Time seems to fly by, especially this time of year. It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating the beginning of a new millennium, and here we are at the end of its 2nd decade! This is also the end of the Foundation’s 12th year, and thanks to our many supporters, we have been able to invest $1.8 million dollars in people and communities around the developing world. Helping them with basic necessities: better health care access, teachers with better training, better nutrition, solarized schools, cleaner water… Though there is still so much to do, there are people in this connected world of ours, who because of these investments, have the opportunity to find happiness. We hope that you will continue to invest in the Foundation, and donate today [http://www.allpeoplebehappy.org/donate/](http://www.allpeoplebehappy.org/donate/).

New Partner

It is hard not to love an organization called Superkids! As we noted in an earlier newsletter, The Superkids Foundation, working in Paraguay, trains 4th-6th graders as Kid Teachers. After their training, these mentors work with local elementary schools to tutor younger students. The training they go through has many facets. “In our first lesson, we spoke about superheroes and their qualities and abilities. We then spoke about superheroes in our everyday lives, including parents, grandparents, doctors, firefighters, and other community leaders… Our second lesson taught Gardner’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences, including visual, musical, numerical, verbal, self, natural, social, and kinesthetic. We discussed that each person may have different strengths in their types of intelligence, and each student practiced identifying where their intelligences are strongest… Our next lesson focused on conflict resolution. We offered tools the students can utilize in everyday
These are lessons that all of us can learn from.

Saying Goodbye to a Long Time Partner

During the summer we learned that one of our long-time partners, Kossoye Development Project (KDP) decided to shut down its U.S. organization. This was a bittersweet decision for them. They began with a simple idea, to provide seeds to local school children in Northern Ethiopia and train them on how to maintain kitchen gardens. Over the years the effort grew and through the encouragement of KDP, local universities established agricultural departments and began to expand the impact of this effort. In the Spring of 2009, at the end of their 1st grant year, KDP reported on successful gardens in the hundreds. By the Spring of 2019, KDP’s accomplishments included:

- Distributing sets of seeds to 150,000 individuals, **10 universities**, and several non-profit organizations. In the abstract, this would add a vegetable dish to the meals of 150,000 families
- Conducting 10 trainings and workshops for teachers in the North Gondar Zone.
- Organizing a workshop on seed production for 60 contract seed farmers in the North Gondar zone.
- Funding gardening workshops for teachers at 9 Amhara regions.
- Employing 147 seed packers on a part-time, piece work basis.
- Purchasing seeds from more than 100 local vegetable seed producers.
- Supporting collaborative projects with Hope for Tomorrow, an organization that serves single mothers and their children in the Gondar area.
- Providing a small grant for the second year of a two-year horticulture research project to produce cabbage seeds.

Though the political climate in Ethiopia played a part in KDP’s decision, the success of their transfer of knowledge to universities throughout Northern Ethiopia will ensure the long-term sustainability of their efforts.