

# 2014

*Annual Report*



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Cover photo: Children holding the Buddhist Global Relief banner at the 2014 Walk to feed the Hungry Walk in Houston, Texas.



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

VEN. BHIKKHU  
BODHI



**T**he twin pillars of Buddhist ethics are loving-kindness and compassion. Loving-kindness is the wish for others to be well and happy; compassion is the wish for others to be free from suffering. Both love and compassion prove their worth in action. They shine most brightly when expressed in selfless service to others.

The challenge facing us today, in our interconnected and interdependent world, is to apply these principles in ways that can truly transform the lives of those deprived of the chance to live with full human dignity. Buddhist Global Relief is an attempt to meet this challenge by enabling people worldwide to escape one of the most disabling forms of suffering imaginable: chronic hunger and malnutrition. Our work is guided by a vision of human life that puts cooperation and collaboration above heartless competition. Our projects are generally small in scale, but they produce wondrous and transformative results. We aim at replication and extended impact. Rather than simply providing food, we try to get at the roots of hunger and thereby enable the benefits to spread from their direct beneficiaries to others in their communities and down to future generations.

These projects educate poor children, especially girls, so they will have brighter prospects in life. They teach farmers ecologically sustainable methods of agriculture, which increase yields while protecting the environment. They train women to start right livelihood projects to support their families. They help young people in our inner cities turn vacant lots into thriving vegetable gardens whose produce can feed the hungry.

This year's annual report surveys our achievements during our sixth year of service, from July 2013 to June 2014. As an all-volunteer organizations, the growth of BGR from humble origins has been most inspiring. Our progress reflects the dedicated contributions of many people: our directors, team members, and advisers; our volunteers, donors, and the partner organizations with which we work. We hope you will recognize in these pages that you too are integral to our mission. We also hope you will continue to generously support our work. Let's continue in our efforts to uplift our brothers and sisters everywhere from the misery of hunger and malnutrition, enabling them to live healthy, happy, and fulfilling lives.

Thank you, and with a rainfall of blessings.

*Bhikkhu Bodhi*

# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

KIM BEHAN



**A**s I write this message for our sixth Annual Report, I am reminded of how important BGR's projects are to the lives of people all around the world. With your help we are able to feed children who face malnutrition and outright hunger. We ensure that farmers gain access to the resources they need to produce healthy food for their families and communities. We give young women a chance to develop skills that will provide right livelihoods and enable them to have happy families of their own.

During the fiscal year 2014, our revenues totaled \$390,804 as compared to \$358,382 in FY 2013. Our expenditures totaled \$426,055 of which \$390,957, or 92%, were allocated to direct programs. Our administrative ratio was 3%, and another 5% was devoted to fundraising and promotion.

BGR continued to grow steadily and organically. With increasing donations we were able to partner with new organizations as well as maintain older relationships that have been fruitful. Your donations, whether large or small, provide the funding that fuels our mission. On behalf of our project beneficiaries, we thank you all for your generosity and enduring commitment to our mission.

In the countries where we launched our projects, we are continuing to maintain effective project implementation and active communications with our partners. We require them to submit regular reports and photographs, and we discuss their work through emails, phone calls, and visits. This enables us to ensure that the donations we receive are put to good use.

The base of our organization is our team of dedicated volunteers. Their numbers continue to grow, allowing us to expand our social media presence and undertake new fundraising opportunities like the Combined Federal Campaign. Some volunteers dedicate a large portion of their time to BGR. Others work late at night and on weekends, offering their time with generous hearts.

For many of us, working for Buddhist Global Relief has been a transformative experience. We act in unison like many tiles of glass that combine to create a radiant multi-colored mosaic. This collaborative effort in turns offers us the sacred opportunity to extend a helping hand to those living on the edge of poverty and despair.

With deep gratitude and thanks for all that you do,

*Kim Behan*

# OUR VISION AND MISSION

## VISION

We are inspired by the vision of a world in which debilitating poverty has finally been banished; a world in which all can avail themselves of the basic material supports of a meaningful life—food, clothing, housing, and health care; a world in which everyone can achieve a satisfactory level of education and freely pursue that which gives their life value and purpose; a world in which all people dwell in peace and harmony with one another and with the natural environment.

## MISSION

Our mission is to combat chronic hunger and malnutrition. Bearing in mind the Buddha's statements that "hunger is the worst kind of illness" and "the gift of food is the gift of life," we sponsor projects that promote hunger relief for poor communities around the world. We pursue our mission by:

- providing direct food aid to people afflicted by hunger and malnutrition
- helping develop better long-term methods of sustainable food production and management appropriate to the cultures and traditions of the beneficiaries
- promoting the education of girls and women, so essential in the struggle against poverty and malnutrition
- giving women an opportunity to start right livelihood projects to support their families.

We also seek to raise awareness of global hunger and advocate for an international food system that exemplifies social justice and conduces to ecological sustainability.





BGR projects are designed to address chronic hunger and malnutrition, to promote greater food productivity at the grass-roots level, and to tackle the root causes of food insecurity. We partner with organizations already operating on the ground, with whom we formulate and implement our projects. These organizations include major international relief agencies, such as Helen Keller International and Oxfam, and smaller or emerging agencies which have a more local focus or address specific needs, such as Lotus Outreach International in Cambodia and the What If? Foundation in Haiti.

Buddhism teaches that hunger is a source of acute pain and a barrier to spiritual growth. BGR seeks to remove that barrier and thereby give others the chance to live healthy lives of dignity and purpose. Recognizing that all human beings share a common desire for happiness, we lend a helping hand to our unseen brothers and sisters across the globe, enabling them to fulfill great dreams and tap unrealized potential.

# OUR PROJECTS



LOTUS OUTREACH

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AMBODIA

SAFER, HIGHER-PAYING JOBS  
FOR CAMBODIAN WOMEN





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## LOTUS OUTREACH

Cambodia is still suffering from the short but tragic reign of the Khmer Rouge, which all but eliminated anyone with perceived connections to the intellectual class. Cambodian women have particularly limited economic opportunities. Rural girls, forced to work to support their families, are often lured to the city by the promise of high wages in karaoke bars and beer gardens, where waitresses are offered for purchase. Not only are these young women subject to the indignity of sex work, but their futures are bleak: about a quarter of them will die of HIV/AIDS, and those who live to have

children will often see their daughters follow in their footsteps.

There's hope for these women thanks to Lotus Outreach, BGR's partner in Cambodia. Lotus Outreach's Non-Formal Education (NFE) program offers health education, life skills, basic literacy, and vocational training in brothel-based communities to help sex workers secure safer, more dignified employment. BGR has been providing one-third of the funding for this project since 2010, including scholarships for motivated and dedicated NFE students to undertake advanced training and apprenticeships.

Over 750 women have enrolled in this program since its inception in 2005, and 96% have been able to leave the sex industry for coveted positions in NGO's, beauty salons, and garment factories. Some continue their education, and a few even begin their own businesses.

That's the hope for twenty-one-year-old NFE student Sou Phannin, a former sex worker who hopes to start her own restaurant some day and treat her employees with the dignity they deserve. She is already committed to helping others. "I'm teaching my friends about financial management and how they can live to be more healthy," she says. Her dedication is evidence that investing in educating Cambodia's young women is an investment in the nation's future.



SHAMBALA FOUNDATION

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BACK TO SCHOOL  
IN RURAL CHINA



## SHAMBALA FOUNDATION

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In the mountainous and rural Qinghai Province of China, 25-40% of students drop out before their ninth year of school. The extraneous school costs – food, uniforms, and supplies – can be prohibitive for poor families. Girls are at a higher risk of dropping out, as many nomadic and farming families prefer to keep girls at home to help with household work. Even though drop-outs often leave school to support their families, they are usually unable to secure steady employment and are likely to live the rest of their lives in poverty.

The Shambala Foundation's Orphanage Without Walls program supports

poor children in rural China who have lost or been abandoned by one or both parents and are therefore at high risk of dropping out of school. Shambala communicates with the families, schools, and organizations responsible for ensuring these children continue their education.

In 2014, BGR offered a grant to the Shambala Foundation that provided a new set of clothes, shoes, school supplies, and books to 100 orphans and high-risk children from the Qinghai Province.

For many of these children, like five-year-old Yangling Lhamo, the

supplies were the difference between staying in school and dropping out. When a social worker visited Lhamo's home to deliver back-to-school supplies, Lhamo could hardly contain her excitement. She picked up a flat rock to use as a chalkboard and demonstrated the Tibetan letters she'd learned at school.

The foundation reports that Lhamo's attitude "brings laughter and hope to her family." BGR and Shambala's combined efforts are allowing Lhamo and ninety-nine other children to inspire their families to have faith in the power of education.



HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL

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ÔTE D'IVOIRE

HEALTHIER CROPS AND  
COMMUNITIES IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE



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## HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL

Côte D’Ivoire is one of the poorest countries in the world, ranked 170 out of 187 countries on the UN’s Human Development Index. Chronic malnutrition affects an estimated 33% of children under the age of five, with high rates of vitamin and micronutrient deficiencies. Families who support themselves with small farms typically use traditional, rudimentary agricultural practices, which result in weak harvests.

In 2013, Buddhist Global Relief provided a grant to Hellen Keller International (HKI) to address the issue of food security in Côte D’Ivoire. HKI’s Enhanced Homestead Food Production program teaches farmers – with a special focus on women – to establish organic, high-yield gardens

and farms that are resistant to climate change. BGR’s grant allowed HKI to pilot EHFP in Côte D’Ivoire’s Bouaké District in the Gbèkè Region.

In the second year of the three-year project, HKI officially launched training activities with two groups of women farmers. Armed with high-quality, drought-resistant seeds, the women learned innovative ways to fertilize and battle crop diseases and pests, as well as how to use drip-irrigation systems. Next year, the project will form a women’s group, open a bank account for farmers, and provide harvests to a local primary school.

Beneficiary Yeo Mehessou used to struggle to feed her nine children.

Now she’s growing more high-quality food, such as the vitamin A-rich orange-fleshed sweet potato.

“Thanks to good seeds and technical knowledge,” Yeo says, “I understand that we can have good quality produce if the proper cultivation technique is applied.” Yeo says she’s already noticed an improvement in her children’s health.

In addition to growing healthier children, there’s evidence that the project is cultivating healthier communities for the women. Yeo reports that her husband appreciates her contributions. “He consults me more and more to make our family’s decisions,” she says.



OXFAM AMERICA

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LOW INTEREST RATES AND  
HIGH RICE YIELDS IN HAITI

*“After thirty years of unprofitable labor, Jesura is finally debt-free and able to pay for his children to attend school.”*



OXFAM AMERICA



More than half of Haiti’s population lacks adequate access to food, making it one of the most food insecure countries on earth. Nearly 90% of rural Haitians live in poverty. While Haitian farmers once produced 100% of domestically consumed rice, local production now accounts for less than 20%. Haitian rice farmers struggle with a host of issues from the production through the marketing phases, including ineffective irrigation and drainage, outdated crop management techniques, lack of agricultural credit, and poor processing facilities.

Since 2013, BGR has funded Oxfam America’s Promotion of the System of Rice Intensification in Haiti project,

which has taken a multi-dimensional approach, targeting multiple points throughout the rice value chain. The project trains farmers, especially women, in sustainable, high-yield farming techniques while simultaneously improving processing and marketing systems.

In 2014, Oxfam and its partners trained 245 new farmers and provided them with access to low-interest loans from a rotating credit fund. While trainees helped rehabilitate local irrigation and drainage canals, project managers worked on ways to decrease farmer losses during rice processing. These activities will continue into 2015.

Trainee Jesura Syslvestre toiled on his family farm for 30 years without ever turning a profit. The 69-year-old father of ten children was forced to take loans from criminals, who would charge up to 100% interest. This project has brought unprecedented changes to his life. Jesura was able to take out low-interest loans during the farming season to pay back after the harvest. Using SRI, his yield increased dramatically. Now, Jesura is finally debt-free and able to pay for his children to attend school. Oxfam reports that he believes that through a “combination of fair credit and SRI, the well-being of farmers and their families from the area can be significantly improved.”



VALLEY VERDE

# UNITED STATES

GREEN GARDENS  
IN SILICON VALLEY





## VALLEY VERDE

*“Before the garden my children would never eat vegetables... now they like all sorts of vegetables.”*

The Silicon Valley is synonymous with American innovation and its wealthy beneficiaries, but The Public Policy Institute reports that 10.6% of the population lives in poverty. In a place where the median rent for a one-bedroom apartment is \$1262 but the average monthly salary of a minimum wage worker is \$1280, Many families are struggling to make ends meet.

But there are people working to alleviate that struggle. Valley Verde, a San Jose nonprofit established in 2011, builds gardens for low-income families and teaches them organic gardening and nutrition. The average participant grows between 20-35 pounds of fresh vegetables and saves \$400-700 on grocery costs annually.

In 2013, BGR offered Valley Verde a grant to expand their project to families in the cities of Gilroy and San Jose.

The 160 families who have benefited from the grant are not only saving money – they’re improving the health of Santa Clara County’s most precious resource: its children. Mothers Erica Pecheco and Maria Diaz say the program not only provides them with vegetables, but kids who are excited about eating them. “Before the garden, my children would never eat vegetables,” Maria says. “Now they like all sorts of vegetables, including beets, lettuce, peas, and broccoli.” Participants are discovering that gardens can be as fulfilling as they are filling. Staff report a sense of com-

munity among participants, who visit each other’s gardens to get to know each other and exchange resources. Cleto Ancheta, a retiree, says he and his wife have increased their exercise through regular garden maintenance. Maria Diaz joined the program to have access to fresh, organic vegetables, but she reports a less tangible product. “Planting a garden,” she says, “has brought my family closer together.”



## OTHER PROJECTS IN BRIEF



### ***BADLAO Foundation: Economic Improvement for families in Deoghar, India***

In the impoverished Deoghar district of Jharkhand state, India, BGR and the Badlao Foundation partnered for a three-year project to improve the economic status and financial independence of women, 88% of whom are moderately to severely malnourished. The women learned to use their land more effectively and form associations to sell produce, manage finances, and hold meetings on gender issues, education, and health. In this final year, a grant from BGR extended the benefits of the project to an additional 50 families for a total of 200 beneficiary families.



### ***Bodhicitta Foundation: Girls' Hostel and Women's Job Training Center in India***

After a two-year partnership that resulted in the creation of a women's training and community center in the city of Nagpur, India, BGR and the Bodhicitta Foundation embarked upon a three-year project to create a girls' hostel for thirty girls aged 14-20. Girls live in the hostel and receive training for three years, after which they will return to their villages with the skills to start their own businesses and empower other girls.



### ***CENWOR Education and Training for Girls from Low Income Families in Sri Lanka***

The Centre for Women's Research (CENWOR) aims to promote gender equality and empower women in Sri Lanka. BGR sponsored a year-long CENWOR project intended to contend with high drop-out rates for girls. The project located ten girls not attending school, determined the reason, and provided them with the support they needed to return. CENWOR also located fifty girls who dropped out of their final years of high school and provided them with vocational training that will enable them to find employment.



### ***Ecology Action: Sustainable Mini-Farming in Rwanda and Malawi***

In Rwanda and Malawi, BGR is partnering with Ecology Action to spread an organic farming method called Grow Biointensive. This method increases the diversity and quantity of household food and provides training in health and care-giving. This is the second year of the three-year project, in which master trainers taught community farmers who will train members of their communities. Trainers in Malawi are spreading Grow Biointensive with a special focus on widows and their families.



### ***Helen Keller International: Making Markets Work for Women in Bangladesh***

BGR partnered with Helen Keller International to improve the food security for 75 extremely poor indigenous households in the Chittagong Hill Tracts, one of the poorest regions in Bangladesh. The project entered its second year in 2014 and focused on training in food production techniques, nutrition, food storage, and marketing. The project will also establish community marketing groups for women so participants can work together to process and sell their products.



### ***International Cooperation Center (ICC): Capacity building for farmers in Vietnam***

This project, renewed for the fourth time, is conducted in partnership with the International Cooperation Center of Thai Nguyen University. The program expands training in the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) to village farmers in three villages of Vo Nhai district, Thai Nguyen province. SRI results in increased yields with smaller inputs of water and fertilizer.



### ***Keep Growing Detroit: Building Oases in a Food Desert***

Keep Growing Detroit wants to transform the city's food desert into a "food sovereign Detroit" where the majority of fruits and vegetables are grown within the city limits. In 2014, BGR funding supported the expansion of local food production by providing 1500 family, community, school and market gardens with resources like seeds, plants, greenhouses, and cooking and teaching supplies. More than 500 residents attended 25 classes on basic gardening, farm and business planning, hoop house construction, cooking, and food preservation.



### ***Lotus Outreach: Rice Scholarships for Girl Students in Cambodia***

Annually BGR partners with Lotus Outreach International to supply 50 kg of rice to poor families of female students in Siem Reap and Banteay Meanchey. This rice serves as an incentive to keep girls in school. This year, the grant provided rice support to 52 impoverished families of the poorest girls in the GATE program and to 89 university students enrolled in the GATEways scholarship program. Ten out of the 89 university students received full financial and educational support for the year.



### ***Moanoghar: Support for Homeless Children's School in Bangladesh***

Moanoghar is a shelter and school for poor and homeless children of the Chittagong Hill Tracts of Bangladesh. BGR is sponsoring a three-year project to generate income to maintain the institution and support the children being schooled there. This year, the BGR sponsorship allowed for the creation of a bamboo plantation on five additional acres of land, the planting of various fruit crops, and the hiring of an additional gardener to maintain the gardens.



### *Oxfam America: Promotion of System of Crop Intensification (SCI) in Ethiopia*

Last year, BGR entered into a two-year partnership with Oxfam America on a project to improve food production in the Meki-Ziway area in Ethiopia. The project aims to meet production challenges by applying the System of Crop Intensification (SCI). This second year of the two-year project focused on building the capacity of local partners to continue SCI training and spread the method to Ethiopian farmers in other areas..



### *Oxfam India: Enhanced food security for women farmers*

In a three-year partnership with Oxfam India, BGR funded a project designed to benefit over 6500 people in 1200 households of marginal farmers in the Uttarakhand region. Its focus is on enhancing food security for women farmers in the face of a changing climate. The project increases the use of the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) and teaches sustainable agriculture without the use of pesticides. This is the final year.



### *Rachana: SRI training for poor farmers in Cambodia*

BGR has partnered annually with Rachana, a Cambodian organization dedicated to improving the socio-economic well-being of poor communities in Cambodia in spreading the use of System of Rice Intensification (SRI). The program has enabled farmers to better feed their own families and obtain a surplus to sell on the market. As a result, SRI has substantially boosted family incomes. This year's grant to the annually renewable program promoted SRI in eight villages, five old ones and three new ones.



### *Reciprocity Foundation: Starved for Meaning*

The Reciprocity Foundation's Holistic Center for Homeless Youth in New York City offers a broad variety of services for the city's homeless youth ranging from vocational training to yoga. Recently, RF piloted a vegetarian meal program, "Starved for Meaning," for youth in the program hungry for both physical nourishment and a sense of community. In 2014, BGR supported the expansion of the vegetarian meal program, including the use of social media as outreach, the purchase of groceries, retreat costs, and a nutritionist.



### *Red Cross: Scholarships for Children*

For the past five years, BGR has been sponsoring scholarships to students in elementary and middle schools in two districts of Vietnam, Cam Duong and Tam Binh. In 2014, BGR funding provided 250 Red Cross Education Scholarships for each of the two school districts, enabling children from the poorest families to attend primary and middle school. The objective of this project is to support high-achieving students to receive a primary and secondary education, enabling them to escape the cycle of poverty.



### *Red Cross: Hospital Meals Program*

In Vietnam, the price of a hospital stay does not include food. Already challenged by the hospital expenses, most patients and their families are further challenged to buy food. For six years, the Tam Binh Red Cross, the local government and Buddhist Global Relief have partnered to provide free meals to poor patients. In 2014, BGR funding provided two meals a day for 56 weeks.



### *Urban Rebuilding Initiative: Urban Community Food Project*

Designed to address issues of food insecurity and economic disparity in the Bronx, this project trains at-risk youth and formerly incarcerated men to convert local urban spaces into food production sites. The produce from these sites is provided to community safety-net programs. In 2014, BGR funds supported four inner-city farms that produced 5,000 pounds of produce for local food pantries and soup kitchens, a new fitness program, and regular workshops on sustainability, urban farming, green technology and civic action.



### *Trees that Feed Foundation: Breadfruit Program*

The Trees That Feed Foundation helps vulnerable communities establish independence from imported foods and agrochemicals by providing high-yielding fruit trees, equipment, and training to beneficiaries. In 2014, BGR funding enabled TTFF to purchase 610 breadfruit trees. Three hundred and five trees were sent to Haiti where they were distributed to the Smallholder Farmers Alliance. The other 305 trees were delivered to schools across Jamaica as a part of the Trees That Feed in Schools (TTFIS) initiative.



### *What If Foundation: Meals for Hungry Kids*

The U.S.-based What If? Foundation has worked in close partnership with members of the Ti Plas Kazo community of Port-au-Prince to provide a plate of hot, nutritious food to over a thousand children each weekday. Most of the children still live in nearby tents, but other children walk miles to attend. For most of these children, the food they receive at the Lamanjay Food Program is their only meal of the day. In 2014, BGR funding sponsored 29,000 meals.



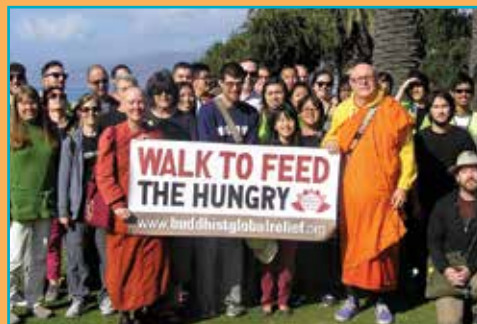
### *What If Foundation: Helping Kids go to School*

Haitians place a high value on education, but only an estimated 67% of the population can attend primary school. Statistics show that a generation of Haitians is at-risk for not having the basic knowledge and skills to succeed in the labor force and contribute to the development of the country. The What If? Foundation offers scholarships that cover the cost of tuition. The goal of the Scholarship Program is to support the students from the time they enter school through to graduation. In 2014, BGR funding provided scholarships for 38 elementary school students and 30 high school students.

# THE BGR WALKS TO FEED THE HUNGRY

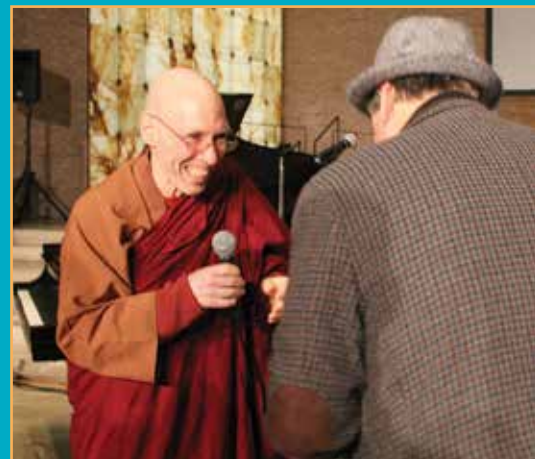
Since 2010, the Walks to Feed the Hungry have been BGR's primary fundraising and publicity events. In 2013, walks took place in San Francisco, San Jose-Mountain View and Santa Monica CA, Willington CT, Ann Arbor MI, St. Louis MO, New York NY, Seattle WA, and Houston TX. Two Solidarity Walks were held in Nagpur India, and Banteay Meanchey Cambodia, organized by recipients of BGR funding. Hundreds of people attended the Walks, and were inspired to donate and tell others about the work we are doing. We walk in the rain and in the sunshine, happy to join with other supporters and share in the joy of giving that fills our hearts!

The planning and organization of these events takes a great deal of effort, and we are grateful to those who donated their time and talents for the benefit of others. Dedicated teams of volunteers and donors are making a big difference, allowing us to keep supporting familiar projects and reach out to take on new challenges. We thank them all for their stellar efforts!



# THE BGR CONCERT TO FEED THE HUNGRY

The Concert to Feed the Hungry, held at the Interchurch Center in New York City during the spring of 2014, featured Grammy-winning bassist/vocalist Esperanza Spalding, Guggenheim Fellow pianist and composer Kenny Werner, and saxophonist Dan Blake who organized the show. Their rousing performances were supported by months of preparation by the concert volunteer team and were a wonderful chance for BGR supporters to enjoy the music together!



# COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN



Buddhist Global Relief through CFC # 74375



The 2014 fiscal year is the second to include our participation in the Combined Federal Campaign, which is the only authorized workplace giving program for the US federal government. In order to participate in the CFC, non-profits must demonstrate a high level of fiscal transparency and accountability by providing an independent auditor's report. We are proud to have been accepted into this selective program.

We believe our participation in the CFC will be of great benefit as we improve our targeting and take advantage of more opportunities the campaign affords to connect with donors. The CFC organizations that have contributed in this fiscal year are listed below. We thank them for their support, and hope that other CFC organizations will also contribute in the future. If you or anyone you know is a federal employee, please consider giving to Buddhist Global Relief through CFC # 74375 next year.

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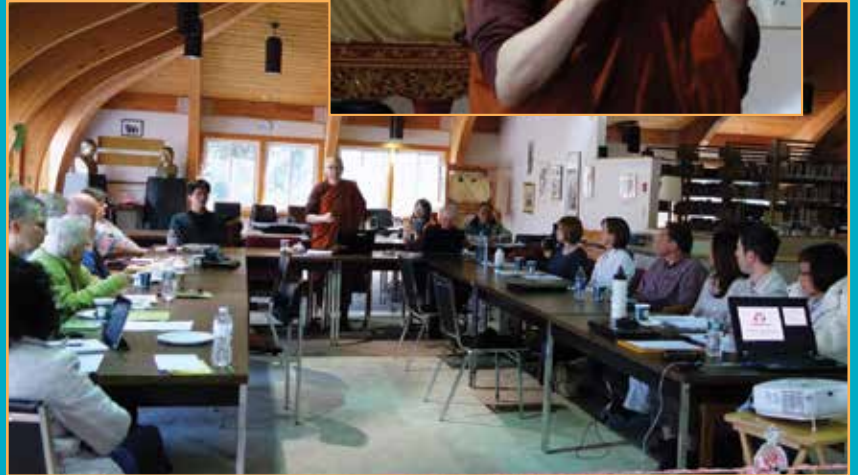
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## BADLAO FOUNDATION

The Badlao Foundation aims to fundamentally change the lives of marginalized people in Jharkhand, India, through education and community organization.

## BODHICITTA FOUNDATION

The Bodhicitta Foundation, founded in 2003 by the Australian Buddhist nun, Bhikshuni Yeshe, provides counseling, education, and women's empowerment to the Dalit community, in Nagpur, India.

## CENWOR

CENWOR (Centre for Women's Research) is a non-profit NGO founded in 1984, dedicated to helping Sri Lankan women realize their full potential and achieve equality in all spheres of life.

## ECOLOGY ACTION

Ecology Action of the Mid-Peninsula for 40 years has promoted an elegant, small-scale agricultural system, Grow Biointensive, which produces high yields, conserves resources, and meets the basic need of people to feed themselves.

## HELEN KELLER INTERNATIONAL

Helen Keller International, one of the world's oldest non-profits, works in countries throughout the world to prevent blindness and reduce malnutrition.

## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION CENTER

The International Cooperation Center of Thai Nguyen University was founded to encourage international cooperation projects, including research on poverty reduction and crop and animal production biotechnology.

## KEEP GROWING DETROIT

According to their website, "Keep Growing Detroit (KGD) exists to promote a food sovereign city where the majority of fruits and vegetables Detroiters consume are grown by residents within the city's limits." They foster healthy relationships with food by teaching people how to garden, cultivating a network of gardeners, and investing in the growth of future community leaders and food entrepreneurs.

## LOTUS OUTREACH INTERNATIONAL

Lotus Outreach International is dedicated to ensuring the education, health, and safety of at-risk and exploited women and children in the developing world, especially Cambodia and India.

## MOANOUGHAR

Moanoghar's mission is to support a secure future for the marginalized communities of the Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh by providing free or highly subsidized education to the region's children. More than 1,400 students are currently studying at Moanoghar.

## OXFAM AMERICA

One of the 17 members of the Oxfam confederation, Oxfam America works to "right the wrongs of poverty, hunger, and injustice" with innovative projects, social justice campaigns, and public education in more than 90 countries.

## OXFAM INDIA

Oxfam India is a fully independent Indian organization marking its 62nd year fighting poverty and injustice and creating a more equal, just, and sustainable world.

## RACHANA

Rachana is a Cambodian non-governmental organization that has been promoting health care and ecologically sustainable agriculture among rural populations in Cambodia since 1994.

## LOCATIONS OF OUR PROJECTS



### RECIPROCITY FOUNDATION

The Reciprocity Foundation founded a Holistic Center for Homeless Youth in New York City where it offers counseling, vocational training and college preparatory coaching, as well as meditation, yoga, and retreats. The Center initiated the visionary “Starved for Meaning” vegetarian meal program to address student hunger for wholesome food, community and dialogue.

### SHAMBALA FOUNDATION

Shambala Foundation, registered in 2013, is dedicated to alleviating poverty in Asia. They develop community-based, long-term solutions with a focus on projects and programs that promote education for disadvantaged communities. Their Orphanage Without Walls program supports 650 orphans and their foster families by providing educational, social, and financial support so that each child may remain in school and develop the skills necessary to rise out of poverty.

### TREES THAT FEED

The Trees That Feed Foundation helps communities in developing countries by planting high-yielding fruit trees that feed, create jobs, and benefit the environment. They help develop local markets for excess food production (such as breadfruit flour) and assist subsistence farmers into transforming their fields into agro-forests, planting shade-tolerant trees under the canopies of larger, fruit-bearing trees.

### URBAN REBUILDING INITIATIVE

The Urban Community Food Project was founded by the Urban Rebuilding Initiative to address issues of food insecurity, physical fitness, and economic disparity in the Bronx, New York. The project trains at-risk youth, young adults, and formerly incarcerated men to convert urban spaces in local neighborhoods into food production sites.

### VALLEY VERDE

Valley Verde’s aim is to increase self-sufficiency and healthy eating through development of organic gardening skills and leadership of low-income immigrants and people of color across Santa Clara County, California.

### VIETNAM RED CROSS

The Vietnam Red Cross, founded in 1946, serves those affected by poverty and provides health care, emergency assistance, and humanitarian relief for the ill and victims of war and natural disasters.

### WHAT IF? FOUNDATION

The What If? Foundation works with Haitian partners to provide much-needed food and educational opportunities to impoverished children in Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

# ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

*Buddhist Global Relief is deeply committed to providing relief to the poor and needy throughout the world. To that end, we seek to use our resources with utmost efficiency in order to provide as much assistance as possible for our projects.*

*During the fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014), our sixth year of service, our revenues totaled \$390,804 as compared to \$358,382 in fiscal year 2013, an increase of 9%. Our expenditures totaled \$426,055 of which \$390,957, or 92%, were allocated to direct programs. Our administrative ratio was 3%, and another 5% was devoted to fundraising and promotion. A large portion of the administrative expenses incurred during this fiscal year were spent in securing an independent auditor's report for BGR from German, Vreeland & Associates, LLP, which enabled BGR to participate in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). CFC is the world's largest annual workplace charity campaign with pledges made by federal employees.*

*We are deeply grateful for your continued support!*



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## Statement of Activities

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014

### REVENUE

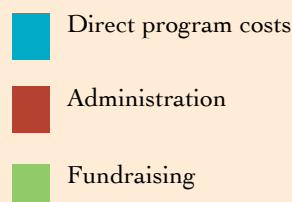
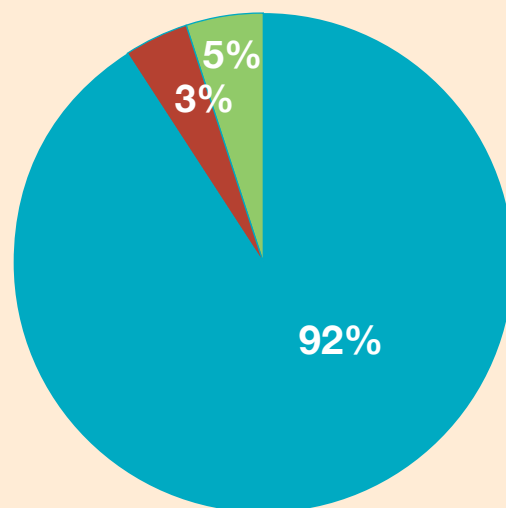
Revenue	
Individual & Business Contributions	\$ 310,904
Non-Profit Organization Contributions	17,147
Foundation Grants	59,087
Donated Goods & Services	3,597
Investment Income	69
Total Revenue	\$ 390,804

### EXPENDITURES

Expenditures	
Direct Program Costs	390,957
Administration	15,240
Fundraising	19,858
Total Expenditures	426,055
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ (35,251)

Administration as a % of total revenue= 3.90%

### Expenses by Category



## Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2014

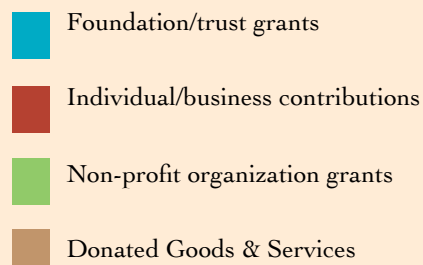
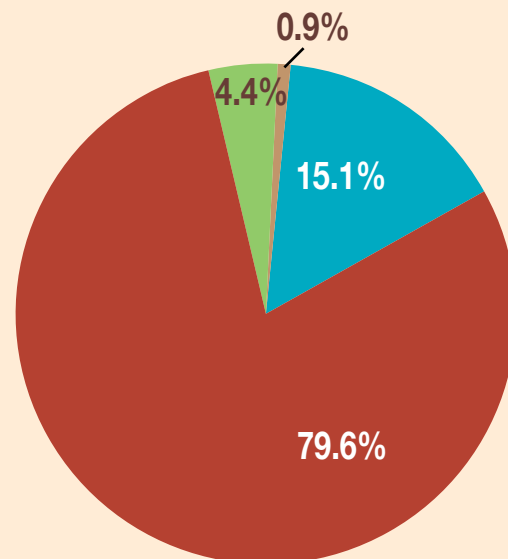
### ASSETS

Assets	
Cash	
Checking	13,409
Money Market	73,416
Total Cash	86,825
Short-Term Investments	1,100
Total Assets	\$ 87,925

### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	1,810
Total Liabilities	1,810
Fund Balances	
Fund Balance Jul 1, 2013	121,366
Surplus (Deficit)	(35,251)
Fund Balance Jun 30, 2014	86,115
Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 87,925

### Revenue by Source



# ANNUAL SUPPORT

Buddhist Global Relief would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for their support and partnership during the 2014 fiscal year, July 2013 - June 2014. Your generous donations during this year have allowed Buddhist Global Relief to expand our range of projects, thereby providing relief for more people whom are afflicted by poverty, hunger and malnutrition. We owe heartfelt thanks to our friends listed on these pages and to many others we do not have the space to include here. Together, you provide the support that enables us to serve people living in poverty. We are grateful for your generosity.

Each donor is important to us. If your name is not listed correctly, please accept our apologies and notify BGR by calling us toll free at 1-888-852-7579, or email us at [info@buddhistglobalrelief.org](mailto:info@buddhistglobalrelief.org).

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Amitabha Buddhist Society of USA  
Sokol Braha  
Jon Kabat-Zinn  
Jimmy Nguyen  
Joy L. Robinson  
Shoyo Taniguchi  
Gavin Towler

## 1,000 to 2,499

Buddhist Association of the United States  
Common Ground Meditation Center  
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Sanghapala Foundation  
Stull Family Foundation  
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Kathy Wu  
Cheng Zhang

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Fa Yu Temple, Inc.  
Apple Matching Gifts Program  
Bodhi Monastery  
Insight Meditation Society  
Sravasti Abbey-Idaho  
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# DONATIONS



Your donations feed children, send children to school and provide adults with the skills to improve their livelihoods, and help farmers improve their methods so they can feed their families more, and more nutritious, food. Even small donations can change the world for

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We welcome both one-time and recurring donations. BGR is a 501(c)(3) organization, so your gift is deductible to the full extent allowable under IRS regulations. There are many ways to donate.

## DONATE ON-LINE

Make a secure donation with your credit card via PayPal or Network for Good by selecting the "Donate" option on our website: [www.buddhistglobalrelief.org](http://www.buddhistglobalrelief.org).

## SEND A PERSONAL CHECK, CASHIER'S CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER

Please make your check payable to:  
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## HOLD AN EVENT

Hold a walk event, a day of mindfulness, a chant-in, a bike ride, or host your own special event to raise funds and share information about the work of BGR.

## COMBINED FEDERAL CAMPAIGN (CFC)

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