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VITAMIN ANGEL ALLIANCE



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Home Shopping Angels

Friends,

If you were watching Home Shopping Network on September 17th, you may have noticed Andrew Lessman talking about Vitamin Angels and alerting his audience that for every bottle of vitamins purchased that day, Andrew would donate \$1 to Vitamin Angels work to provide vitamins to young children, nursing mothers, and pregnant women in need around the world. What you may not be aware is that Andrew is now donating research to develop a series of formulas (which will be distributed by Vitamin Angels) for mothers and their children in the developing world. Our goal is to get to women before they even conceive so that children born in this part of the world will be able to realize their full intellectual and structural capacity from the first day they are born!

Thanks to everyone who supported this month's work; Andrew Lessman and everyone at HSN; 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; our outstanding PR partners at IMG, Jeff Hilton and Courtney Jacobs; Direct Relief International; our videographer, Catherine Bennett; filmmaker Sevan Matossian; our Interns Jennifer Marsh and Sharon Datt; and to all of our wonderful supporters!

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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 to arrange for a financial contribution or a product donation.

Thanks to our supporters and donors this month: Metabolic Maintenance Products, Nature's Way Products, Inc., Nordic Naturals, NOW Foods, Wellements, Kevin and Kimberly Wheeler, Pro Health, Pharmachem, Tishcon, Janta International Company, Future Foods, Inc., Rainbow Light, Lifeline Foods, Cardinal Nutrition, Tasoma, HVL Inc., Pharmavite, Water Pure Inc., and Jarrow Formulas.

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) 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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Peru

Aug. 8, 2006 **Arzobispado de Lima**

The Catholic Archdiocese runs two clinics within Lima and one outside the city, as well as a small pharmacy that offers medicines to those that cannot buy them. In addition to these, the Archdiocese provides needed supplies to several hospitals throughout Lima. The donation from Vitamin Angels consisted of multivitamins to help support the Archdiocese in its efforts.

August 20, 2006 **Andes Mountains, Peru**

The Hapu-Queros people live in the Andes Mountains of Peru where the infant mortality rate in the village is 47% due to malnutrition. We were able to donate enough children's multivitamins and antiparasitics for one a year's supply for the villagers.

Uzbekistan

Aug. 28, 2006 **Korean American SDA Mission**

In Uzbekistan there is a church clinic that helps to serve the Korean minority population where most of the life difficulties lie in finding jobs and language barriers. The clinic serves and average of 400

patients a month whose main health problems are diabetes, high blood pressure, malnutrition, skin infections, asthma, bronchitis, and arthritis. Vitamin Angels send a donation of children's multivitamins.

☐ **Cameroon**

Aug. 24, 2006 **Mamfe General Hospital**

The rural, public, district hospital of Mamfe is one of the only healthcare providers in its region. It relies on inadequate government funding and private donations to serve over 50,000 people. This donation from Vitamin Angels consisted of children's vitamins.

Aug. 24, 2006 **St. John of God Health Centre, Mamfe**

Affiliated with the Mamfe Catholic Diocese and located in the Mamfe district, the St. John of God Health Centre is a 36-bed facility that caters mostly to children. With a limited number of staff, they are able to treat an array of diseases and complications that arise due to unqualified medical services elsewhere in the region. The Vitamin Angels donation consisted of multivitamins.

Aug. 14, 2006 **Manyemen Presbyterian Hospital**

Manyemen Presbyterian Hospital is a 120-bed referral hospital that draws most of its patients from surrounding regions. However, it is located in an area without electricity, and must generate its own power, using 3 costly generators that make the facility dependent on donations. The Vitamin Angels donation consisted of prenatal vitamins.

☐ **China**

Aug. 1, 2006 **Tibetan Medical College**

Located near the border between Tibet and China, a Tibetan Medical College is in need of supplies and products. Medicine International, is a non-profit organization who sends staff and supplies will hand carry supplies to this college. Vitamin Angels is supporting this with its donation multivitamins and children's vitamins.

☐ **Malawi**

Aug. 30, 2006 **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**

With over 1,000 beds and patients, the Queen Elizabeth Hospital is the largest in Malawi. It is a government teaching and referral hospital that provides free services to the community, and has struggled to provide care to those in those in need. The donation from Vitamin Angels consisted of multivitamins.

Aug. 30, 2006 **College of Medicine**

A constituent college of the University of Malawi, the College of Malawi is the only college in the city that provides undergraduate training to become a doctor. In January, the college opened a student and staff clinic that also provides care to the outside community. To help with this, Vitamin Angels donated multivitamins and children's vitamins.

☐ **West Bank / Gaza**

Aug. 16, 2006 **ANERA**

In conjunction with other agencies, American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) works to upgrade existing health facilities, deliver medical services, and strengthen institutions serving vulnerable segments of the Palestinian population. Donations provide medicines, nutritional products, first aid supplies, and equipment to bring health services to the Palestinians. Vitamin Angels, in support of this project, donated multivitamins.

☐ **USA**

Aug. 1, 2006 **Darin M. Camarena Health Centers, Inc.**

Located in California, the Camarena Health Centers (CHC) is a federally qualified health clinic that serves 22,000 patients per year. It mainly helps the underserved population by providing services in several different languages and provides an array of outreach programs. The Vitamin Angels donation consisted of multivitamins.

Aug. 3, 2006 **Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative, Inc.**

Located in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, the Southeast Mississippi Rural Health Initiative (SMRHI) is a non-profit health care clinic that provides medical care to those who cannot afford medical services. It is a vital resource to those it serves, who are from a mainly rural area of Mississippi. In support of their efforts, Vitamin Angels donated multivitamins.

Aug. 1, 2006 **Mission City Community Network, Inc.**

Mission City Community Network (MCCN) was founded to help bring health services to low-income and underserved members of the East San Fernando Valley and Hollywood in Los Angeles communities. Using a comprehensive approach to healthcare, they collaborate with many local groups and provide an array of programs. Vitamin Angels donated multivitamins to help them with their mission.

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