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## Annual Report 2018

#### A Very Big-Hearted Thank YOU!

Our thanks to you for your continued interest and support. Your donations support the humanitarian work of Subud members in the United States and around the world. 2018 was filled with interesting results and new initiatives. We funded 24 projects with the \$110,223 received last year from your generous support.

Our newest initiative is the Melinda Wallis Memorial Fund, which provides small grants to individuals, centers, or adult-sponsored children to support their plans for humanitarian projects. More information: www.susiladharmausa.org

We've made Melinda Wallis micro-grants of \$500 for "Beautiful Portland," to feed homeless people in downtown Portland, and to the Sierra School Community Center in Badger, CA, to conduct a survey to discover and address the needs of local residents. There is a great deal of community support for both of these emerging projects.

SD USA has close ties with SDIA and the international SD Network of SD Nationals and SD Projects. Combining our efforts we are able to access larger grants awarded by governments and foundations to fund the projects of SD groups in Germany, Great Britain, Canada and the USA. None of us could carry out this work alone but together we are building our capacity.

We want to thank the volunteers who work for the whole of Subud as well as for Susila Dharma. Our community is maintained by those who donate their time and expertise to create excellence in our efforts. All that Susila Dharma accomplishes is a result of hours of effort by many people. An especial thank-you to our Board of Directors, our National Helper liaisons and our Subud USA National Committee Liaison for your continued good work.

May we all be blessed and guided from within to take action!

Thank You!

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#### **Board of Directors (2019)**

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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** 

Venezuela

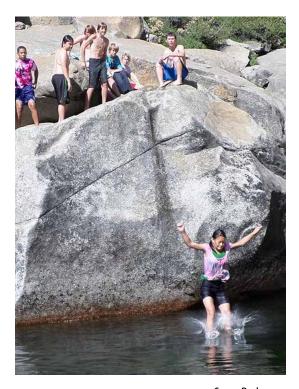
Susila Dharma USA is an affiliate of Subud USA. We support the charitable efforts of Subud members and their grassroots, community-based projects in the USA and around the world.

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## The social and humanitarian projects your donations funded in 2018



Camp Badger



A Child's Garden of Peace



**Inner City Schools** 

#### United States of America

#### 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. The 2018 grant went to support scholarships for inclusive attendance.

#### A Child's Garden of Peace, Transnational

A Child's Garden of Peace works with low-income communities to create gardens where children can play in peace and learn to grow food for themselves and their families. In 2018, the project collaborated with Wawa Illari (another Susila Dharma project) in Pachacamac, Peru. Families were trained in organic gardening techniques, enabling them to grow nutritious food for their children that they could not otherwise afford to buy.

## Elderberry, various locations in the USA

The Elderberry program was created in 2013 to help take care of the spiritual needs of elder Subud members in the United States. Elderberry coordinates volunteers and provides incidental funds to enable older Subud members to attend latihan and Congresses. (Elderberry is now under the direction of and funded through Subud USA.)

## 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 the gap for student needs. The Inner City Schools Project provides monthly donations of art and school supplies, books, clothing, blankets and food.

#### Quest Center for Integrative Health, Portland, OR

The Quest Center provides healthcare services, education and inclusive community support to individuals seeking a wellness-focused approach to fully living. They serve marginalized communities such as people living with HIV, addiction, chronic pain and mental health issues. SD USA's 2018 grant went to support Quest's Community Nutrition Nights, weekly dinners that nurture, support and empower the community through shared meals and workshops.

### Tijuana Family Outreach, Tijuana, Mexico

Working in conjunction with Subud San Diego volunteers, this project supports approximately 70 children and adults from El Florido, a low-resource area on the outskirts of Tijuana, Mexico. Most of the residents 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 holiday celebrations, donations of school supplies, clothing and other essentials, monthly baking classes, and monthly lunches with life-skills workshops facilitated by staff from the local university.

#### 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. Recently, the staff at Casa Cuna has shifted from "nurses" serving as babysitters to qualified teachers trained in childhood development and environmental education. SD USA's 2018 grant went to supplement teachers' salaries, providing incentive for the higher qualified staff to remain at the center.

## International Child Development Program (ICDP), Transnational

Serving in over 20 countries worldwide, ICDP works to promote the emotional welfare of children and youth impacted by poverty and violence-torn societies. The project provides trainings to caregivers with an emphasis on expressions of emphatic and loving feelings towards children both verbally and non-verbally. SD USA's 2018 grant went to enable ICDP to hold a Latin America Regional Gathering in San Salvador, El Salvador, providing trainings in ICDP principles for healthy child development.



**Quest Center for Integrative Health** 



Tijuana Family Outreach Project



Casa Cuna



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Usaha Mulia Abadi



Wawa Illari



I Protect Me

#### Usaha Mulia Abadi (UMA), Central Mexico

Usaha Mulia Abadi (meaning "Noble and Eternal Effort") serves the families of San Miguel Atlautla, a rural, marginalized area of Central Mexico with a high index of poverty and childhood malnutrition. 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 2018, over 1000 children received monthly vitamin and mineral supplements. The 2018 grant helped pay the cost of storing, packing and distributing the nutritional products.

# Venezuela Food Connection, Caracas, Venezuela, and USA

Venezuela Food Connection was established in response to food shortages and uncontrolled inflation in Venezuela. The project provides shipments of food, in the form of rice and dry beans, to several communities in Caracas, Venezuela. SD USA's 2018 grant helped pay for food and shipping costs.

#### Wawa Illari, Peru

Wawa Illari (meaning "Child Star" in the native Quechua language) 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.

#### **A**FRICA

## I Protect Me, South Africa

I Protect Me teaches children how to protect themselves from sexual and gender-based violence that is widespread. Its goal is to raise awareness and provide self-protection training in schools with the hope that a new generation of South Africans will emerge, who will know how to set personal boundaries and respect them. In 2018, over 5000 primary and secondary students and 1000 parents were trained. The SD USA grant helped to fund

trainings for six new Prevention Workers, twelve Peer Trainers, and two weekend mentoring camps. The project has been so successful it anticipates expanding to more schools in the future.

## Mother-Child Hospital at Kwilu Ngongo, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)

SD USA made a small grant that helped with the creation and running of 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. The project has been such a success that they had no need to apply for further grants from Susila Dharma.

#### 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 families from impoverished areas in the countryside to the hugely overcrowded urban slums. SD USA's 2018 grant enables Anisha to support the education of 50 High School students who would have otherwise dropped out of school due to high tuition fees. SD USA also received a grant of \$10,000 from the Guru Krupa Foundation, that funded the continuation of the third year of a four-year organic kitchen garden project. 1400 Middle School students have been taught to plant kitchen gardens, improving the nutritional and financial health of their families. In addition, SD USA made a small grant for travel expenses related to the kitchen garden project.

## 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's 2018 grant helped to purchase laptop computers for the use of students and administration. The computers increased the capability of students in grades 6-9, and enabled students to participate in the national exams.



Mother and Child Hospital at Kwilu Ngongo



Anisha, Kitchen Gardens



Anisha, Higher Education Grant



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Borneo Football International Academy



Yayasan Permakultur Kalimantan (YPK)



Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta (YTS)

## Borneo Football International Academy (BFIA), Kalimantan, Indonesia

BFIA serves underprivileged children and youth through football (soccer) and education. An important component of the project is Healthy Environment = Healthy Children, a program that supports health and nutrition activities, with special emphasis on the need for conservation of ecosystems. BFIA 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's 2018 grant supported the "Healthy Environment = Healthy Children" project.

# 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 has been growing and successfully spreading its environmental message among the community, especially among children. In 2018 SD USA's grant went for operating expenses that enable success of the whole enterprise.

## 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 provides assistance to the indigenous families of Central Kalimantan through community development projects that enhance the livelihood capacity of impoverished farmers. SD USA's grant supports their ongoing work in freshwater pond aquaculture (fish farming). The program has successfully trained many farmers in raising fish, and in 2018 conducted an extensive market study that resulted in a plan to assist villagers to increase their return on fish production and related agricultural areas.

### 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, directly serving local villagers, include vocational training, computer training, English language classes, health education, and much more. SD USA's grant helped with overall operating expenses.



Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM)

#### MELINDA WALLIS MEMORIAL FUND GRANTS

The Melinda Wallis Memorial Fund, established in 2018, provides grants of up to \$500 to Subud members engaged in small local charitable efforts that address humanitarian issues.

#### Free Hot Soup, Portland, Oregon

SD USA made its first micro-grant from the Melinda Wallis Memorial Fund to Free Hot Soup. Under the organization of Subud member Jennifer Skyler, a free hot meal was planned, cooked and served in a local park to houseless residents of Portland, Oregon. The venture was so successful that free hot meals have since been served on a weekly basis, and Free Hot Soup has become Beautiful Portland, a new SD USA project which received its first grant in 2019.



Free Hot Soup, (now an SD Project: "Beautiful Portland")

## Sierra Arts and Community Center, Badger, California

The second Melinda Wallis micro-grant went to Sulfiati Harris who, along with other local Subud members, is conducting a needs assessment for creating a Community Center on the site of a former elementary school. They are working towards providing services and cultural experiences such as mobile clinics, educational opportunities, and social activities to the local Sierra foothill communities. The venture has been met with much interest and enthusiasm from local residents.



Sierra Arts and Community Center

# Financial Report 2018

Tijuana Family Outreach

Usaha Mulia Abadi A.C.

Venezuela Food Connection

Wawa Illari Pachacamac, Peru

Yayasan Tambuhak Sinta (YTS)

**Total Grants and Disbursements** 

Yayasan Usaha Mulia (YUM)

**Subtotal International** 

Yayasan Permakultur Kalimantan (YPK)

Endowment		Administrative Expenses
Beginning Balance	\$274,546	Administrative support
Contributions	\$6,171	Bank charges
Transfer to operating income	(\$10,000)	Credit card fees
Change in investment value	\$7,890	Granting expenses, board
Ending Balance	\$278,607	Occupancy
-		Print & Postage
Operating Income		Regulatory filings
Donations	\$100,223	Shipping
Transfer from Endowment	\$10,000	Software & Web
Total	\$110,223	Wire fees
Grants and Disbursements		<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>
United States		
Camp Badger	\$2,794	
Elderberry	\$1,000	
Inner City Schools	\$3,500	
Misfit Samaritans	\$500	
Quest	\$2,000	
Women Worldwide Initiative	\$4,588	
Subtotal United States	\$14,382	
International		
A Child's Garden of Peace	\$1,835	
Anisha	\$25,497	Part Part Part Part Part Part Part Part
Borneo Football Academy	\$4,300	
Borneo Orangutan Survival	\$506	
Casa Cuna	\$1,000	
D. R. of Congo Community Health	\$210	
l Protect Me	\$4,588	
International Child Development (ICDP)	\$1,835	
Mission of Bina Cita Utama (BCU)	\$4,588	
Project Director new startup funding	\$2,250	
Susila Dharma International	\$7,340	

\$1,743

\$2,743

\$4,352

\$4,000

\$3,670

\$4,588

\$9,385

\$84,430

\$98,812



YPK—Getting the job done

\$3,590 \$27 \$596 \$8,078 \$2,926 \$2,134 \$56 \$62 \$409 \$281

\$18,159