

## Nature Healing Nature Is Making a Difference

*Believing that nature offers solutions to human problems, Nature Healing Nature aims to help Global citizens take ownership for improving their health and personal fulfillment by using materials and lessons found in nature.*

*We fulfill this mission by providing information and education programs on how to eliminate water borne illness on Earth by using simple sustainable technologies for purifying water, making soap, and building latrines out of materials found locally in nature – at little or no cost. We also provide programs advancing personal fulfillment by helping youth and adults to profoundly connect mentally, physically, and emotionally to nature and their unique potential.*

The main focus of our work is bringing community driven water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions (CDWSH) to rural inhabitants and the slum dwellers of urban centers in developing countries. These are areas of the world with high incidents of children-under-five deaths due to diarrhea and other water related illness. Although these diseases do not usually kill once a child's immune system develops past the age of five or six, it is a major cause of stunted growth and learning disabilities. Sick children take the primary care giver of the family away from income producing work. Diarrhea and other water related illness keeps the adults for productive work for days out of the month. It is a scourge that reduces the livelihood of the entire family.

NHN is also the proud developer of the Center for Rainwater Harvesting. This program provides step by step instructions on how to capture, store, purify, and distribute one of our most precious resources, rainwater (see [www.thecenterforrainwaterharvesting.org](http://www.thecenterforrainwaterharvesting.org)).

NHN also hosts adult and youth empowerment programs that are designed to allow attendees to recognize the barriers that they place on themselves and offers methodologies to transcend them.

## The Power of Collaboration

Perhaps the most powerful approach for NHN success is forming collaborations with other nonprofits. NHN recognizes that when organizations with differing talents work together on a common goal, the synergies that evolve create results that are far more powerful than when working alone. Some of the organizations that NHN worked with this year are:

- Blackwood Educational Land Institute
- UNICEF
- ACDI-VOCA
- Catholic Relief Services
- UN World Food Program
- The New Directions Foundation
- US 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne
- Environmental Ministry - Jacmel
- Sparkle Tap
- The Nepalese Security Force - Haiti
- Shelter Box
- IMC
- ACTED
- DINEPA
- Mayors Office – Tabbarre
- PLAN International
- CDRS
- University of Miami Hospital

- Institute for Multi-Track Diplomacy
- Senegalese Association of Houston
- JVE-Togo

## Highlights of the Year

### Our Elimination of Water Related Illness Work

In 2010, NHN conducted its first international disaster-relief activities. Although NHN is not affiliated with any religious organization or practices, we were invited to help the Scientology contingent that was dispatched to Haiti after the Earthquake with water sanitation and hygiene solutions. NHN spent two months in Haiti, literally in-the-field.

- We immediately began coordinating with the WaSH cluster hosted by the Haitian water and Sanitation department DINEPA.
- Within two weeks of arrival, we built a team with a wonderful, international group of people:
  - Nicole Klaesner-Metzner from Germany
  - Rodrigo Silva from Madeira, Portugal
  - Andrew Larson from doing his studies in Norway
  - Hunter Heavilin from Hawaii
- Coordinating with the World Food Program and the Nepalese Army Security contingent, we provided food deliveries for an internally displaced persons (IDP) camp with 2,500 survivors of the earthquake. This was the first time they had been brought food, three weeks after the earthquake.
- We partnered with AIMER Haiti to bring the first ever medical assistance to the same IDP camp.
- We built bathing spots and/or latrines for the US Army, Miami hospital, and Scientology camp providing sanitation and hygiene solutions for 250 foreign relief workers and hundreds of the relatives accompanying the Miami Hospital patients.
- We supported DINEPA-Haiti by providing independent inspections of water, sanitation, and hygiene status of relief camps with 8,500 people in Jacmel, Haiti.
- We supported UNICEF by inspected seventeen orphanages identifying sanitation and hygiene requirements that needed immediate attention.
- We provided inspections of the spring box water supply systems for the city of Jacmel on the west coast of Haiti. These systems were suspected of being damaged during the quake.

NHN completed a year long study on the effects of bottle scratches on solar water disinfection efficacy. Our report was reviewed by the Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology or EAWAG, and published in the IRC International Water and Sanitation publication, *Sanitation Updates*. We want to give our sincere gratitude to Alex Henry for helping to author the report.

### Conducting Outreach

Upon our return from Haiti, NHN conducted two lectures at the University of Saint Thomas discussing the efficacy of CDWSH in Haiti. Two people volunteered to help with our future work.

NHN was a guest on the radio show Eco-ology. This gave us an opportunity to describe for listeners the major water issues of the world and what NHN is providing to resolve those issues.

NHN and our global activities were featured in a dedicated article in the Houston Chronicle newspaper.

NHN presented pragmatic rainwater harvesting solutions as a featured speaker of the City of Houston's 2010 Earth Day program.

NHN continues to support the Texas Bioneers Conference by helping to coordinate the event. Our booth that was present at the event attracted people with interactive water, sanitation, and hygiene educational aids and information on our vital work to the public.

### **Creating Corporate Contributions**

We are happy to announce that the private company Sparkle Tap that sells rain water harvesting barrels to the general public has chosen NHN as the recipient of their Community Outreach Program. They are graciously donating \$3 of every rain barrel sale to NHN. They have a wonderful sturdily built product made with recycled plastic bottles. We are pleased to be associated with them as their product offers a sustainable solution to global problems.

### **Due Diligence**

Much of the year was spent writing grant applications. It definitely takes away from our time to do field activities but it is an absolute necessity for our survival. This year we submitted eleven applications. Six were declined, four are pending, and one was awarded by the Henry Niles Foundation for \$2,500. We are learning a lot about how to streamline the process.

We continue to author and distribute periodic newsletter to our 650 member email list. This has been our major avenue for raising individual donations. The newsletters address education on global water, sanitation, and hygiene issues, insights on living conditions in developing countries, NHN's approach to resolving those issues, and gratitude to our donors.

## **2010 Financial Overview**

### **Income**

In-Kind Donations	\$17,339
Individual donations	\$11,595
Grants	\$2,500
Fundraising Events	\$940
Board Member Donations	\$7,305
Total	<u>\$39,679</u>

- In-Kind donations were received from our collaborations with in-country nonprofit organizations during our international trips. They provided transportation, food and housing.
- Forty-five donations were received from individuals with five donors making a repeat donation since 2008.
- NHN received one grant from the Henry E. Niles Foundation.
- Three fundraising events were held and sponsored by friends of NHN while we were in Haiti.

## Expenses

Program Travel Related	\$21,534
Program supplies	\$4,979
Program Salaries & Compensation	\$2,115
All Administrative and Project Indirect Cost	\$649
Development	<u>\$3,025</u>
Total	\$32,302

**Net Income** (FY ending 12/31/2010) **\$7,377**

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## Balance Statement

Assets	Year Ending	
	<u>2,009</u>	<u>2,010</u>
Short term		
Checking and Savings	207	7,584
Pledges and Receivables	0	325
Long Term Assets		
Fixed Assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	207	<b>7,909</b>
Liabilities and Net Assets		
Current, Long and Other Liabilities	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	0	0

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## Priorities for Next Year

Plans for next year include a trip to Liberia. We are in negotiations with PLAN-Liberia to jointly provide water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions in the poorest areas of the country.

Four grants submitted in 2010 will be decided in the first quarter of the 2011. We will continue to develop funding resources and plan to register with USAID as a major funding source.

We will continue our empowerment work with youth and adults especially in collaboration with the Blackwood Educational Land Institute.

We plan to conduct two international trips next year for at least eight weeks each. These trips are dependent on funding availability.