

World Health Ambassador Newsletter

Season's greeting
Fall 2008 edition



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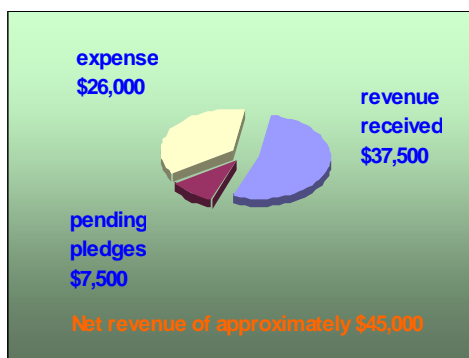
Blue Hawaii 2 made its marks on the community!

The Blue Hawaii 2 was a tremendously successful event. The event was filled to capacity with an enthusiastic crowd of over 400 guests dressed up in beautiful tropical Hawaiian outfits graced with colorful leis. The attendees and corporate sponsors came out to offer whole hearted support for the World Health Ambassador Program. The evening commenced with a cocktail hour where our guests have an opportunity

to mingle, and network among friends, colleagues, business owners and other professionals. The brand new Westin Hotel, adorned by displays of beautiful art work which also served as silent art auction items, made this a wonderful venue to start a conversation with

Sincere thanks go out to the many wonderful team members, supporters, friends and families who had helped to make this a very successful event.

Blue Hawaii 2 results



friends. Promptly at 7 PM, the main doors to the banquet hall opened and guests were greeted by Hawaiian music, surf and wave sound, and treated to a gourmet Hawaiian menu catered by the Westin chef specifically for this event. Our MC, Anthony Rosato, a former radio and TV personality in Pittsburg, now working with Astra Zeneca Pharmaceutical, did a fantastic job coordinating the program. He introduced our key note speaker, Mrs. Mina T. Nguyen,

*"Suffering is less
when you are there
to help."*

Hawaiian dancers delighted
the audience



“One of the most elegant and enjoyable evenings I have had in a long time” Dr. R. Zaheer



Key note speaker: Ms. Mina T. Nguyen
World Health Ambassador Chairwoman
for Foreign Affair

who was former Director of Government Affairs for the Republican National Committee and former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Business Affairs under Secretary Henry Paulson. Mrs. Mina Nguyen is currently serving as the chairwoman for foreign affair for the World Health Ambassador Program. Mrs. Nguyen gave a very heart warming talk, and was commented as being “a dynamic speaker that touched their hearts.” Ms. Baochau Bui, the Blue Hawaii 2 coordinator, gave the welcoming remarks, followed by Dr. Thien Do, the WHA director, who spoke about the goals of the WHA. Ms. Caroline Ngo, the team's attorney, spoke about recent program accomplishments in Cambodia,

Vietnam, and Laos. She highlighted the WHA Medical Assistance Program (MAP) that sponsored three children (ages 3 to 5) with severe, life threatening congenital heart disease from diagnosis to surgery. All three children are currently recovering in Can Tho, Vietnam. This MAP program utilized local facilities and resources. The funding, diagnosis, and surgeries were reliant upon the volunteer services and resources of the WHA Program. After these short presentations, the audience was treated to South Pacific Island dances from the Atogi's original Hawaiian dance troops. The performers, in their colorful customs, delighted both the young and the old. Everyone worked diligently to make this a very successful evening.



Typhoon Hagupit flooding Laos villages

The Laos Embassy liaison informed our program that, barring any last minute changes, the Laos Ministry of Health will assign the World Health Ambassador medical & dental team to help take care some of the orphanages and villages that have been flooded from the recent torrential heavy rain from typhoon Hagupit.

(KPL) Oct. 2nd, 2008 - Mr. Somsavat Lengsavad, Standing Deputy Prime Minister accompanied with ministers of public health and public work and transport on 28th September visited the northern province of Oudomsay to inspect the flooded areas due to the heavy rain on 25th-26th of September from Typhoon Hagupit. Mr. Somsavat and his delegation was warmly received by the provincial administration and briefed about the situation of flooding from Mr. Khampheng Chithavong, head of provincial task force for flooding prevention. Mr. Khampheng disclosed that 33 villages with 790 household were flooded during the two day heavy rain in the chief town of Say district. He said that 40 houses were destroyed, one person was killed and one person was seriously wound. Mr. Khampheng also said that the flood also damaged 400 ha of cultivation areas and a number of irrigation system was destroyed.

The first estimate of damage was around 10 billion kip. This was the third time for Oudomsay province to suffer from flooding.



Typhoon Hagupit struck coastal Southeast Asia on September 25, 2008

Vientiane Times

“Typhoon Hagupit leaves 17 dead in Southern China”

Bloomberg Sept. 25, 2008

“Flooding from Hagupit took 41 lives in Northern Vietnam”

New York Times October 5, 2008

“Waterborne diseases rising as typhoon's flooding aftermath”

United Nation's IRIN October 1, 2008

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Laos medical & dental mission – November 2nd to 13th, 2008

This upcoming Laos mission will be the WHA program's largest mission to date. The 22 member team includes physicians, dentists, pharmacists, nurses and support staff and will bring along 1,100 lbs of medicine and medical equipment. The mission will provide care for the typhoon inflicted villages and provide medical teaching and advanced medical instrument to a local hospital in Vientiane, Laos. **Daily internet blog and pictures** will be posted to the WHA website at www.whausa.org so our members can follow along while the team is deployed in Laos.



Village children anxiously awaiting for medical check up

You can help also...

Volunteering your time is a great way to help. The WHA program has grown to more than 250 members across the U.S. and now has interested members from abroad including Canada, Egypt, Philippines and India. With this growth, the program needs assistance in all areas of administration and logistic support. If you can help, please contact us at worldhealthambassador@yahoo.com.

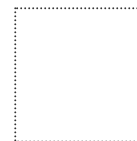
Your generous donations go a long way with our program. At the total cost of just \$4975, our 2008 Medical Assistance Program (MAP) provided life saving corrective heart operations for 3 children with severe congenital heart ailments in Can Tho, Vietnam. Your contributions are tax deductible and can be made online at www.whausa.org

Special thanks to our corporate supporters whose generous contributions continue to help the WHA in its efforts to provide care to those who need it most.



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