



Susila Dharma USA

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

All over the world, Subud members are working to improve the lives of others, both in their material lives and to bring light and hope to their hearts and minds—to improve the condition of the Spirit of our communities and of our world. Bapak told us this Spirit was also a kind of Jiwa.

In the past Susila Dharma has focused mainly on the organized projects that have been created by Subud members: wonderful projects in Indonesia, India, Africa, Latin America, Europe, Canada and here in the United States.

We are increasingly aware that a great deal of the charitable work and the contribution of Subud members occurs invisibly. Individuals contribute their time and their money in immediate and personal ways, or they contribute to valuable organizations that are outside of the Susila Dharma network. And, local Subud groups are contributing to local organizations in their communities.

We want to support this Spirit of Giving in whatever form it takes, for we know it is a sign of the awakening Spirit within us. Sometimes Susila Dharma can do this with financial support, but sometimes we need to simply recognize the Spirit when it manifests and pay attention.

For who are the poor? Do they live in Africa, in Borneo, in India? In a very real sense, we all exist in poverty and inasmuch as we are alive, it is by the gift of God and the love of humankind—each of us a king or a queen, all of us beggars.

We, the board of directors, thank you for your ongoing kindness and generous support.

With Love,

Aminah Herrman—Chair

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Susila Dharma USA is an affiliate of Subud USA. We support the charitable efforts of Subud members and their grassroots, community-based projects in the USA and around the world.



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ANISHA, KARNATAKA, INDIA*

Anisha, directed by Valli Krishnaswamy, serves village families in Karnataka, India. Anisha works to slow the flight from village to urban slum in search of work. There are not enough public high schools in the region, the cost of private high school is prohibitive for many, and children are usually expected to begin working to help support their families after the seventh level. SD USA's grant of \$4,9040 supports Anisha's efforts to help young people complete high school, giving parents the opportunity to further their children's education and bring hope for a more rewarding future.

SD USA has also received a grant from the **Guru Krupa Foundation**, enabling Anisha to conduct the first year of a four-year organic kitchen garden project, "Agricultural Sustainability through Children's Kitchen Gardens in Rural Chamarajnagar District, Karnataka State, India." Fourteen hundred middle-school students will be taught to plant kitchen gardens to improve the nutritional and financial health of their families. (photo on page 8; Guru Krupa Foundation: www.guru-krupa.org.)

BINA CITA UTAMA SCHOOL (BCU) KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA

Bina Cita Utama (BCU), located in Kalimantan, was granted \$4000 to renovate the school kitchen this past year. The school kitchen regularly provides meals for 130 students, 33 teachers and staff, and occasional guests. The renovation provides a way for the children to pick up their lunches without passing through the kitchen. At a recent event for 350 people the new kitchen functioned beautifully. The kitchen garden adjacent to the school adds significantly to the school's ongoing commitment to sustainable practices.

CAMP BADGER—CALIFORNIA

"Camp Badger" serves children from the Sierra foothills and the Central California Valley, where the majority of families live below the poverty level. Many have never been to a forest, hiked, or even been swimming. Campers gain exposure to the arts and to environmental experiences that enrich their understanding of themselves and their place in the world. Some campers are now of an age to become counselors! The SD USA grant of \$4,000 supports scholarships for inclusive attendance.

Many of the kids who come to Camp Badger have never seen a forest or climbed a mountain, even though the California wilderness is close by.



These children will have the opportunity for a full high school education and may go on to University, thanks to Anisha, an SD project in India.



BCU Students are active participants, working to improve life in Kalimantan.





A Child's Garden of Peace: "I have never in my life picked so many pieces of glass out of the ground!"

A CHILD'S GARDEN OF PEACE, TRANSNATIONAL

A Child's Garden of Peace is a collaborative effort founded and directed by Dr. Illène Pevec to create gardens where children can play in peace and learn to grow food for themselves and their families. CGP acts always in collaboration with other educational entities and foundations. The garden at Casa Cuna is part of a multi-faceted project. The children, aging from two to six years, are taught how to plant seeds and plants, and then care for the resulting garden. Formerly a garbage dump, the space has been turned into rich garden plots that will produce vegetables and fruits. A Child's Garden of Peace continues to work in Colorado, USA, as well as in São Borja and Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. SD USA granted AGC \$800.

ELDERBERRY, USA

Started by Mardiyah Tarantino at the request of Ibu Rahayu, Elderberry seeks to provide incidental funds for volunteers to travel and encourage elder members to attend latihan or provide other small assistance. SD USA gave them \$1000.



Gene Castillo, front and center in Subud Boston! Elderberry helps elderly Subud members stay active and involved with their Subud communities.

INNER CITY SCHOOLS PROJECT, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, USA

Directed by Hamidatun Karapetian, this project provides art and school supplies, books, clothes, blankets, pillows, or food, as needed, every month to two schools in downtown Los Angeles. SD USA granted \$3,410.



Inner City Schools brings clothing and art supplies to school children in Downtown Los Angeles.



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INTERNATIONAL CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (ICDP), TRANSNATIONAL

ICDP is headquartered in Oslo, Norway and is based on “Eight Guidelines for Good Interaction” and “Seven Principles of Sensitizing” which emphasize expression of emphatic and loving feelings toward children both verbally and non verbally. Funds are used to implement a program in Quindio, Columbia, *Tambien soy persona (I am a Person, Too)*, using principles developed in Norway. The hope of this project is to effect visible change in the behavior, attitudes and childrearing practices of parents, as well as an improvement in the quality of care provided by teachers and community members. SD USA granted them \$2,000.



ICDP brings training in parenting for parents and caregivers to many fractured communities around the world, including the United States.

QUEST CENTER, PORTLAND, OREGON, USA

The Quest Center for Integrative Health, located in Portland, Oregon, and founded by Lusijah Marx, provides health services and support to people dealing with HIV, addiction recovery, cancer survival, and homelessness, often through alternative health measures. Funds were requested for their Community Nutrition Nights, which provides shared meals that are associated with Wellness Workshops. SD USA granted them \$5,000



I Protect Me: Celeste and Taryn demonstrate how to put a child into the recovery position.

I PROTECT ME, SOUTH AFRICA

I Protect Me (IPM) trains women and children to protect themselves against sexual attack without using weapons. IPM also aims to challenge and correct attitudes towards gender-based violence and raise the awareness of boys so that they change sexual attitudes. Its vision is to give self-protection and protective behaviour training to every school child in South Africa so that they can protect themselves and to encourage a new generation of young people to challenge attitudes towards gender-based violence in South Africa, known as the ‘rape capital of the world’. [SD USA is reviewing IPM’s grant application for the 2018 granting period.] Read more: <https://www.susiladharm.org/project/i-protect-me/>

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/5fE0wdda95I>

SUBUD SAN DIEGO, USA

\$1,600 was given to Subud San Diego to furnish school supplies to a community of brickmaker’s children in Tijuana, Mexico. The project directors are Mikail Collins and Athena Solbeck.



Subud San Diego worked with *Los Ladrillos* (the brickmakers community) in Tijuana, Mexico.



The new hospital building at SD DR Congo's "Mother and Child Hospital at Kwilu Ngongo

SD DRC—MOTHER & CHILD HOSPITAL AT KWILU NGONGO, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

SD USA gave \$4,000 last year to help create a new hospital in Kwilu Ngongo, DRC, which will be primarily devoted to promoting healthcare for mothers and infants during pregnancy, childbirth and the first years of the life of the child. Funding for the hospital is coming primarily from the Buchan Family Foundation and the German government. SD USA's contribution will go towards bringing SDIA advisors in to help with architecture, construction, and developing a locally governed and thoroughly transparent system of management so that the hospital will be able to become sustainable through local, community funding and governance.



Usaha Mulia Abadi provides Nutritional Supplements to children. Everybody helps out.

SUSILA DHARMA INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION (SDIA), TRANSNATIONAL

SDIA depends on the support of the national SD organizations to carry out its task of coordination and development of international SD efforts. SD USA contributed \$8,035.

USAHA MULIA ABADI (UMA), MEXICO

UMA, established in 2008, is a program that provides nutritional supplements to low income children up to eight years of age. The funding requested was for administration of the program in San Miguel Atlauta, Mexico. The grant is for measuring equipment, informational materials for parents and teachers, and delivery of the product to the children's schools. SD USA granted \$3,000.

THE WOMEN WORLDWIDE INITIATIVE (TWWI), NEW YORK CITY, USA

Uraidah Hassani started The Women's Worldwide Initiative (TWWWI) in New York City. The project seeks to inspire and educate young women in low-income communities in New York City and in the developing world. TWWI has initiated an after-school leadership, educational and personal development program called, *Young Women Rock!*, for high school girls in local communities. [SD USA did not fund TWWI for 2017, but we expect to be supporting them again in 2018 funding year]



The Women's Worldwide Initiative works to help young women in difficult, urban communities find a voice and a direction.



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YAYASAN PERMAKULTUR KALIMANTAN, KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA (YPK)

YPK developed a Sustainable Land Management Program in response to the environmental and social issues in the region of Central Kalimantan. As part of this program YPK will demonstrate alternative approaches to land management. Numerous strategies will be used at the small-scale demonstration site. The availability of a functioning permaculture demonstration site is crucial to the success of this program as it will be the first integrated permaculture demonstration site in the region available to our target group. SD USA granted \$4,000.

YAYASAN SAUDARA SEJIWA (YSS) WEST JAVA, INDONESIA

Indonesian Disaster Risk Index released by the National Disaster Management Agency in 2011 stated that the West Java was ranked 2nd among the provinces with a high level of vulnerability. One factor is the number of threats that exist in the province of West Java such as volcanoes, ground movement, flooding, landslides, drought, earthquakes, tsunamis, and tornado like wind disaster. Disaster education in schools becomes the most important program conducted with the aim to help children and teenagers play an important role in efforts to save lives and protect members of the public at the time of disaster. SD USA gave \$2,100 for educating young people in disaster avoidance.

YAYASAN TAMBUHAK SINTA (YTS) KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA

Tambahak Sinta's mission is to promote and support the sustainable and equitable development of village communities in Kalimantan. YTS supports education, health services, economic development, and infrastructure. SD USA granted YTS \$5,000 as part of ongoing support for development of freshwater pond aquaculture (fish farming) as a new kind of enterprise and a new source of protein for village communities in transition from traditional slash and burn agriculture and nomadic, hunter/gatherer way of life.

YTS works with villagers in Kalimantan to help them establish legal rights to their lands and to make the transition to a cash economy. Fish are a staple of the local diet, yet villagers are having to purchase fish imported from Java. YTS is training villagers to run fish hatcheries as the basis of local fish farming.



YPK's founder and lead permaculture consultant, Jayadi Paembonan, explaining the nitrogen fixing properties of this albasia tree.



An urban street band—YSS works with teenagers and young adults to provide training and opportunities.





YUM's Elderly Health initiative helps the community by helping its elders maintain health and proper nutrition..



Quest Center for Integrative Health provides health services and support for HIV, addiction recovery, cancer survival, and homelessness.



CHARITY IS A FOUNDATION OF LIFE IN THIS WORLD

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...there is established in every religion the need for charity, for social responsibility; and this social work or charity is a foundation for man's life in this world—because it is from this foundation that man can remember and feel the needs of his fellow human beings. This social work or charity is actually man's payment, or return for his life in this world. And this is something that man needs for himself: do not imagine that it is God who requires service from man, for God is all-mighty and all-powerful. He needs nothing whatsoever from man. It is man who needs to serve and to know his own fellow human beings as a foundation for his life in this world.

From: ***The Real Fruit of the Latihan***
Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo
Herk-de-Stad, Belgium, July 16, 1977

YAYASAN USAHA MULIA (YUM), KALIMANTAN, INDONESIA

Founded in 1960, YUM helps the poorest of the poor. They currently run numerous sustainable social welfare and environmental projects in Kalimantan and Cipanas, West Java. Their programs include vocational training for thousands of local villagers, computer training and access, as well as English language classes. SD USA granted them \$5,000.

Human Force Camp at Yayasan Permakultur Kalimantan:
“Holding the seeds of the future.”