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Annual Report 2017

2017—A year of continual change.

The good work of Susila Dharma has continued, initiated by members across the globe. SD USA has succeeded in supplying grants to projects in Mexico, India, Indonesia, Peru, the Democratic Republic of Congo, South Africa, and the United States. We have joined with other SD Nationals on larger projects, including SD Canada, SD France, SD Great Britain, SD Netherlands, SD Norway and SD Mexico. Working in these teams feeds our spirit!

Susila Dharma needs to adapt to changing times. As we continue to foster the compassionate work of projects around the world, we also recognize the difficulties facing people in our communities here at home: the needs of the homeless, the elderly, low income families, the handicapped, and disadvantaged youth go unaddressed. Many of our members have expressed the wish to take action. Part of the work ahead must include ways to support Subud members wishing to help the disadvantaged within their own communities.

This year, Susila Dharma USA is creating a fund that will be available to Subud members in the United States who wish to respond to the needs in their local communities. This fund, called the Melinda Wallis Memorial Fund, should be officially in place before the end of the year. Melinda was Subud USA's office manager for many years. She was a woman of action, helping many of us in Subud and within her local community. We are grateful for her shining example and can do spirit.

We are also extending our reach as we look for grants and opportunities outside of our Subud membership. It was always Bapak's vision that SD work with other organizations to provide for those in need. In order to expand in this way, we need two new board members with experience, and willingness to grow with us, by enhancing our communications and grant writing capacity. We must reach out to grow!

In closing I would like to express thanks to all who have supported the work of Susila Dharma USA. Thank you to our faithful donors who make it possible for us to *take action* in this world. Please join us in any way that you can. Thank You!

With Love,

Aminah Herrman, Chair SDUSA and The SD USA Board of Directors

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Areas of Service

Community Development Environment Families, Children & Education Health

Project Locations

Democratic Republic of Congo India Indonesia Mexico Peru

South Africa
United States

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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USA

A Child's Garden Of Peace, Transnational

A Child's Garden of Peace (ACGP) works with impoverished communities to create gardens where children can play in peace and learn to grow food for themselves and their families. The 2017 grant enabled ACGP to work at the Casa Cuna garden in Puebla, Mexico (established during the 2014 Subud World Congress). Numerous trainings were held for staff and community members on how to fully utilize the garden for children's physical, social and emotional well-being. The site, formerly a garbage dump, is now a thriving garden that provides food and nature activities for over 80 children. In the coming year, ACGP will be collaborating with Wawa Illari (another Susila Dharma project) in Peru. SD USA granted \$1400.

Camp Badger, Badger, CA

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. Many campers return year after year, and some have even become counselors! SD USA granted \$5,300 to support scholarships for inclusive attendance.

Elderberry, USA

The Elderberry Program was created in 2013 as a result of Ibu Rahayu's message to Susila Dharma: "It is my hope that Susila Dharma take care of the spiritual needs of the elder Subud members in the United States." Elderberry coordinates volunteers and provides incidental funds to enable older Subud members to attend latihan and Congresses. SD USA granted \$2,000.

Camp Badger

Inner City Schools Project, Los Angeles, CA

This project serves four schools in downtown Los Angeles, where many families live on less than \$10,000 a year and in shelters or transient housing. Public schools have received less and less government funding for school and art supplies in recent years; non-affluent districts do not have the means to fill in gap for student needs. The Inner City Schools Project provides monthly donations of art and school supplies, books, clothing, blankets and food. SD USA granted \$3000.



Inner City Schools



Quest Center for Integrative Health

Quest Center for Integrative Health, Portland, OR

The Quest Center provides healthcare services, education and inclusive community support to people seeking a wellness-focused approach to living. Quest serves marginalized communities—people living with HIV, addiction, chronic pain and mental health issues. In 2017 Quest launched three new facilities. SD USA granted \$4000 to assist with their weekly Community Nutrition Night, epowering, nurturing, and supporting supports the community through shared meals and workshops.

Smile Partners, Seattle, WA

This project provides preventive oral health services to low-income children and seniors in the Puget Sound area of Washington. Tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease, affecting almost six out of ten children by the third grade. Smile Partners delivers dental services in a colorful bus fully equipped with dental facilities. SD USA granted \$1000 to support the dental hygiene program in local schools.



Tijuana Family Outreach

Tijuana Family Outreach, San Diego, CA and Tijuana, Mexico

Run by Subud Sand Diego, this project supports over 100 families from El Florido, a low-resource area on the outskirts of Tijuana, Mexico. Most of the residents, called "Los Ladrilleros" ("The Brickmakers") live in shacks and work in the local brick plant. The project offers resources for families to improve their lives and build relationships with neighbors, providing community integration to isolated families. Ongoing projects include: School Supply Giveaway, day, Day of the Child Celebration, Easter celebration, Christmas celebration, and monthly lunches with lifeskills workshops facilitated by staff from the local university. This year, they added monthly baking classes for women to make baked products to sell for extra income. SD USA granted \$1,500

CENTRAL & SOUTH AMERICA

Casa Cuna, Puebla, Mexico

Casa Cuna is a free-of-charge childcare center in Puebla, Mexico serving young children from poor and dysfunctional families. During the 2014 Subud World Congress, Subud members and community volunteers came together to transform an abandoned lot in the corner of Casa Cuna's premises into a vegetable garden and orchard. Since that time, numerous Subud members have volunteered their time at Casa Cuna to help maintain the garden and raise the overall standard of education at the center. In the last few years, Casa Cuna has gone from being staffed by "nurses" who functioned as babysitters, to employing qualified teachers trained in childhood development and environmental education. SD USA granted \$2,000 in 2017 for the purpose of supplementing teachers' salaries, to provide incentive for the higher qualified staff to remain at the center.

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International Child Development Program (ICDP), Transnational

ICDP is headquartered in Oslo, Norway and is based on an educational model using "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. ICDP works in over 26 countries around the world to promote the welfare of children and youth often impacted by poverty and violence-torn societies. In 2017, SD USA granted \$2000 to deliver ICDP training to 16 families living in rural Pachacamac, Peru outside of Lima. Both trainers and parents reported very positive results from the training sessions. ICDP also did preparatory work for a much larger collaborative project that was projected for the area in 2018 involving use of ICDP principles along with several other major components of healthy child development.

Usaha Mulia Abadi (Uma), Central Mexico

UMA serves the families of San Miguel Atlautla, a rural, marginalized area of Central Mexico with a high index of poverty. One of UMA's core programs is a Nutrition Program called Fortiplus. Every month, an average of two tons of nutritional products are distributed free of charge to children in local schools. Campaigns are then organized throughout the year to monitor the impact of the products on children's development. In 2017, over 1000 children received monthly vitamin and mineral supplements. Results from monitoring showed a decrease in yellow and white spots on children's faces (signs of anemia), and an increase in children's height and weight. SD USA granted \$3000 for the cost of storing, packing and distributing the nutritional products.

Wawa Illari (Saving Brains), Peru

Wawa Illari is a collaborative project delivering educational workshops in parenting, nutrition, cooking and organic gardening to parents of young children. In rural Peru, where millions of children fail to reach their full potential because of poverty, the project aims to develop sustainable ways to promote healthy brain development in the first 1000 days of life. Through enhanced caregiver-child interactions, practical trainings for nurses, improvements in nutrition, and creating community gardens, Wawa Illari has begun reshaping the care context for poor families. SD USA granted \$5,000 plus \$10,000 which was a pass-through donation.



AFRICA

Mother-Child Hospital at Kwilu Ngongo, Democratic Republic of Congo

SD USA gave \$4,000 to SD DRC to help create a new hospital at Kwilu Ngongo in DRC. The focus of the hospital is healthcare for mothers during pregnancy and childbirth, and on infants during their first three years. SD USA's contribution helped advisors from SDIA (Susila Dharma International) on architecture, construction, and development of a locally governed and thoroughly transparent system of management that will enable the hospital to become sustainable through local community funding and governance. The project has been such a success that they had no need to apply for a grant for 2018.



The new hospital at Kwilu Ngongo

Asia

Anisha, Karnataka, India

Anisha works to create a sustainable economic and environmental model for villagers in southwestern India, and to slow the flight of rural families to hugely overcrowded urban slums. Most children in the area drop out of school after the seventh grade, due to the prohibitively high cost of higher education. SD USA's grant of \$5,000 supported Anisha's efforts to help young people complete high school, giving families the opportunity to further their children's education and bring hope for a more rewarding future.

SD USA has also received a second grant of \$10,000 for Anisha from the Guru Krupa Foundation, enabling Anisha to continue the second year of a four-year organic kitchen garden project, "Agricultural Sustainability through Children's Kitchen Gardens in Rural Chamarajnagar District, Karnataka State, India." 1,400 middle-school students have been taught to plant kitchen gardens, improving the nutritional and financial health of their families.



Anisha Kitchen Garden Project

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Bina Cita Utama School (BCU), Kalimantan, Indonesia

BCU is a school in Central Kalimantan serving mainly indigenous Dayak children and low-income Indonesian children. Its curriculum places strong emphasis on the importance of the natural environment. SD USA granted \$4,500 to enable them to install solar panels which will supply the school with its electrical needs and also create a surplus that can be sold back for use in Kalimantan's electrical grid. The panels are now up and running, and the school expects to soon be able to monitor the amount of power being produced.

Borneo Football International Foundation, Kalimantan, Indonesia

The primary mission of the Borneo Football International Foundation (BFIF) is to serve underprivileged children and youth through football (soccer) and education. BFIF makes it possible for Kalimantan's youngsters to "go out and play" in a healthy and safe environment. Additionally, the project aims to provide education and support in health and nutrition, and basic English instruction. SD USA granted BFIF \$3,000 to provide clean water and food supplements to the children during the training sessions, allowing them to have the energy needed to perform well during practices and help raise the nutritional intake of the young players.

Yayasan Permakultur Kalimantan (YPK), Kalimantan, Indonesia

YPK provides permaculture education and trainings in Central Kalimantan. Once home of the world's second largest virgin rainforest, today the region has been largely destroyed by forestry, slash and burn agriculture, and mining. Through permaculture, a system of integrated design that supports the resilience and sustainability of communities, YPK demonstrates sustainable and ethical ways to improve land management, increase community resilience and food security, and conserve the natural environment. The project reports that it is growing and successfully spreading its environmental message among the community, especially among children. SD USA granted \$4,000 for use towards operating expenses that enable success of the whole enterprise.



Bina Cita Utama



Borneo Intenational Football Academy Nutrition Programme



Permaculture Foundation

Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta (YTS), Kalimantan, Indonesia

YTS serves village communities in Kalimantan, a region whose traditional ways of life have been devastated by the recent destruction of its natural rainforest, constant forest fires from slash and burn agriculture, and mining. YTS aims to provide assistance to the indigenous families of Central Kalimantan through community development projects that enhance the livelihood capacity of impoverished farmers. SD USA granted \$5,000 as part of ongoing support for development of freshwater pond aquaculture (fish farming). The program has successfully trained many farmers in raising fish, and is now turning towards development of a viable fish farming industry in Bukit Batu district.

Yayasan Usaha Mulia (Yum), Kalimantan and Java, Indonesia

One of Susila Dharma's longest-running projects, YUM has been empowering the lives of Indonesia's poor for over 40 years. The project operates 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, English language classes, health education, and much more. YUM's work directly benefitted over 4000 lives in 2017! SD USA granted \$3,000 to help with overall operating expenses.



Fish farming at Yahasan Tambuhak Sinta



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Financial Report 2017

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Endowment Fund Transfers Donations & Fund Raising Income Total Income			\$17,410 \$128,638 \$146,048
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Grants and Disbursements	Grants	Special	Total
International			
A Child's Garden of Peace	\$1,400		\$1,400
Anisha	\$5,000	\$18,323	\$23,323
Bina Cita Utama (BCU)	\$4,500		\$4,500
Borneo Football	\$3,000		\$3,000
Casa Cuna Congo Health Centers	\$2,000 \$4,000		\$2,000 \$4,000
Human Force Camp	\$4,000 \$2,600		\$4,000 \$2,600
International Child Development Programme (ICDP)	\$2,000		\$2,000
Tijuana Family Outreach	\$1,500		\$1,500
Usaha Mulia Abadi	\$3,000		\$3,000
Wawa Illari	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000
Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta (YTS)	\$5,000		\$5,000
Yayasan Permakultur Kalimantan (YPK)	\$4,000		\$4,000
Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM)	\$3,000	\$8,722	\$11,722
United States			
Camp Badger	\$4,500	\$800	\$5,300
Elderberry	\$1,500	\$500	\$2,000
Inner City Schools	\$3,000		\$3,000
Quest	\$4,000		\$4,000
Smile Partners	\$1,000		\$1,000
Other			
Foundation Luz de Vida		\$715	\$715
Mexico Travel		\$900	\$900
Total Grants and Disbursements	\$60,000	\$39,960	\$99,960
Administration General			
Computers & Software			\$803
Administration Contract			\$3,157
Governance (Filing & Insurance)			\$2,302
Meetings and Travel			\$8,537
Rent (Subud USA & Granting Meeting)			\$2,230
Shipping			\$23
Administration Financial			
Bank Charges			\$209
Cost of receiving funds			\$997
Cost of sending Grants & Disbursements			\$841
Fund raising support: Jewelry*			\$2,916
Fund raising support: Printing			\$2,611
Total Administration Costs			\$24,628

^{*}Silver Subud Symbol medallions created by a Subud artist and sold to raise money for SD USA.