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*Building a world where all people can be happy*

*AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation is excited to announce that as of July 2012, our grant totals has exceeded half of a million dollars! We think this is an absolutely amazing accomplishment for a foundation without an endowment and without wealthy benefactors. The secret to our success is our many generous supporters. Please give yourselves a big pat on the back for a job well done... Now that we have taken a minute to celebrate our success, let's all get back to work because there is much left to be accomplished.

## Renewed Grants



We are pleased to award our third grant to **Friends of Nepal Pariwar Foundation** for the support of reproductive health services clinics in remote sections of Nepal. The mountains of Nepal provide a real challenge to trekkers from all over the world, but are part of the day to day reality of the villagers. The \$5,000 grant goes toward the salaries of nurse-midwives, delivery kits, and training of additional nurse mid-wives. Our past grants have paid the salaries of 3 nurse-midwives. Each nurse-midwife provides reproductive health services to an average of 1,400 women per year, so the increased numbers has a real impact on the community.



**Global Emergency Care Collaborative (GECC)** - Alex Blake, a 2011 Volunteer Service Award recipient, spent months in rural Uganda working with GECC. His project was to research what could be done to better educate the community about responding to potential medical emergencies prior to getting to the hospital, and is the basis for the pilot program which



is being funded by a \$10,000 grant from the *AllPeopleBeHappy* foundation. The Prehospital Emergency Resources (PER) program is a 4-part project of community and clinic education programming on recognition of acute illnesses and utilization of available health services. The four parts consist of 1) community outreach through radio programming, and development of a cadre of Village Emergency Responders, 2) workshops at outpatient clinics, 3) phone and text messaging communication between hospital emergency department /clinics / community, and 4) anthropologic medical assessment on why and how people seek emergency care.

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## New Grant



Founded in 2010, **Cercle Social** is a membership organization of ex-pat Benin citizens dedicated to helping their native country. Their desire to give back led them to offer scholarship support to deserving high school students. Their efforts are being expanded with the aid of an *AllPeopleBeHappy* grant awarded to provide computer training for the high school of Tori Agouako in Benin. The \$5,000 is for the purchase of computers and related equipment. For those of you who are unfamiliar with Benin, it is in West Africa and borders Nigeria.



## Volunteer Service Awards



We are pleased to announce that we have awarded two more Volunteer Service Award grants, bringing the current total for 2012 awards to 13. Congratulations to **Kauleen Menard** who is currently working in Burundi with **Village Health Works** on the education initiative which is being funded by an *AllPeopleBeHappy* grant.

**Alexa Torres-Skillicorn** plans to spend 9 months volunteering with **The Maya Nut Institute** in Nicaragua. The objective is to create consensus among stakeholders (landowners, communities, cooperatives and the Dept. of Forestry, among others) to facilitate the government's implementation of their forest management plan, which encompasses one of the most important Maya Nut forests in Nicaragua.



**Paula Pardo** volunteered with **Global Student Embassy** in Morogoro, Tanzania in March-June of this year. Her project evolved during her time there. By the end of the 3 months she partnered with an agronomy teacher at a school for deaf children, taught tree grafting and worked with the students to plant an orchard for the school. Working with student volunteers from the Morogoro secondary school, the grounds of a local orphanage were cleaned, beds for its garden were rebuilt, and a path was cleared from the orphanage to the school many of the children attend. In addition the girls at the secondary school were given the opportunity to develop their creative skills, and at the same time had the opportunity to discuss pressing issues such as teen pregnancy. The following is from the report Paola submitted: "My Volunteer job in Morogoro can be best described as challenging. It tested my patience, and my determination to move forward. ... I am happy and proud to know that I made an impact on a community and enriched people's lives, as they have mine. "

