

# 2009 ANNUAL REPORT

# LifeNets: 2009 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 2009. Thank you for helping us to make this difference!

## Developing Nations Scholarship Fund

Scholarships continue to be a main focus of LifeNets programs. Approximately 40 students are being supported each year. The cost per student varies, but the average cost per student is about \$1,500 or a little more each year.

Malawi continues to benefit from the majority of the scholarships. Several students will be graduating, and we are very hopeful that your investment in them will produce results in jobs and income. In impoverished families it is expected that one with an income will help to support other family members so that many can benefit from the education of one.

These quotes represent the sentiments of many of the students:

"This course of study means my life. It is going to enable me to achieve my goals. It is very important that one should get an education. Without this opportunity I don't know where my life would be. Once again, thank you!"

Another writes:

"This scholarship helps me to go to school and learn what I would not have otherwise known. I will be an educated person and not dependent on others. I can then help others who are lacking assistance."

Another:

"The scholarship you give me means one of the ways I can build a better future. I would like this grant to produce good fruits like finding a job which will enable me to help others who are needy."

Lewis Salawila in Malawi has finished his course updating his accounting degree. The end result was a raise in pay and more responsibility.

Cephas Chapamba was given the opportunity to upgrade his medical studies. He has a successful practice and a very busy medical clinic. We help to provide funds for medicines at his clinic.

Others are working on teaching degrees. Computer studies are very popular.

-Bev Kubik—Scholarship Coordinator

## The Wheelchair Project ([www.lifenetswheelchairproject.org](http://www.lifenetswheelchairproject.org))

The LifeNets Wheelchair Project matched 97 wheelchairs to people in need in 2009! People are generous, and we again thank all those who donate wheelchairs to us. We also thank those who donate money to the cause, as not all wheelchairs donated are in working condition. Some need batteries or other minor repairs.

We also want to thank those who take the time to enter their data on our online database. It enables us to spend more time matching and less time entering requests and donations.

I'd like to also share with you one of my favorite stories from this past year:

Diana's good friends from New Mexico called me one day in early June desperate to help her regain her mobility. Diana could barely walk from bed to couch and back to bed. She was housebound and this had brought on depression. They felt she needed a power wheelchair because she wouldn't have the energy to push herself and asked what we could do. At the time, I had nothing, but it wasn't 48 hours later that I got a call from another lady in Indianapolis who had just received a brand new wheelchair from her medical insurance company and hoped that we could find a home for her now "old" wheelchair, which she felt was still in great condition. It was. To this day, neither woman knows of each other, but one has significantly increased the quality of life of the other. Diana doesn't even know it was her friends in New Mexico that called me. Everything was anonymous and Diana was thrilled!

Stories like this encourage us to continue providing this service. I hope it encourages you as well.

We always need more chairs! We have three potential recipients for every one who donates. Can you think of a chair that is not being used and collecting dust? It may just be the one to significantly change someone else's life.

-Alix Kubik—Wheelchair Coordinator



## Projects

### Suriname Street Children Program

This is a new LifeNets program. Each week Claid and his wife Marcia Dalfour meet with some 30 children ages three through seven for three hours. They help the older children with elementary reading skills, and they teach all the children basic social skills. When the lesson is finished, the children receive a warm lunch before they return home. The Dalfours have been providing this service for about two years. They are both musically talented, and we want to expand the program to include teaching the children musical skills. ([www.lifenets.org/suriname](http://www.lifenets.org/suriname))



### Teaching English in Ukraine

From July 5 to 17, 2009, a LifeNets delegation of Dan and Cindy Harper and Ken and Cherie Zahora taught English and helped with a day camp in Vinogradov, Ukraine. This was the second year they had done so.

They learned several lessons last year, not only about curriculum, but about culture, schedules and the children themselves.

The children are from poor families. Some are orphans. We have been working with such children in Vinogradov since 2001. ([www.lifenets.org/vinogradov](http://www.lifenets.org/vinogradov))



### Fundraisers

We express deep appreciation for major fundraisers in Seattle, Fort Worth, Piscataway and North Dakota that raised money for our scholarship, water and orphan care programs.

### Other Ongoing Projects and Special Events

We couldn't cover all our projects and activities in this report. You can see much more on our Web site [www.lifenets.org](http://www.lifenets.org).

- Medicine to three clinics in Malawi and Zambia.
- Continuing support for the "Revival" Mission in Chernihev, Ukraine.
- LifeNets Orphan Care Center in Balaka, Malawi.
- Livelihood development projects in Malawi.
- Agriculture, water and Farm Credit Program in Zambia.
- U.S. chapter activity in North Dakota and Puget Sound, Washington.

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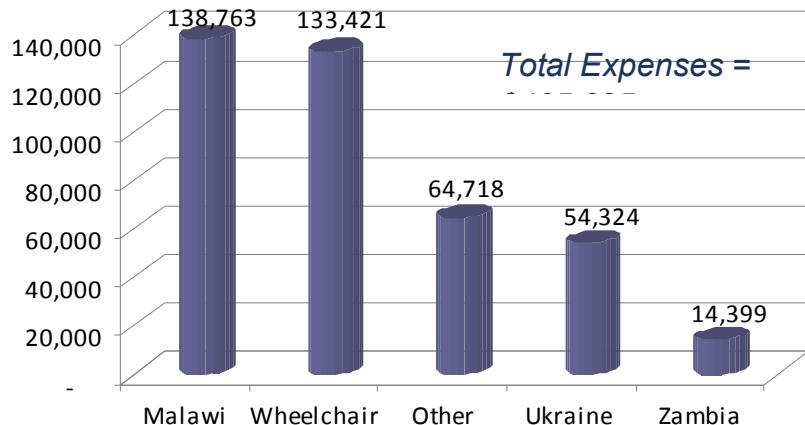
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## **2009 Summary of Operations**



LifeNets is a 501(c) (3) corporation that helps people in need and promotes self-sufficiency. Contributions to LifeNets are tax-deductible as allowed by law.

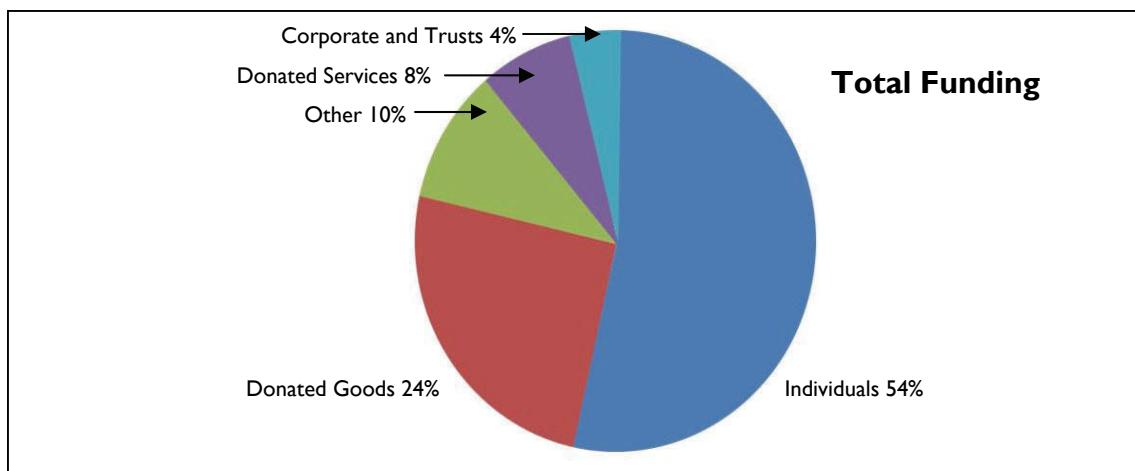
### **Program Expenses**



### **Detail of Major Expenses:**

<b>Malawi</b>	Support for livelihood development program, educational scholarships, orphan programs and clinics.
<b>Wheelchair</b>	Value of wheelchairs and related costs for distribution program in the United States.
<b>Zambia</b>	Agriculture, cattle and water program to help subsistence farmers, scholarships.
<b>Ukraine</b>	Funding of soup kitchen and support for medical center for the rehabilitation of disabled children.
<b>Other</b>	Includes humanitarian support in areas including the Philippines, South Africa and Estonia.

### **Funding Sources**



For additional financial information Form 990 is available upon request.