

Healthcare is a vital component to SOTENI's mission. This includes offering primary care, but also treating chronic diseases, which becomes more challenging given the limited resources. Over the past year, we have worked to provide some laboratory equipment and supplies that have helped support the clinic's mission. This included a centrifuge, a hemoglobin meter and supplies, and blood pressure cuffs. We also worked with a company called Polymedco, which donated H. Pylori test kits.

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Why have we done this for SOTENI? We have both worked in the healthcare field for much of our professional lives and understand the importance that healthcare services and support has to a community. Additionally, we admire what has been accomplished over the years and want to provide continuous support to this mission.

With that being said, the Dispensary has ongoing needs and SOTENI supporters can help make a difference through financial contributions or contributions of specific supplies. Finally, we urge anyone with connections to health-related companies that can help provide needed supplies to SOTENI and the people of Mbakalo to contact Randie Marsh.

Sisi sote ni pamoja! We are all together!

Ben & Karen Palatchi

Healthcare Professionals and donors of medical equipment to SVH-Mbakalo Dispensary

Desmond Wekesa & Isaac Nalunga

SVH-Mbakalo Dispensary staff with the centrifuge donated by Ben & Karen Palatchi

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I am happy that I could be of some help to SOTENI International and the students in Kenya.

I feel that a person should always, as a result of the life they have lived, take the opportunity to contribute their skills. It is my hope that the students in Kenya will have the opportunity to connect to the world through computers and enjoy the same sense of connectedness that I felt to Kenya as I prepared their laptops. We can never know what difference we can make in the world, until we try our best to solve a perplexing problem. Sometimes frustration is another opportunity for growing—remember there is always one more thing to try when giving up is not an option. Life is an ongoing experience.

Norman Myers

Retired IT Professional, refurbishes donated laptops for use in SOTENI Villages of Hope

2410.75

Volunteer Hours

1,724

2013-2014

2014-2015



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Number of educational sessions taught on purifying water, nutrition, and HIV/AIDS prevention & care: 985

Got-Nanga Support Group and ABD Charles



2014-2015

2013-2014

944

SOTENI International Mission Statement

Working to reduce the incidence of AIDS by empowering vulnerable communities to develop sustainable interventions. We cultivate local leadership, educate those most at risk, and identify best practices to share around the world.

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"We're all strangers connected by what we reveal, what we share, and what we take away—our stories" -Libba Bray, American author

Connected by Our Stories



I am delighted to be part of an exciting and compassionate program that offers hope and restores dignity to a constituency of PLWHIV in my community. SOTENI's community health workers—or ABDs (AIDS Barefoot Doctors)—travel long distances to rural Meru County, delivering needed services to people who are stigmatized and struggling with economic challenges. These services include distributing thousands of P&G Purifier of Water Sachets, demonstrating proper use of these sachets, and teaching lessons to enhance access to clean water—just to name a few.

"This is a journey that we can only walk by joining hands."

People in the area served by SVH-Mituntu rely on agriculture to support their families and fund their children's education. To better serve our community, an expansion of our existing agriculture project would be a key component of our campaign to improve food security and quality of life for PLWHIV, OVCs and the community at large. This is a journey that we can only walk by joining hands. With more support, we can continue to improve service for our 22 support groups and beyond, to the many people out there that are still living with stigma.

Peter Gitonga

Coordinator, SOTENI Village of Hope – Mituntu



What do you believe?

Do you believe that every life has value? That education is a prerequisite for empowerment? That lasting change comes from the combined effects of many small gains?



Steve Wolf
"Enjoy and believe!"

Do you believe that every human being deserves respect, love and support? That we as a society should ultimately be judged by how we treat those who are most powerless among us? Do you believe that we are part of a global community?

Hello, my name is Steve Wolf. I am the current Board Chairperson for SOTENI International. I believe the answer to each of the questions above is a resounding YES. And those beliefs continue to pull me towards SOTENI, where I can see those beliefs put into action.

You may be reading this Annual Report because you are a donor. You may be reading it because you have heard about the organization and want to learn more. Regardless the reason, we are glad you are here! And as you read this report, I am confident that you will see your own beliefs reflected in the good work that SOTENI is doing. Read on, enjoy and BELIEVE!

Steve

Chair, SOTENI International Board of Trustees

2014 - 2015 Financial Information

SOTENI International met all 20 Standards for Charity Accountability according to the Cincinnati Better Business Bureau.

\$277,530 Total Income for SI, SK, and SOTENI Villages of Hope

\$114,901 Total Assets

\$31,388.90 Total In-Kind Donations

\$1,466 Total Liabilities



Vic Wells-Wulsin

The health workers at the SOTENI Village of Hope – Mbakalo Dispensary treat patients with innumerable diagnoses. From infant immunizations to deadly infectious diseases; from antenatal care to referrals to hospital; from chronic diseases to cuts and contusions. There, a not uncommon intervention is treating wounds caused by the machetes that are used in one of the hardest occupations: slashing sugar cane.

Our lives are inextricably entwined with each other. If we choose to ignore these networks we limit ourselves and our communities. All of us here at SOTENI—including you who are reading this—continue to embrace connectedness. We stretch our minds, strengthen our hearts, and share our treasures to fulfill one of humankind's most sublime realities: interdependence.

Sisi sote ni pamoja: We all are together. SOTENI.

"Our lives are inextricably entwined with each other."

Thank you again for acting on your values of compassion, of contributing, of connectedness. Please stay in touch,

Vic

Founder, SOTENI



Randie Marsh

Every time your donation is received here in the Cincinnati office, I feel our world getting a little more connected.

I hope you will enjoy the stories of just a few of the people who have strengthened the connection between those of us in the US and in the rural areas of Kenya that SOTENI serves.

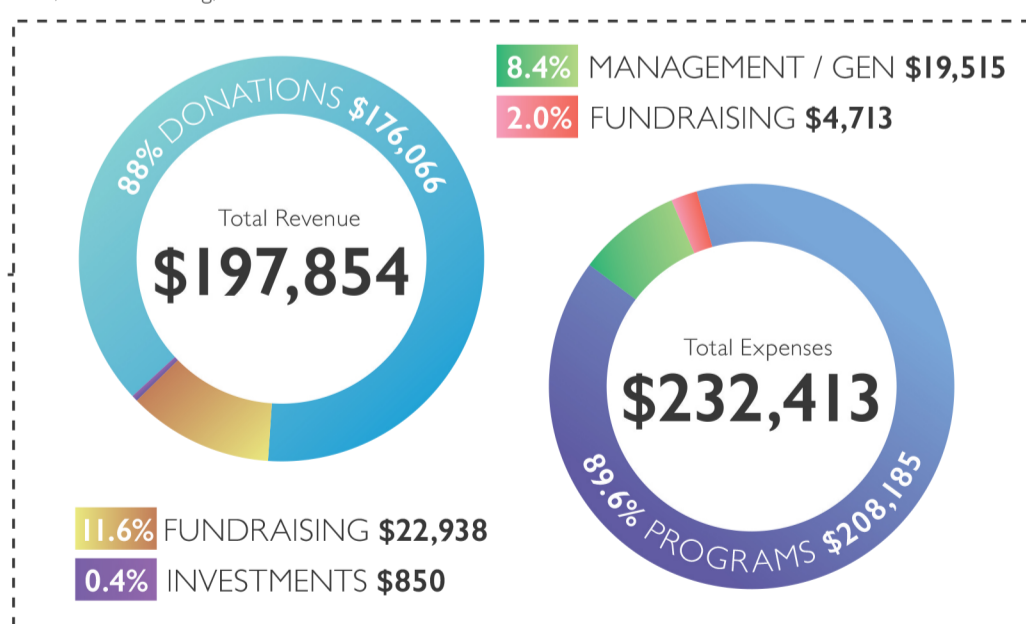
Thank you for your continued support and generous giving. Let's reach out and strengthen our connection even more with those living and working with HIV/AIDS.

With much appreciation,

Randie

Executive Director, SOTENI International

"I feel our world getting a little more connected"



812,230

P&G Purifier of Water sachets distributed

282,443
 '13-'14
 2014-2015



Child of a Makhanga Support Group member

"They had more joy than most people I know back at home."

One of the most powerful experiences of my trip was when we went to sit in on a support group meeting for HIV-positive people or their family members. The one I went to was in a small mud hut where we were basically sitting on each other's laps. As soon as we stepped in, the support group members all broke into a song and dance to welcome us and we couldn't help but join in their spirit. One woman translated while, one by one, people told their stories. The support group's moto was "Living Positively," and we learned how they all leaned on each other to deal with their diagnosis and view it with a positive attitude. I was astounded with how little the people there had—they struggle every day, both physically and mentally—yet they had more joy than most people I know back at home.

Aralinde Herzig

with friends, in SVH – Mbakalo



Susan Ellen Anthony

January 10, 1946 – September 4, 2014

In September of 2014, our SOTENI International Board lost one of its loyal members, Susan Anthony, to cancer. Susan first volunteered for several years in her spare time, contributing her marketing skills to the polishing our SI website, annual campaign, and designing our promotional materials. Susan then joined our Programs Committee and in March of 2011 she joined the SI Board. Her dedication to the work of SOTENI stemmed from her passion for children. She dreamed of traveling to Kenya. Unfortunately, time ran out and she was never able to fulfil that dream. The SI Board is forever grateful to Susan and her family for all she gave of her talents to the work of SOTENI.