

What if you empowered girls in developing countries? What if you could fight terrorism with education? What if you found a way to bring calm after an earthquake? What if a goat could change the future? What if a family vacation could change the world? What if a sixth grade class could end hunger pangs thousands of miles away?

We helped do all those things and more this year. We are a million little earth-changing ideas taking shape right now at globalgiving.



Annual Report 2008

What if there was a marketplace dedicated to connecting people with good ideas to people who wanted to fund them? And what if it was open 24/7, for the whole world to come and browse? That would be the best shopping experience ever.

GlobalGiving is an online marketplace that connects you to the causes and countries you care about. You select the projects you want to support, make a tax-deductible contribution, and get regular progress updates so you can see your impact.

# This earth-changing concept started with one very simple idea.

In 1997, World Bank executives Mari Kuraishi and Dennis Whittle were asked to develop innovative ways to combat poverty. They created the Bank's Development Marketplace, a first-of-its-kind event where people from around the world competed for World Bank funds. The event's success unveiled the enormous potential of a global marketplace for philanthropy, and participants asked for a real marketplace that was open year round and operated virtually. Mari and Dennis saw the brilliance of this idea, left the World Bank and launched GlobalGiving. And the rest, as they say, is goodness in historic proportions.

# A letter from our president.

#### Dear Reader,

When my co-founder Dennis Whittle and I first conceived of GlobalGiving in late 2000, we wanted to create a way for unprecedented access, innovation, and direct connection to enhance development efforts – and impact – worldwide. We made our vision a reality by creating an online platform that connected people with ideas on how to fight poverty with people and organizations who wanted to support and fund these ideas. We wanted to enable ideas to bubble up from the communities themselves, rather than being imposed top down from the outside as has been so often the case. And we wanted the community organizations with the best ideas and skills to not only get financial support but also to build an identity and reputation based on their track record. Key to this vision was much greater access. Finding one breakout idea requires a lot of people trying lots of different things, so we wanted to create as large a pool of talent and ideas as possible – a real marketplace of ideas and initiatives that would capitalize on the passion and ingenuity of people on the ground.

Like any startup, GlobalGiving has not been easy, and we have certainly had our share of challenges and ups and downs. But I am pleased to report that at the end of 2008, we were able to look back on a year with the biggest growth rate (about 200% in donation volume and 400% in donors) we have ever recorded. This gives us confidence that we are absolutely headed in the direction we first envisioned. To date, tens of thousands of donors, organizations, and companies have contributed over \$20 million through GlobalGiving to 1,300 projects in 90 countries. We have also been able to increase our reach to the grassroots significantly, and we are growing towards a truly interactive, decentralized global community of people who care – to do something, to support something, or to learn something.

So we feel great about 2008. We've begun to see the true potential for GlobalGiving to create a world-changing environment for emerging social entrepreneurs. To focus our efforts and prepare for the next phase of growth, we also consolidated the operations of the GlobalGiving Foundation and ManyFutures, Inc, our for-profit partner. I am pleased to report that ManyFutures is now a formal subsidiary of the GlobalGiving Foundation, allowing us to simplify our operations and legal structure. Through this consolidated structure, GlobalGiving is well placed to innovate as it has in the past and be an even stronger institution.

Thank you for the role you have played this year in helping us achieve so many earth-changing moments. Know that your support is appreciated in the farthest corners of our global community.

Here's to keeping the goodness going.

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Mari Kuraishi, Co-Founder & President June 30, 2009

# The year in review.



## A million little earth changing ideas really starts to add up.

We are thrilled to report that the volume of donations mobilized through the GlobalGiving marketplace has on average doubled each year since our launch. In 2008, donations tripled over 2007! Through the generosity of our donors, and the success of the marketplace structure, GlobalGiving was able to provide more than \$8.7 million to fund 800 projects in 90 countries. By year end 2008, we had mobilized more than \$16.5 million in donations to world-changing initiatives since our inception. That is goodness, multiplied.

#### Giving knows no boundaries. Announcing GlobalGiving UK.

In September, GlobalGiving extended our support for donors outside the US through our sister organization, GlobalGiving UK. Headed by Sharath Jeevan (ex-head of eBay for Charity, UK), GlobalGiving UK has received start-up capital from UK funders, including Charities Aid Foundation (CAF), Venturesome, and the Travel Foundation. Partners include PayPal UK, Expedia, and Google. As a registered UK charity, GlobalGiving.co.uk will give donors the opportunity to support their chosen international development projects and to track the impact of their donations. GlobalGiving.co.uk also claims Gift Aid for all donations from UK taxpayers.

What if you spent an entire year concentrating on doing good?

Giving is good, giving again is better. Monthly Recurring Donations From donor feedback, in June we gave donors the option to support their favorite projects automatically every month through recurring donations to make giving easier.

## Home, only better. We're proud to have relaunched our Homepage.

Listening to a lot of feedback from the donor community, we created a new homepage design that will be much more user friendly. Our navigation provides much clearer paths to gifts, registries, FAQs, news, and other information. We even moved our project browse options to the homepage so you can find a project more quickly.

## Giving looks beautiful in green. GlobalGiving Green

This new green initiative supported by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation was launched in July 2008. Here, we help identify and channel money to community-based projects that are addressing climate change in innovative ways. Projects receive our "Green Leaf" classification based on a scoring mechanism that was developed in collaboration with experts at EcoSecurities. They helped us to "rate" GlobalGiving projects on several dimensions such as additionality – whether an additional dollar donated will fund an activity that reduces greenhouse gas emissions. We evaluate projects according to the economic, social, environmental or educational co-benefits they generate on communities, as well as their effect on climate change.

Our green initiative was featured in *The New York Times* article, "New Online Donor Site Is Shaded Green," by Stephanie Strom. In the article, Timothy N. Ogden, editor of *Philanthropy Action*, an online journal for donors, said "the strategy would help distinguish GlobalGiving from other online donation systems, as well as appeal to donors."

# If giving is good - giving in partnership with others is even better.



#### We run with the giving crowd at Nike.

This year, our work with Nike, Inc. and the Nike Foundation continued to expand. We powered a gift certificate program for Nike's employees in Europe in December, 2007. We launched a giving portal for Nike employees around the world and linked up with the Nike Foundation's powerful Girl Effect campaign, which drives activists to GlobalGiving to give. GlobalGiving provided the technical and philanthropic

infrastructure for Nike's Human Race, a charitable race that took place in August in 25 cities around the world. GlobalGiving developed a donation engine localized in several languages and handling many local currencies.



# Oh baby, we teamed with a great partner.

We launched a pilot program with Johnson's Baby, which included a celebrity auction on eBay and public launch of www.babycause.com, a consumer-facing giving portal featuring baby-related projects around the world. Johnson's will expand this program in 2009, using GlobalGiving as the philanthropic backbone of its new global signature program.

# We made the holidays even more generous.

We worked closely with our corporate partners, including Yahoo! and Liquidnet by providing GlobalGiving Gift Cards to their employees, consumers, and clients.

> What if some of the most powerful companies in the world banded together for the sake of goodness?

#### A GlobalGiving earth-changing story: The Girl Effect Invest in a Girl and She Will E

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The Idea: The Girl Effect is a powerful campaign rooted in the work of grassroots organizations supported by the Nike and NoVo Foundations. It answers the question "What happens when you invest in girls in developing countries?"

The project: There are currently 600 million adolescent girls living in poverty in the developing world. The Girl Effect is the powerful social and economic change brought about when girls have the opportunity to participate in society. When girls have safe places to meet, education, legal protection, health care, and access to training and job skills, they can thrive. And if they thrive, everyone around them thrives too.

The earth-changing part: The earth-changing part: Through our Girl Effect Fund, donors help send girls to school, fight legal cases, get microloans and solve social, economic, and environmental problems through entrepreneurship. Total funding through 2008 is more than \$55,000.

"When we teamed with GlobalGiving to help spread the word about The Girl Effect, they helped us start a long and successful race to help empower girls and their families across the globe. This partnership is a great example of everyone bringing something to the table, working together to bring good ideas to life, and changing the future for an entire generation of young women." The Nike Foundation

# Disaster Relief and Recovery Funds

Unfortunately this past year, several tragic occurrences affected areas all over the world. When disasters struck in Myanmar and China, through our network of project partners, GlobalGiving was able to quickly mobilize efforts to post projects and generate thousands of dollars to help the victims directly affected by these disasters. We are in awe of the response from our donors during these relief efforts, and continue to feature projects that assist both regions in rebuilding efforts. GlobalGiving also helped corporate partners like Capital One, Dell, Underwriters Laboratories, Ford Motor Company, and Gap respond quickly by providing an immediate conduit for both corporate and employee donations. And we supported disaster relief and recovery projects to send assistance for hurricane recovery efforts in Haiti and Cuba.



### A GlobalGiving Earth-Changing Story: The Safer World Fund

Joining 9/11 Families and Friends to Create a Better World

The Idea: On the anniversary of 9/11, GlobalGiving launched the *Safer, More Compassionate World Fund*. The Fund was created by families and friends of people killed in the terrorist acts of 9/11.

The Project: The *Safer, More Compassionate World Fund* is a way to help fight terrorism by addressing one of its fundamental issues - poverty. The Fund operates mostly in Afghanistan and Pakistan where poverty and illiteracy rates

are high. When a large percentage of the population doesn't even have access to drinking water, forces like Al Qaeda and the Taliban



What if the simple click of a mouse

can seem appealing as they offer a vision that appears to be better than the alternative.

The earth-changing part: This Fund seeks to provide viable alternatives by offering education, training and health care, especially to girls and women. Investment in skills and health is the most promising path to better opportunities for people and communities that might otherwise turn to extremism.

## 2008 Center for Global Engagement Project Challenge

This year, we found a new and innovative way to tap into the next generation of project leaders and givers. Our Center for Global Engagement (CGE) Project Challenge was sponsored by GlobalGiving and Northwestern University's Center for Global Engagement. Fifteen projects with innovative solutions to some of the world's most formidable challenges competed for spots on GlobalGiving, as well as additional grant funding for the top two. These social entrepreneurs, between the ages of 18 to 25, inspired over 700 donations totaling \$36,500. GlobalGiving and CGE awarded \$3,500 each to the top two projects: Educating, Mobilizing, and Empowering Tanzania's Disabled, and Promoting Quality Education for Rural China.

#### Project Challenge November 2008

The 2008 GlobalGiving Project Challenge was an opportunity for new entrance to the GlobalGiving marketplace to earn a permanent spot on our site. Project Challenge participants were project leaders from around the world who expressed interest in posting their projects on GlobalGiving's site. All project leaders completed a rigorous due diligence process to qualify

for the Project Challenge. The first place winner, Laurel White's project Family Planning for Guatemalans Living in Poverty, raised over \$15,000 from 245 unique donors, and the second place winner, Lee Weingrad's project Health Education Among the Ultra-Poor, raised over \$12,000 with 191 unique donors. The organizations received additional monetary rewards: \$4,000 for the first place winner and \$1,000 for the second place winner.

#### GlobalGiving Gift Cards are one size fits everyone.

The success of our gifting options, especially Gift Cards, has provided a unique way for our donors to share the GlobalGiving experience with others. This year we expanded our Gift Card selection to six new designs, and we added a print-at-home option. Our online technology tools were also enhanced so Gift Card processing is easier and more efficient. Simplifying the ordering and redemption process accounted for twice as many gift donations than last year.

	GIFT DONATIONS	GIFT CARDS	IN HONOR OF DONATIONS	REGISTRY GIFTS	and the state of t
2006	2,066	684	1090	292	
2007	4,974	2450	2262	262	
2008	10,971	6362	4056	553	

#### A GlobalGiving Earth-Changing Story: One family, two continents, immeasurable generosit

The Idea: Missy and Mike Young had always wanted to go to South Africa. But they wanted to make sure they found a way to connect with the country and not just visit as tourists. Being long-time supporters of GlobalGiving, Missy and Mike made arrangements to visit two projects while on vacation: *Capacity Building: Urban Farming and Gardening in Cape Town* and *Build a New Life for 12 Orphans in South Africa* in Johannesburg. And, they decided to bring their sons ages 14 and 16 along with them.

The Project: The Young family visited the gardens in Cape Town, met the gardeners and landowners, and gained a better understanding of daily life and the work that keeps the gardens running



successfully. They also visited the orphanages in Johannesburg, inspired by the students and "godparents" living there. The life-changing part: The Youngs have always been involved in philanthropy, but this experience kindled a new interest in investing overseas. They say the project visits had an enormous impact on the kids and hope they will influence others in their generation to get into giving!

#### GlobalGiving unites with Ramadan giving.

For the past three years, GlobalGiving's Ramadan Giving initiative has served as a safe and impactful way for individuals to meet their charitable obligations during Ramadan. A holy month for Muslims, Ramadan is traditionally associated with fasting, reflection, and an increased focus on charitable giving. From distributing iftar (breaking of the fast) food packages to the poor in Sudan, to helping women widowed by the earthquake in Pakistan, to providing education for children orphaned in Indonesia, all designated projects provide an immediate impact and help those in need. This year we partnered with Mecca.com, one of the world's largest online communities for Muslims, to extend our reach.

#### Raising awareness so we can raise the level of goodness.

Recognizing that PR and public awareness greatly impacts donation volume, resources were directed to increasing GlobalGiving's public profile through planned media campaigns and the hiring of a public relations firm. We had several featured stories including those in *The Seattle Times, The Washington Post, The International Herald* and *The New York Times.* In addition to these traditional media outlets, we were mentioned in numerous blogs and websites. Some other GlobalGiving highlights in the media:

- Op-Ed piece by Nicholas Kristof in *The New York Times*
- •Direct-giving websites story in The Chronicle of Philanthropy
- Live interview with Mari Kuraishi on CNN about GlobalGiving's response to disasters.

What if one more person understood the power of giving?

# A GlobalGiving Earth-Changing Story: Half the Sky

The Idea: In response to the Chinese Earthquake, Half the Sky Foundation and China's Ministry of Civil Affairs

(the government agency responsible for disaster relief) set up a *Children's Earthquake Fund* to provide direct aid to the thousands of children in welfare institutions and in the community who are suffering in the wake of devastating earthquakes in Sichuan Province and Chongqing. The Project: Donations to this fund are used to provide emergency and long-term



relief to children affected by the disaster, including emergency shelter, food, and medical care. It also helps to provide temporary or long-term foster care or, when necessary, temporary institutional care for the children orphaned or separated from their families during the quake.

The earth-changing part: Total funding received through 2008 is over \$469,000. Half the Sky has helped thousands of children who have been affected, particularly those in welfare institutions and those displaced or orphaned by the disaster.

Community building can take place on a local level, too. For Christmas, Kaira Rouda, a donor from Columbus, Ohio, wanted to inspire her kids by using the power of the internet to help others. She explains, "The best feature of GlobalGiving is being able to search by the area of giving interest. My 12-year-old son has asthma, and he wanted to help other children get access to life-saving medicine. In this time of hope and change as well as stress and fear — giving to others, helping others is what it takes."

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# Donations by Country

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country	07	08	07+08		country	country 07	country 07 08
afghanistan	26,649	!*	85,451		laos		
argentina	4,996	21,709	26,705		lebanon		
armenia	1,537	5,280	6,817		liberia		
iustralia	1,018	7,380	8,398		madagascar		
bangladesh	12,115	19,422	31,537		malawi	-	-
belize	845	330	1,175		mali	-	
benin	533	0	533		mexico		
bhutan	1,368	0	1,368		morocco		
bolivia	1,030	4,462	5,492				
					mozambique	•	•
bosnia	18,185	1,674	19,859		myanmar	•	,
potswana	450	4,835	5,285		namibia		
orazil	34,255	37,202	71,457		nepal	· ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
burkina faso	19,985	64,092	84,077		nicaragua		
burundi	5,213	495	5,708		niger		•
cambodia	16,879	52,505	69,384		nigeria	-	•
cameroon	635	1,575	2,210		north korea	north korea 0	north korea 0 2,523
canada	1,166	733	1,899		pakistan	pakistan 20,159	pakistan 20,159 184,388
chile	935	30	965		palestine	palestine 15,427	palestine 15,427 12,591
china	16,912	698,403	715,315		panama	panama 0	panama 0 7,659
colombia	2,580	6,583	9,163		papua new guinea	papua new guinea 0	papua new guinea 0 500
costa rica	9,715	5,681	15,396		peru	peru 22,063	peru 22,063 4,935
cuba	0	5,024	5,024		philippines	philippines 11,526	philippines 11,526 8,438
dem rep of the congo	7,880	15,467	23,347		poland		
dominican republic	0	290	290		russia	•	
ecuador	2,098	3,820	5,918		rwanda		
egypt	815	995	1,810		senegal		
el salvador	315	1,150	1,810		sierra leone	-	-
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eritrea	240	318	558		somalia		-
ethiopia	18,679	18,080	36,759		south africa	-	
georgia	0	430	430		spain	· ·	· ·
germany	0	10	10		sri lanka	· ·	
ghana	12,887	44,939	57,826		sudan		
guatemala	53,660	70,770	124,430		swaziland		
guinea-bissau	205	410	615		tanzania	· · · ·	
guinea	245	0	245		thailand	thailand 14,974	thailand 14,974 10,823
haiti	25,808	90,212	116,021		the gambia	the gambia 1,695	the gambia 1,695 2,261
honduras	2,288	35,783	38,071		togo	togo 0	togo 0 3,570
hungary	0	585	585		trinidad & tobago	-	-
india	18,7611	435,372	622,984		turkey		
indonesia	17,750	10,153	27,903		uganda	•	•
iraq	19,451	4,860	24,311		ukraine	-	-
ireland	0	430	430		united kingdom		
israel	3,920	2,711	6,631		united states		•
					vietnam		
jamaica	150	30	180			· · ·	· · · ·
japan	39,560	54,722	94,282		yugoslavia		
jordan kazakhstan	0 25	10	10 25		zimbabwe	zambia 5,932 zimbabwe 24,132	

# GlobalGiving Foundation, Inc. ManyFutures, Inc.

# Consolidated Statement of Activities and Change in Net Assets For the Nine-Month Period Ended December 31, 2008

	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Total
REVENUE			
Grants	\$ 2,445,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 2,595,000
Project contributions	520,754	6,520,514	7,041,268
Professional services	390,597	0	390,597
Interest income	15,678	0	15,678
Net assets released from donor restrictions (Note 3)	5,829,921	(5,829,921)	0
Total revenue	9,201,950	840,593	10,042,543
EXPENSES			
Project distributions	5,758,779	0	5,758,779
Salaries and benefits 1,469,520 - 1,469,520			
Professional fees and services 605,763 - 605,763			
General and administrative	327,654	0	327,654
Legal and registration fees	199,094	0	199,094
Software enhancements	170,022	0	170,022
Travel	112,555	0	112,555
Rent (Note 7)	69,751	0	69,751
Office supplies, printing and reproduction	52,153	0	52,153
Depreciation and amortization	23,519	0	23,519
Insurance	7,930	0	7,930
Total expenses	8,796,740	0	8,796,740
Change in net assets	405,210	840,593	1,245,803
Purchase of treasury stock	(12,706)	0	(12,706)
Net assets at beginning of year (Note 10)	2,638,388	969,692	3,608,080
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 3,030,892	\$ 1,810,285	\$ 4,841,177

Complete audited financial statements for the GlobalGiving Foundation given upon request.

# GlobalGiving Foundation, Inc. ManyFutures, Inc. Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As of December 31, 2008

#### **ASSETS**

CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,574,574
Accounts receivable	2,358,794
Prepaid expenses and other assets	6,586
Other receivable	20,000
Total current assets	4,959,954
FIXED ASSETS	
Net of accumulated depreciation and amortization of \$83,170 for 2008 (Note 8)	172,700
OTHER ASSETS	
Deposit	25,048
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,157,702
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 206,078
Accrued payroll liabilities	39,492
Deposit	70,955
Total current liabilities	316,525
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted:	
Unrestricted	3,028,578
Non-controlling interest	2,314
Total unrestricted	3,030,892
Temporarily restricted (Note 2)	1,810,285
Total net assets	4,841,177
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 5,157,702

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