

The Mia Sutphin Foundation (MSF) is dedicated to supporting programs that benefit children in need and their families throughout the world.

### Year in Review

It's hard to believe that we're already reflecting on 2007. Earlier this year, we added three new board members and, before we knew it, September was upon us, and we were planning our most successful benefit auction to date.

Yet, despite the fast-pace, 2007 seemed to magically span the ocean and time when a few members of our board and Sutphin family traveled to Africa to visit Nyumbani, the orphanage where Mia volunteered. We met some of the people she worked with, saw the Africa Mia described. We began to understand the depth of her love for the children—many of whom are still there and remember her.

In five short years, MSF has gone from a fund balance of zero to \$258,484. That's over 25% toward a key endowment milestone of \$1 million. Building an endowment isn't easy, and sometimes the goal seems far off. But, the beauty is that the financial base will generate earnings—and the distributions of those earnings will provide far greater financial support over time than if we had disbursed our donations immediately. An endowment puts our contributions to work earning more money for grants in the future. Even now, earnings on our endowment have enabled us to give a total of \$57,150 to various causes throughout the world, which includes an expected \$20,000 in distributions this year. We're still actively building our base and upon reaching key milestones, the foundation will become self-sustaining, enabling us to give more substantially in years to come.

Your help building MSF is vital—and your donations will reach far beyond today. We are dedicated to helping children in need and their families. That's our mission and our promise.

Your generosity touches our hearts and the lives of children around the world. We extend our deep appreciation for your continued support and wish you a blessed and peaceful holiday season.

*Michael Sutphin*  
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Executive Director

### Annual Distributions

Making meaningful grant decisions is a key responsibility of the board. Broadly, we seek to support organizations in line with our mission and individuals working through a charity on the front lines of caring for those in need. During our fiscal year that ended May 2007, the MSF board approved seven grants totaling \$17,400 (three of which are to previous recipients, denoted by an \*).

- Established in 1987, **AIRS\*** provides residential services and a continuum of quality care and support to low-income individuals and families living with and at risk of HIV/AIDS in Baltimore. A third-time MSF grant recipient, the 2007 contribution allows the education coordinator to increase her school tutoring case load.
- Light Health and Wellness** provides comprehensive services for children and families whose lives are affected by health and societal issues in Baltimore. MSF funds supported the Education and Prevention Services Program, consisting of workshops and health fairs for at risk families.
- The relationship with **Nyumbani\*** in Kenya is important to maintain due to Mia's strong ties of service to this orphanage for children with HIV. This year's MSF grant went to the children's home, one of Nyumbani's three core programs. In November, members of the Sutphin family and MSF board visited Nyumbani for the first time. We were provided a glimpse of the safe, nurturing, and loving environment that 106 children call home. A highlight was the Sunday Mass in memory of Mia. The children prepared and ran the entire service including all of the songs, dances, intentions, and readings. They are among the most polite and well-behaved children on the planet, who all were totally focused on the church service. Nyumbani is an amazing place!



Visit to Nyumbani - November 2007

- Founded in 1939, **Kurji Holy Family Hospital** (Kurji) runs as an equal partnership between the Medical Mission Sisters and the Sisters of Charity of Nazareth. This 275-bed teaching hospital in Patna, the capital of Bihar, India, received MSF funding to help with operations. An estimated two-thirds of the Bihar population lives below the poverty line. Day-to-day hospital services include teaching young nurses, providing general care, and working extensively with TB control and HIV. Because of Mia's time volunteering at Kurji in 1999, we hope to continue this relationship for years to come.
- Originating in 1987 as a small clinic in Cange, Haiti, **Partner's in Health** (PIH) provides basic health care as well as treats complex diseases, such as HIV/AIDS and multidrug-resistant tuberculosis, in settings as diverse as the

shantytowns of Lima, Peru, and the prisons of Siberia. PIH is a talent-rich medical organization through its partnerships with Harvard Medicine, and Brigham & Women's Hospital in Boston. Our support helped 20 children receive nourishment and medical treatment for a year in Boucan Carre, Haiti.

- For a second year, **Nicole Yaris\*** received a MSF grant through the Maidstone Foundation for her Pedi Habilidad program. Nicole performs out-patient rehabilitation work at Tena Hospital in Ecuador for children suffering from multiple limb fractures, tuberculosis, undiagnosed cerebral palsy, and other ailments. The program is the only one of its kind to target children in this region and offers families hope and assistance in managing their child's disability.
- The United Nations **World Food Programme (WFP)** received a MSF grant toward efforts in Darfur, Sudan, helping the more than 2 million displaced people in this war-torn country. The Darfur conflict began in February 2003, following two decades of civil war in Sudan. UN estimates report the Darfur conflict has left nearly 450,000 people dead from both violence and disease. Globally, WFP food aid reaches over 96 million people in 82 countries. WFP's innovative projects not only put food on the tables of the weakest and poorest (jobless mothers, school children, landless farmers and HIV orphans), they also help the hungry to secure food and an income so they can break out of the poverty trap and build a sustainable future.

We are encouraged and eager to continue helping such worthy organizations and hope to increase our level of aid in the future.

### Fundraisers

On September 29, our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Benefit Auction was held at Trinity School, which generously hosted our event for a third year. We enjoyed beautiful weather, a special celebration service and had great auction items from many generous donors. This year's theme was *Passport to India*, and our guests experienced some of the culture of this special country, including an overview of MSF support there. Attendees enjoyed dinner catered by the Candlelight Inn, Catonsville. Local entertainer Bob Stout provided live music early in the evening, and Michael Keller served as the MC and played music for the remainder of the evening.



**Passport to India Event - September 2007**

Kirsten Patragnoni-Sauter, a nurse and close friend of Mia's, was the highlight of the evening program, sharing her reflections on volunteering at Kurji in India (a 2007 MSF grant recipient). She stressed the importance of grants to the success of Kurji, and shared heart-warming stories of babies and patients cared for by hospital staff. The event concluded with a live auction including a Florida Keys Vacation/Fishing package as well as a two-night opportunity to "Take a Bite of the Big Apple." Attended by more than 170 friends, family,

and supporters, the benefit proved our most successful so far, raising over \$41,000.

On September 15, Cal Sutphin of Marathon Key and more than 20 volunteers raised \$2,500 for several organizations, including MSF, as part of an environmental clean up. This group of Floridians joined over 350,000 people in 68 countries participating in International Coastal Cleanup Day. Cal and company picked up more than 13,000 cigarette butts as part of their effort, helping to raise awareness about the impact of littering. Great work Cal!

### Memorial Contributions

MSF was honored to be chosen as the benefiting organization upon the passing of William King Pound in 2007, raising more than \$4,200. "The King," as he was affectionately known, was the father of MSF board member, Debbie Derwart. He was a true original, a patriot to his country, a man with a strong work ethic and an example of a life serving others through his professional career. MSF was humbled to be named as King Pound's benefiting organization.

### Notre Dame Preparatory

Mia's example of selflessness is inspiring students at her alma mater - Notre Dame Preparatory School. One faculty member, Patti Maillett, is using Mia's example to teach her tenth grade English students. She assigned her students to read two books about Africa and write a research paper about a contemporary issue on the continent. Ms. Maillett encouraged the girls to "walk the walk, not just talk the talk." To bring life to their project, the students chose to donate money to an organization called "Malaria No More" which seeks to end malaria through the donation and proper use of insecticide treated bed nets. The goal was to raise \$50 per student or \$700 for the entire class. The girls surpassed their goal by babysitting, holding raffles in their homerooms, organizing yard sales and seeking donations from friends and family members. The end result of their altruism and selflessness was \$1,100 donated to "Malaria No More" in Mia's name. Ms. Maillett hopes to continue this project each year and in a note to Mrs. Sutphin stated, "Please know that Mia's life is our inspiration."

Also at NDP, the recipient of the annual Mia Sutphin Award is honored for demonstrating service and justice at home and abroad. The 2007 recipient was Yasmin Karimian. Yasmin's deep passion and commitment to serving others is evidenced through her involvement in various causes - from her representation on a School Sisters of Notre Dame delegation to a United Nations Commission on the Status of Women to her travels to NDP's sister school in El Salvador. Locally, Yasmin was integral in the NDP campaign to raise awareness about the atrocities in the Darfur Region of Sudan. She worked with other NDP students to educate 3,700 young people on the issue. She is described by one faculty member as "...outstanding, not only because of all of her activism, but she was just so balanced and a good, quiet class leader."

### Board of Directors

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Four board sub-committees operate to handle foundation distributions, fundraising, communications and finance. Interest in attending a meeting, joining a sub-committee or the board should be directed towards Michael Sutphin (michael@miasutphinmf.org), **9095 Furrow Avenue, Ellicott City, MD 21042**. If you would like to make another donation in 2007, a self addressed envelope has been provided. More information on MSF is available at [www.miasutphinmf.org](http://www.miasutphinmf.org).