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## Honduras Launches!

Friends,

We're on our way to Honduras this month to launch our Honduras Multivitamin Program to reach 30,000 children in rural Honduras. This program will address chronic malnutrition by providing underprivileged children with a daily multiple vitamin along with deworming medicine twice a year. This program would not be possible without the generous support of our partners; SIGHT AND LIFE, UNFI, Anabolic Labs, PAHO, GW University, the Ministry of Health in Honduras, Domino Foods Inc., Mutual Fruits and Flavors, Medpharm and Christo Salva.

*Thanks to everyone who supported this month's work; Our terrific BOD – Elliott Balbert, Tom Aarts, Barclay Hope, Jeff Markel, Yvon Bastien and Bill Sechrest; Loren Israelsen who is co-chairing our Advisory Board; Bob Vitamante; our outstanding PR partners at IMG, Jeff Hilton and Courtney Jacobs; Direct Relief International; Roy Walkenhorst and Judy Brooks from Healing Quest; our videographer, Catherine Bennett; Alissa Sears; our Intern Jennifer Marsh; Kevin Cooper; and Sevan Matossian our brilliant documentarian.*

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## Wild Oats!

Look for a major **Vitamin Angels** promotion in all Wild Oats, Sun Harvest, and Henry's stores in August and September. During this promotion Wild Oats will donate 25 cents (enough to save 1 child's eyesight for 1 year!) for each bottle of Wild Oats private label vitamins sold.

*Thanks to David Trudell, Melissa Porter, Heather Musselman, Kari Allen and all of the terrific people at Wild Oats for their incredible enthusiasm, creativity and commitment in putting this together!*

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## VIP Dinner: A Celebration of Angels

On October 5th at the EXPO East Show in Baltimore, **Vitamin Angels** & NBJ/ Newport Summit will host A Celebration of Angels: VIP Dinner – an upbeat and elegant cocktail party and sit down dinner featuring cuisine from the countries where **Vitamin Angels** focuses our work. The goal is to raise an entire year's operating costs from this one event. [Contact Megan Starks](#) regarding sponsorship possibilities and invitations.

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## Wants & Needs

We are in need of **financial contributions** to help support our work. We also need **planned production** of children's chewable vitamins (multiples), adult multiples, prenats, and fish oil capsules. Please contact Megan at: 805 564 8400 or [info@vitaminangel.org](mailto:info@vitaminangel.org) to arrange for a financial contribution or a product donation.

Thanks to our supporters and donors this month: Rainbow Light Nutritional Systems; Tishcon; Pharmachem Laboratories; Nordic Naturals; NOW Health Group; Wild Oats; Future Foods; Pharmakon Labs Inc.; GNLD; Shaklee Corporation; NAI; Water Pure Inc; Advocare International; Herbally Yours; Inverness Medical Nutritionals Group; Pure Essence Labs; Highland Laboratories; Panacea Products; and Abkit .

As always, please forward this newsletter to all of your friends and colleagues. We spend no money on advertising so we rely on you, our friends, to help get the word out and get people to our site ([www.vitaminangel.org](http://www.vitaminangel.org)) so they can see the scope of what we are accomplishing and make needed contributions. **Your support and encouragement make all of this possible!**

Best,

Howard B. Schiffer

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## Vitamin Angel Alliance - June Product Distribution Report

### Cameroon

Jun 22, 2006- **Rural Community Health Foundation**

Rural Community Health Foundation is a private, nongovernmental Cameroonian organization that operates a 20-bed clinic and rural outreach programs to address the health concerns in the town of Kumba and surrounding villages in the Southwest Province of Cameroon. This was **Vitamin Angels** first shipment of nutritional supplements to the foundation.

### Ghana

Jun 8, 2006 -**SAMORGHEP**

Maranatha Maternity and Clinic was in the process of upgrading its facilities to a maternity hospital in January 2006. Maranatha began as a maternity home for women and children and then became a clinic servicing men as well. This much needed shipment of prenatals will support their maternal health program

### Indonesia

Jun 12, 2006 -**CHF International**

In response to the changing medical needs of earthquake survivors in Yogyakarta an emergency shipment of nutritional supplements was air freighted to earthquake relief partner CHF International. Communication received from staff members, who have been on-site assessing the situation, directed the decision on shipment priority and contents.

### Kenya

Jun 23, 2006 -**Kasigau - Rukinga Health Center**

Kasigau Health Center is located at the Rukinga Wildlife Sanctuary in East Tsavo National Park. Run by Wildlife Works, this sanctuary seeks to make wildlife conservation beneficial to local people as well the local wildlife and employs 56 local residents. They have also built 18 new classrooms for the local primary school children. The clinic serves approximately 26,000 patients per year and provides services such as family planning, under-five clinics, health education, and maternity and delivery. The contents of this hand carry were children's multivitamins and prenatal vitamins.

### Sierra Leone

Jun 13, 2006- **Ndegbomei Development Association**

Sierra Leone, a country of approximately 6 million people located on Africa's West Coast, emerged in 2002 from a brutal civil war which killed or displaced more than 2 million people. Working to help alleviate this problem, the Ndegbomei Development Association is a social service organization focused on providing mobile health services to approximately 150,000 people. The major health problems of the communities served include malaria, respiratory infections, malnutrition, and communicable diseases. **Vitamin Angels** send prenatals vitamins to support the maternal wellness projects in the region.

### Sudan

Jun 8, 2006- **Khartoum University Medical Outreach Clinics**

Sudan, a country of 36.2 million (UNFPA, 2005) has been gripped by conflict for most of the past

50 years. The majority of this conflict is the result of the hostility between the mainly Muslim north and the animist and Christian south. More than two million people have been displaced, creating what the U.N. has described as one of the world's worst humanitarian crises. The Khartoum University Clinic serves an estimated 20,000 people each year; our donation to them consisted of multivitamins.

☐ **Tanzania**

Jun 1, 2006 - **Sumbawanga Regional Hospital**

Sumbawanga District Hospital is a 250-bed regional medical center located in the Rukwa Province of Tanzania, and serves over one million people in its greater catchment area. The major health problems treated at the hospital include malaria, upper respiratory tract infections, and HIV/AIDS. These are also the area's primary causes of mortality, along with obstetric complications. This was our third donation to the hospital and consisted of prenatals to improve the nutrition of expecting mothers.

☐ **Peru**

Jun 22, 2006- **International Society for the Preservation**

Located in the Amazon basin, 150 kilometers upriver from the northern Peruvian city of Iquitos, the International Society for the Preservation of the Tropical Rainforest's (ISPTR) Yarapa River base camp coordinates medical outreach programs to Amerindians living in river-based communities. The continued support of these communities has resulted in a healthier population which has doubled in many villages during the past 10 years; with multivitamins greatly improving the malnourished population.

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