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FINANCIAL REPORT

For Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2008

SUPPORT	
Program Revenue	3,844,565
Contributions	263,140
Grants	219,271
Investment Return & Cap. Gains	(9,756)
Other	49,433
Total Unrestricted Support	\$4,366,653

EXPENSES	
Program Services	4,034,188
Supporting Services	700,478
Total Expenses	\$4,734,666

Increase (decrease) in Net Assets **(\$487,004)**

Net Assets at Beginning of Year	\$2,599,187
Net Assets at End of Year	\$2,112,183



serving women, families & children 2008



MAPS
annual report

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MAPS
ADOPTION
& HUMANITARIAN AID



Throughout 2008, MAPS' role as a pioneer force in social change and advocacy continued to evolve as the needs of children and families around us grew and changed.

We remained as committed as ever to building families and finding loving and permanent homes for children through intercountry and domestic adoption, and we were delighted in 2008 to be one of the first U.S. agencies accredited under the new Hague Convention regulations governing international adoption. We have expanded and fine-tuned our focus on other areas of need as well: residential programs to support and strengthen at-risk families here at home, and humanitarian aid projects to build safe and secure lives for social orphans overseas and other children in need.

We used our new Humanitarian Aid "umbrellas" — *family stability programs, global education and orphanage support, medical services and partnerships, and international child welfare consultation and training*— as guiding principles to define priorities and expand strategically to meet the most pressing needs of women, families and children.

We will keep you updated on our progress in the year ahead as we:

- Expand our Stepping Stones and Shelter Programs to serve more at risk families here at home.
- Forge new alliances overseas by taking a leadership role in advancing resources for children who remain in orphanages and foster care.
- Provide inter-country adoption services that continue to meet the highest professional and ethical standards.
- Advocate for children and social orphans around the world.
- Invite individual donors, corporations, and foundations to increase involvement in the MAPS mission.

All of us here at MAPS—the staff, the board, and the children we help—thank you for your support and wish you all the best in the year ahead.



serving *women...*



In 2008, we helped women gain security and stability by:

- Providing *housing and support services* to homeless pregnant or parenting women in our shelters, a critical first step toward a better life free of government assistance. Last year, 95% of women leaving our shelters secured transitional or permanent housing.
- Continuing our long-standing support of ASHA (Action for Self-Reliance, Hope and Awareness), which *fights violence and injustice and offers advocacy and inspiration* to impoverished women in India.
- Training 200 health, social service, and education professionals *to provide compassionate, accurate, and effective information and counseling about adoption to women facing crisis pregnancies.*

Her smile turns me to mush. Her words captivate me. Her explorative nature thrills me. Her hugs move my being. Her joy lights up my world.

Steve, adoptive dad to Aitougon

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Our niece and nephew, Will and Natasha, were adopted through MAPS and we love them dearly. Last year, instead of spending lots of money on Christmas gifts for the adults in the family, we decided to give a gift of a contribution to MAPS. Will and Tasha received their usual "special something" under the tree. And everybody loved their gifts - including us, the donors.

Maria Scott



I wanted to help the kids in the baby hospital and orphanage in the town where I was from who weren't as lucky as me to have a family to love and care for them.

Hana, age 12, MAPS donor

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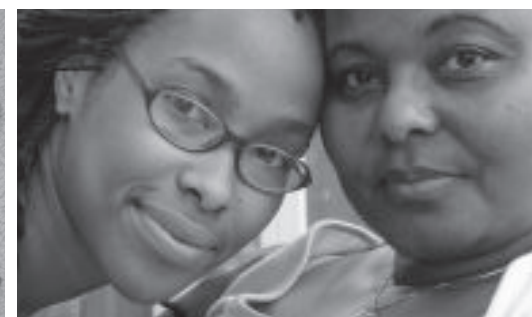
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families...

Building and supporting families is a cornerstone of our mission. In 2008, we:

- Helped struggling families in our shelters take *the first steps toward stability* through case management, life skills and parenting training, and access to community services such as counseling, child care, transportation—and eventually affordable and permanent housing.
- *Strengthened and reunified fragile families* at Stepping Stones, a comprehensive program with transitional living services for runaway/homeless youth, a licensed residential facility for women and their children, a youth drop-in center and compulsory attendance school, life skills classes, parenting groups, and other programs to meet the needs of homeless, pregnant, parenting, and at-risk young adults.
- Provided *adoption education, home study services and post-placement support* to families adopting domestically and internationally. By preparing and supporting adoptive parents before and after their adoption, we help build a strong foundation upon which families can flourish.



& children.

Since 1977, we have been improving the lives of children at home and overseas. In the past year, we:

- Provided *safe housing, healthy food, security and emotional support* through our Maine Homeless Children's Program to 100 babies and children who spent approximately 2,000 nights at our family shelters here in the U.S.
- Provided 24-hour supportive parenting instruction at Stepping Stones, which enables children in protective custody of the state to remain with their mothers while the women gain the essential skills that ultimately lead to family stability and self-sufficiency.
- Funded *foster homes for special needs orphans* in Xinyang, China in partnership with Love without Boundaries, which provides medical care, the warmth of family living, and the safety and comfort of being nurtured and valued for children with medical needs who would otherwise remain in orphanages.
- Offered *individual love and attention to babies and toddlers in overseas orphanages* through our visiting "aunties" or "babushkas" program. These dedicated local women provide the one-on-one nurturing and stimulation that is critical for the healthy emotional and cognitive development that all children deserve.
- *Helped over 100 families adopt children* from China, Guatemala, India, Kazakhstan, Nepal, Peru, Russia, Ukraine and the U.S. Thirty years since MAPS began—and 4,200 adoptions later—building families through adoption remains one of the most joyful aspects of our work.

Thank you!