



# LifeNets

**MEETING HUMANITARIAN NEEDS • DEVELOPING SELF-SUFFICIENCY • PASSING ON THE BENEFIT**



# 2007 ANNUAL REPORT



# LifeNets: 2007 at a Glance...

***Our mission is to help people in need, promote self-sufficiency and, where possible, enable the recipients to pass their benefit on to others.***

Highlighted below are just some of the projects that have met real needs and changed the lives of people and communities in 2007. Thank you for helping us make this difference!

## Developing Nations Scholarship Fund



Cherisse in South Africa

Our policy is to educate students in their own country, which makes the cost of education a fraction of what it would cost to send them out of their country. They prepare for professions that are needed in their country. They go on to become pillars in their communities and churches. We supported more than 60 students who studied in universities or finished high school.

Our LifeNets director for Southern Africa, André van Belkum, writes in his report: *“Giving a deserving student a scholarship is giving a gift that keeps repeating itself throughout the rest of the person’s life. It gives young people skills to make a living and care*

*for themselves and their families. This past year we have passed on this gift to numerous students and other individuals in South Africa, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi.*



Bevin and Sylvester in Zambia

*“Courses of study are varied, and include marketing, mechanical engineering, mathematical science and technology, computer engineering, accounting, music and other degrees and diplomas. Due to financial constraints, some young people are forced to drop out of high school. LifeNets steps in and helps them complete their schooling, making a huge difference in their lives and future security. Comments are typical from students such as this one in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, who could not have completed his high school without help: ‘I would like to thank you very much for the money you gave me to assist with my education. Yours faithfully, Duduzile M. Ndlovu.’”*

In 2007 we also provided scholarship aid to students in Latin America, Ghana and Moldova.

## The Wheelchair Project

In 2007 we matched 73 donated wheelchairs to people who otherwise would not have been able to receive one. Many



people mention just how thankful they are to find organizations like LifeNets that recycle used medical equipment. Here is one such thank you: *“I just wanted to say thank you, from myself and our entire family, for aiding Joy in such a way. Her life has been full of pain and dependency, and your*

*gesture has gone a long way in making her feel more independent, as well as greatly improving her self-esteem.”*

Having our new Web site, [www.lifenetswheelchairproject.org](http://www.lifenetswheelchairproject.org), has also helped people get more involved in finding themselves a wheelchair. They can search daily through our inventory and call those donating to ask questions regarding each wheelchair. We hope to continue to get the word out about what we do and help even more families in 2008.



## LifeNets Orphan Care Centre in Balaka, Malawi

Since 2003 we have provided food, medicine and guardian educational support for about 200 orphans in communities within walking distance of our Chizeni Clinic. These are vulnerable children under the age of 5 who need food, clothing, blankets, medical attention and medicine. They previously had a high mortality rate.

We received this letter from the area chiefs:

*“On behalf of all chiefs in Balaka Southeast I would like to thank you for the great work you are doing. We received many blankets and mosquito nets for the needy children (orphans). The children also receive nutritious food. We have noted that the incidence of malaria and pneumonia has been greatly reduced and the children look healthy. Please convey our thanks to the women's organization [UCG Northwest Women] who organized the blankets and the young lady who sponsored for the mosquito nets. May the Lord bless you.—Vincent Blessings Chingwalu.”*



Orphan in Balaka, Malawi, receiving LifeNets blanket from our volunteer medical mission.

## Street Children of Vinogradov, Ukraine

Since 2001 our program has continually provided food for about 35 children. A highlight of this past year was the purchase of a van badly needed for transporting these children. A used panel van was purchased in Germany that was converted into a 20-seat vehicle. We thank everyone who has provided the generous support that has given these children a wonderful opportunity to become productive citizens.



## Revival Centre Near Chernobyl, Ukraine



Since 1996 we have been closely tied with this unique center for rehabilitating children. This center has grown from a makeshift clinic to a well-respected model for other such centers in Ukraine. From Director Dr. Vasyl Pasichnyk: *“In 2007 we treated 1,300 children. Of this number about 500 were treated free through the charitable support of our friends. We thank you very kindly for the help that you have given our children. We are now able to keep children overnight with a 30-bed facility. This helps us treat children further out in our region. We have a three-month waiting list.”*

## Other Projects and Events

We couldn't cover all our projects and activities in this report. You can see much more about what we do on our Web site through these programs:

- Medicine to three clinics in Malawi and Zambia.
- Farm program in Zambia through our Revolving Farm Credit Program, water wells and cattle.
- Livelihood development projects in Malawi.
- Teen alcohol abuse prevention program in Estonia.
- Major fund-raisers in Mandan, North Dakota, and Ft. Worth, Texas.

Again, we thank you for your support of these many projects that indeed give hope and change lives!

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## Statement of Activities for 2007

	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2007</b>		
	<b>Unrestricted</b>	<b>Temporarily Restricted</b>	<b>Total all Funds</b>
<b>Revenue, Gains and Other Support</b>			
Contributions	\$ 202,617	\$ 76,847	\$ 279,464
Noncash contributions	115,506	123,177	238,683
Interest Income	2,144	-	2,144
	<u>320,267</u>	<u>200,024</u>	<u>520,291</u>
Net assets released from restrictions	199,979	(199,979)	-
	<u>520,246</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>520,291</u>
<b>Total Revenue, Gains and Other Support</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>			
Philanthropy (Note 1)	406,525	-	406,525
Management and general	45,577	-	45,577
	<u>452,102</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>452,102</u>
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>452,102</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>452,102</b>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	<b>68,144</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>68,189</b>
<b>Net Assets, Beginning</b>	<b>68,268</b>	<b>36,969</b>	<b>105,237</b>
<b>Net Assets, Ending</b>	<b>\$ 136,412</b>	<b>\$ 37,014</b>	<b>\$ 173,426</b>

Note 1 Philanthropy consists of scholarships, livelihood development, medical clinic funding, medicine supplies, wheelchairs, eyeglass distribution and orphan and street children programs. These activities take place in over 20 countries including Malawi, Zambia, Ukraine and other countries in Africa and Latin America.

Note 2 The financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2007, were reviewed by K.B. Parrish & Co., LLP. The statements were found to be fairly stated in all material respects and in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. A copy of those statements along with the notes are available upon request.



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