children
 Nomadic Kenyan Children's Educational Fund
\$34,627.50
Solar Entrepreneurs
 Solar Cookers International
\$34,854.08

MOZAMBIQUE
Cows & Carts
 American Friends Service Comm.
\$31,236.30

PAPUA, INDONESIA
Staying Alive & Well with AIDS
 Mennonite Central Comm.
\$20,000.00

GLOBAL
People in Immediate Jeopardy (EDR)
 Christian Friends of Korea, Floresta, International Rescue Committee, Lutheran World Relief
\$15,500.00

MISCELLANEOUS/ OTHER
\$6,763.00

NORTH KOREA
Greenhouses for Hospitals
 Christian Friends of Korea
\$20,010.60

VIETNAM
New Life for Children with Disabilities
 Pearl S. Buck International
\$29,685.04

PHILIPPINES
Rice Loans
 Outreach International
\$21,407.40

¹**Food Bank Funds Distribution:** Caritas of Austin, Food for Families, Inc., Interfaith Outreach & Community Partners, Kids Food Basket, Lutheran Community Service, People's Resource Center, San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries, The Idaho Food Bank, St. Joseph's Hospitality Centre, United Methodist Open Door. **Amount of \$5,484.22 distributed to each food bank.**

²**Shelter Funds Distribution:** Aid for Friends, Inc., Berakhah House, Catherine McAuley Center, Catholic Charities, Community Council for the Homeless, Des Moines Interfaith Hospitality Network, Good Neighbor Emergency Assistance, Inc., Interfaith Works, Our Saviour's Housing, St. Stephen's Shelter. **Amount of \$4,442.85 distributed to each shelter.**

Operating on Faith in Hard Times

At the 2008 Annual Meeting of Alternative Gift Markets, Inc., it was evident that we were comparing AGI's best financial year (2006-07) with its worst year-end in the organization's 21-year history. It took our breath away. Notwithstanding, there were irregular expenditures of \$200,000 that occurred during FY 2007-08 that, while shocking, helped explain our financial outcome. Upon closer reflection, however, we noted how the AGI Board had confronted the situation with bold and courageous faith.

Following the momentous July 2007 meeting in Jacmel, Haiti, instead of storing away the grain or burying the talents, as the parables in Christian Scriptures relate, the board chose to invest \$20,000 of the yield from previous harvests on the newly formed Haitian National Coalition for the Environment. We have not been disappointed. The board also used an additional \$55,000 of the surplus—not endowment funds—to fund expenses related to the transition of AGI's founder, Harriet Prichard, and honoring her at her 80th birthday and retirement.

Experiencing some loss during leadership transitions is not so surprising. But the economic decline which began during the 2007 holiday season, and eroded Alternative Gift Markets proceeds and individual shoppers' confidence in gift-giving, was not foreseen. Also, there is little doubt that the major election campaigns affected donors' charitable giving.

No one wants to see a negative year-end; we will be working hard to reduce expenses and erase the deficit by the end of FY 2009. AGI will not shrink from the challenge of operating on faith in hard times. We are called to act in a world that desperately seeks peace and social justice. Moving forward, we will continue to operate on faith and humility knowing that we can't do this work without:

- AGI donors who give compassionately from the heart, and spread the word about AGI;
- Our board and staff finding new resources, major gifts and foundation grants;
- Alternative Gift Market Coordinators to be inspired and organize successful events;
- Teachers and students who gain new awareness and act with empathetic concern for our world through by using AGI materials;
- Partner agencies that efficiently transform your *gifts of hope and new life* into sustainable solutions, healing and comfort for those who have so very little, and suffer so much, in ways we cannot even imagine.

We covet your thoughtful consideration of these challenges.



Lea McCloud, President

2008 Statement of Financial Position

Assets

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 180,985
Long-term Investments	179,789
Deposits	1,457
Property & Equipment, net of depreciation	163,101

Total Assets \$ 525,332

Liabilities & Net Assets

Total Liabilities	\$ 147,687
Total Net Assets	\$377,645

Total Liabilities & Net Assets \$ 525,332

2008 Statement of Activities

Support & Revenue

Designated Support	\$ 1,394,810
Grants & Awards	0
Catalog Retainer Fee Revenue	103,526
Materials, Postage & Handling	27,152
Interest & Dividend Income	20,297
Investment Return	(33,749)
Miscellaneous Income	1,431
Satisfaction of Purpose Restrictions	0

Total Revenues \$ 1,513,467

Expenses

Program Expenses	
Charitable Donations	\$1,217,520
Young Peace Builders	17,010
Reforest Haiti Project	40,000
Other	137,517
Supporting Expenses	
Fund-Raising	\$ 122,856
General & Administrative	78,347

Total Expenses \$ 1,613,250

Change in Net Assets (\$ 99,783)

Net Assets - June 30, 2007 \$ 477,428

Net Assets - June 30, 2008 \$ 377,645

Alternative Gifts International Board of Directors & Advisors as of June 30, 2008

Dr. Kelly McFall	<i>Board Chair</i>
Rev. Sam Muyskens	<i>Treasurer</i>
Claude Thau	<i>Secretary</i>
Jennifer Stark Fry	<i>Vice Chair</i>
Rev. Dr. Robin McGonigle	<i>Member</i>
Harriet C. Prichard	<i>Member</i>
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Ron Ross	<i>Advisor</i>

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