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Donations

Generous contributions provide services and goods that meet the basic needs of families and improve their conditions in a meaningful way. We invite you to help us in this mission. Nearly 95% of our total budget goes to LifeNets programs. LifeNets is a 501(c)(3) organization and contributions are tax-exempt as allowed by law in the United States.



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Photo by Katherine Rowland

OUR MISSION: LifeNets is a not-for-profit charitable organization that develops programs offering practical assistance to promote the well-being and self-sufficiency of disadvantaged people throughout the world and, where possible, encourages them to pass on the benefits to others.

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Why Does LifeNets Exist?

It is our desire to help lift people out of poverty and hopelessness in a long-term way. We do this through scholarships, livelihood development, food and water security and training programs. The outcomes include new knowledge, increased skills, changed attitudes and improved conditions.

History

LifeNets was established on September 1, 1999, by Victor Kubik along with friends who shared his vision. The work began in the Chernobyl area of Ukraine and from there it migrated into Western Ukraine and Africa. Opportunities for travel into both areas have led to a desire to make a difference in the lives of people in need. Thirteen containers of life-saving goods and food were packed and shipped via government shipping programs. Today LifeNets no longer ships containers, but instead has chosen to help raise funds for scholarships, livelihood development, medicines, life-saving clean water wells, farming education, cattle and more. We have come to work with trusted friends in each of the communities we support.

Where Do We Go From Here?

Our goal is to help people help themselves. We are committed to continue supporting the areas in which we are serving as the programs are bringing about meaningful results and opportunities in many lives.

Our next projects:

- Drill more boreholes in Zambia and Malawi.
- Help orphans in from Congo civil war
- Transport for disable children in Chernihiv, Ukraine
- Perpetual Scholarship program
- Livelihood

Some of Our Accomplishments

- Scholarships in developing areas
- Wheelchairs in the United States
- Livelihood development opportunities
- Two medical clinics in Malawi
- Orphan care and feeding in Malawi
- Water wells to provide clean drinking water
- Agricultural programs that increase yield and quality of crops in Zambia
- Cattle programs in Zambia
- Medical/dental equipment shipped to Central America, Ukraine and Africa
- Street children and orphan program in Ukraine
- Continuing support to the *Revival* rehabilitation center in the Chernobyl area of Ukraine
- Computer education classes in Ukraine
- Eyeglasses distribution
- And more...

What People Say About Us



I love how LifeNets helps people help themselves through aid and practical education that is long-term. Keep up the good work! - G. Rothenbacher, Indianapolis, IN



LifeNets has a great name—it does what it can to spread a safety net for people's lives wherever it goes. - R. Stiver, Cincinnati, OH



LifeNets has been an incredible help in Latin America—assisting innumerable students go on to higher studies and lifting them out of poverty!

- M. Seiglie, Anaheim, CA

SCHOLARSHIPS: *An investment for a lifetime*

Each year the LifeNets Scholarship Program provides scholarships for more than 50 students in Malawi, Zambia, South Africa, Ghana and Zimbabwe. Daniel is one of our scholarship recipients. He described the opportunity to further his education as “a dream that I could not even dream.”



Cephas:
Medical Student

Cephas said: “Because of my LifeNets scholarship, I will become a clinical officer in Malawi. Malawi has a great shortage of medical help at a time of great need with the HIV/AIDS pandemic.”

With unemployment as high as 75% in many poor countries, a scholarship provides students a much-needed opportunity for work to support themselves as well as their extended families.



Amy:
Computer Studies



Litatha:
Hospitality



Daniel:
Computer Studies



Andre:
Engineering



Victor Kubik with
orphans—Chizeni Clinic

CHIZENI CLINIC: *Dedicated to serving*

The clinic in Balaka, Malawi, is managed by Dr. Sam Chilopora, who was educated in France. He and his wife Esther, a nurse, have dedicated their lives to serving the needs of their people. We are privileged to continue to support them. We have helped to build their clinic. We supply life-saving medicines. We also support the LifeNets Orphan Care Center where the Chiloporas look after and help feed up to 200 AIDS orphans living in the surrounding area.

REVOLVING FARM CREDIT PROGRAM: *Hard work and discipline*

“Not just a hand out, but a hand up” best describes this very successful program. The farm program lends money for seed and fertilizer to subsistence farmers in Zambia. At harvest time, grain is stored as collateral for a cash advance to provide the farmer living expenses until the price for the maize (corn) goes up. Prices at harvest time are low due to abundance, but a few months later the price is much higher and the income much greater.



**CLEAN WATER
WELLS: *A gift of life***

Each borehole (well) serves an entire community. The cost per drilled well is \$6,000 to \$7,000. The investment is high, but so are the benefits.

Water is essential, and clean water can mean the difference between life and death.



LIGHT OF LOVE MISSION in Vinogradov, Ukraine

We are pleased to support Pastor Vasyl Polichko and his wife Irina. They saw a need in their neighborhood and have filled it. Children from alcoholic, negligent and poor families were fending for themselves. LifeNets supports the mission, which provides food, love and care to any who want to come. We have watched the children grow up since 2001. *It is a truly heartwarming story.*



Irina with the children

REVIVAL CENTER in Chernihev, Ukraine

Dr. Vasyl Pasichnyk was the head pediatrician in the Chernobyl area at the time of the nuclear accident. He treated the first young victims. Ten years after the catastrophe, he and other courageous doctors opened a fledgling rehabilitation center to treat children suffering from the effects of radiation. Today the center treats 200 children per month—children of the children victimized by the 1986 nuclear accident. LifeNets has supported his work from its inception.



Dr. Pasichnyk at the
Revival Center



DOMESTIC WHEELCHAIRS: Our wheelchair project is a free service that helps match used wheelchairs (manual, pediatric and power) with people who need them and do not qualify for insurance or government support. Our special Web site at www.lifenetswheelchairproject.org facilitates the matching process. You can also call **317 456-2549**. We are always in need of donated wheelchairs as we have three requests for every one donated. The LifeNets Wheelchair Project is managed by Alix Kubik (far right) who is a graduate of Grand Valley State University in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with a master’s degree in social work.

WANTED!



**WHEELCHAIRS IN
GOOD CONDITION
READY TO PASS ON
TO OTHERS**



“Our family can never thank you enough for the wonderful gift of mobility that you have provided for Ryan. It will make his life so much easier and always reminds him that there are ‘good people’ who care about his life and well-being. We appreciate everything your organization does.” - Black Mountain, North Carolina

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