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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR LETTER

It has been a profound year for Solar Cookers International, harnessing the sun to benefit people and the environment. Our work reaches far into the lives of people around the globe, enabling access to solar cooking and water pasteurization. Look what we can do together!

After the Haiti earthquake hit and thousands of people were left in desperate conditions, SCI responded. Four hundred of SCI’s solar Cookkits were sent in collaboration with an international organization already on the ground. Sun Oven International, Friends of Haiti Organization and International Child Care Ministries worked together to distribute the Cookkits to people in need. In the community of Pigeon, people used these Cookkits for fireless cooking in crowded areas, as well as enabling clean water. Through the schools and classrooms of International Child Care Ministries, SCI continues to work toward sustainability by training teachers and integrating the use of Cookkits into the fifth-grade science curriculum.

Every day SCI is connected to people around the world who are looking for an alternative way to cook, pasteurize water and ultimately improve their lives. Consistent presence on the Internet is SCI’s tool to educate, inform and make connections throughout the world. The possibilities are endless and SCI looks forward to a bright future of exposing more areas of the world to the power of solar cooking. With your help and continued support, it will happen!

AmyJo Mattheis
Executive Director

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

REVENUES
Donations - $538,101
Grants - $145,817
Sales - $168,353
Donated goods and services - $43,905
Other - $16,655
TOTAL - $712,831

EXPENSES
International programs - $375,081
Education resources - $223,198
Advocacy - $75,534
Humanitarian assistance - $19,038
Resource development - $94,600
Administration - $95,270
TOTAL - $686,881

NET ASSETS
(06/30/10) - $176,074

ASSETS
Cash - $113,080
Investments - $141,947
Grants receivable - $49,105
Equipment and vehicles - $8,472
Inventories for sale - $23,621
Grants receivable - $49,105
Investments - $41,947

LIABILITIES
TOTAL - $80,035

NET LIABILITIES
TOTAL - $886,881

PROGRAM UPDATE

Solar Cookers International reaches around the globe every day. Through our web-based Solar Cooking Archive, the knowledge, experience and connections of SCI are available to all who have interest. Stretching from Kenya and the eastern African region, up to Palestine, over to India and China, while continuing around to Australia and on to South America, Haiti, and Costa Rica, people are asking about how to solar cook. The movement is green; it is public health, and it is women and girls.

In response to the life-changing Haiti earthquake, SCI worked in conjunction with organizations already on the ground. Four hundred Cookkits were delivered to Haitians. Fireless cooking was essential in the devastating aftermath of the earthquake, where proximities were close and damaged buildings and leftover wreckage filled the landscape. Interrupted civil services due to the quake’s effects made clean drinking water difficult to find. Haitians were able to utilize the Cookkit to pasteurize water and remain healthy. Months after the initial response, SCI is still in Haiti, working with International Child Care Ministries and Friends of Haiti Organization to expand solar cooker training to teachers and to integrate the use of the Cookkit into fifth-grade curriculum for long-term sustainability.

SCI remains active in Kenya in a project with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Practical Action. In the community of Kadibo, Kenya, SCI joined forces with these groups to educate families about cleaner, integrated cooking methods that dramatically reduce exposure to indoor air pollution. Using Cookkits in conjunction with fuel-efficient stoves and retained heat devices provides an overall benefit for families in spending far less on fuel, in addition to health and safety benefits for women and girls. This project will continue through May of 2011, by which time we anticipate meeting increased sustainability expectations.

In addition to our on-the-ground work overseas, SCI is consistently advocating within the United Nations, World Bank, World Health Organization and the Department of State. Through volunteer SCI advocates based in New York City, Washington D.C. and Geneva, SCI is raising awareness that solar cooking is a viable solution to many of the global issues confronting us today. Harnessing the sun to benefit people and the environment is the mission of SCI.

The work is on-going as new opportunities to utilize the power of the sun arise each day. It is a profound benefit that every morning the rays of this solution arise new as well.

THOUGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS

From SCI supporter Karen Goodman:

“Three of us from Chico had the opportunity to visit SCI offices in Nairobi and Kakamega, Kenya. While I’ve been a supporter of SCI for several years, it was especially impactful to witness the good work of your organization.”

From SCI Board Member Honey Walters:

“I am absolutely passionate about solar cookers. I cannot think of another device that has such a multitude of benefits: helping to stop violence against women, reducing greenhouse gases, preventing waterborne illnesses, lessening exposure to indoor air pollution. I like volunteering my time to serve on the Board. The more I see SCI using its collective donations to help others, the more I want to give and bring my friends and family to the organization.”

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