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VITAMIN ANGEL ALLIANCE



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## **Celebration of Angels**

Friends,

4.5 million children were cheering us on at our Celebration of Angels event in Baltimore on October 5th. The evening was a resounding success. We raised 50% of the funding we need for year one of 'Operation 20/20' – our new global initiative to make sure that 4.5 million children in 26 countries will not go blind due to Vitamin A deficiency. 'Operation 20/20' will launch in Q1 and Q2 of 2007. So much conspired to make this event a success; the dvd's we had begun working on during our program launches around the world this past year, planning this program with Save The Children over the last 18 months, and the tremendous support from our Board of Directors, colleagues and friends in the industry. Celebration of Angels provided the context, the vision and the excitement to weave all of these threads into a momentous evening. The ripples that started on October 5th are going to spread far and wide. Millions of children's lives are going to change in a way that is impossible to place a value on. On behalf of these children and **Vitamin Angels**, we thank all of you for helping us to launch this worthy endeavor.

*Thanks to everyone who supported our Celebration of Angels Event; Tom Aarts, Elliott Balbert, Jeff Markel & Barclay Hope, Anthony & Lisa Zolezzi, Amy & Steve Sommers of Pitch Publicity, Kim & JR Roche, Alissa Sears & Gillian Christie of Christie Communications, Eva Marie, Amy Dageenakis, Karen Raterman, Fred Linder and Elaine Lipson of New Hope, Jill Petrowski & Grant Ferrier of NBJ, Tim Avila of Z Sweet, Robert Orr of ONC, Loren Israelson & Lindsay Wright of UNPA, Melody Harwood of Cantox, BI Nutraceuticals, Bill Nicolson of Ideasphere, Dennis Gronek of Gronek & Associates, Olav & Gina Sandnes of Marine Nutraceuticals, Rebecca Pearlman & Clee Irwin of Irwin Naturals, Paul Dijkstra of InterHealth, Ron Udell of Softgel, Jeff Hinrichs of Nutraceutical International, Lonza, Nature's Way, Ian Gibson of Vitamer/ Anabolic Labs, Keith Frankel & Peter Hefele of Vitaquest, XANGO, and Albert's Organics.*

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## Wants & Needs

We are in need of **financial contributions** to help support our work. From our recent travels in India, it is clear that our need for vitamin supplements is greater than ever before. We need **planned production** of children's chewable vitamins (multiples), adult multiples, prenats, and fish oil capsules. Please contact us 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; Wellements; Univera Life Sciences; Metabolic Maintenance Products; Nature's Way; Kevin & Kimberly Wheeler; Pro Health; Janta, & Future Foods.*

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 - September 2006

### Thailand

#### Sep 21, 2006 **Hill Tribe Clinics**

Over 100 years ago, Hill Tribe people migrated south from China into Myanmar, Laos, Vietnam, and Thailand. The six major tribes currently represented in northern Thailand include the Karen, Hmong, Yao, Akha, Lisu, and Lahu. Each tribe has its own distinct culture, religion, language, art, and dress and continues to practice their traditional ways of life. Most of the tribes live in isolated mountainous areas, make their living through farming and are now participating in special agricultural projects developed and sponsored by the Thai royal family. These projects provide agricultural training and supplies in an effort to replace the growing of poppies with cash crops. This donation from Vitamin Angels consisted of nutritional supplements.

### Philippines

#### Sep 6, 2006 **Save the Children**

School-age children in the developing world are heavily impacted by disease and malnutrition, a combination that accounts for a large percent absenteeism from school. These children are very susceptible to worm infestation and resulting specific nutritional deficiencies including iron, iodine, and

vitamin A deficiencies. In addition, stunting or not reaching one's full height potential occurs in more than 50 percent of school-age children living in these resource-poor environments. The organization's School Health and Nutrition Programs typically involve the support of school feeding programs by providing specific micronutrient and multivitamin supplementation, as well as deworming treatment. This shipment, containing anti-worm medication will improve the nutrition status and overall health of over 250,000 Filipino children.

## ☐ Dominican Republic

### Sep 6, 2006 **Batey Relief Alliance (BRA)**

Over 12,000 Haitian citizens are recruited every year to cut sugar cane in the extensive agricultural fields of the Dominican Republic. Many of these migrant workers (both Haitian and Dominican) and their families are not given legal status, are forced to work long hours, and live in miserable conditions with little or no access to health care, education, or gainful employment. The Batey Relief Alliance forms cooperative relationships with various local and international aid organizations in an effort to support the impoverished Batey populations. This donation from Vitamin Angels consisted of nutritional supplements.

### Sep 28, 2006 **Patronato Benefico Oriental, Inc.**

The Patronato Benefico Oriental in La Romana operates a large children's project that includes medical and educational services. In 2004, over 10,000 children, from newborns to age 17, received critically-needed medical and dental services; with 28 percent of the county's population suffering from malnutrition and associated illnesses, Vitamin Angels' donation of vitamins will strengthen the clinic's ability to address many of the pressing health issues affecting some of the poorest children in the Dominican Republic.

## ☐ India

### Sep 12, 2006 **M/s. Mata Amritanandamayi Math**

Weeks of heavy rain has caused severe flooding in western India – with the most affected areas located in the state of Gujarat. This emergency shipment will be provided to two partners including the All India Disaster Mitigation Institute (AIDMI), and Amrita Institute of Medical Services (AIMS). AIDMI is a community based action research, action planning, and action advocacy non-governmental organization located in Ahmedabad, Gujarat who currently has medical teams in flood-affected areas of Gujarat and has requested assistance with pharmaceutical products from AIMS is a multi-specialty, charitable non-profit medical center in Kerala that provides healthcare services to thousands of low-income and indigent patients.

## ☐ Nicaragua

### Sep 20, 2006 **Nicaraguan Children's Fund**

The Nicaraguan Children's Fund (NCF) is a nonprofit organization based in Los Angeles, California, that is committed to improving the livelihood of the poor and destitute communities along the eastern coast of Nicaragua. This region, also known as La Mosquitia or the Mosquito Coast receives little government support due to its cultural and geographical isolation from the rest of the country. Its health centers are severely lacking in basic supplies and medicines. Vitamin Angels' donation was hand-carried by NCF volunteer team members who routinely deliver much-needed supplies to health facilities in this remote area.

**☐ El Salvador**

**Sep 8, 2006 O.E.F. de El Salvador**

The Organization of Businesswomen (O.E.F.) in El Salvador facilitates the introduction of under-represented segments of the society into the social, economic, and political arenas of the country. Women and men from rural and marginal areas, where conditions of poverty are greatest, are given the tools necessary to fully participate in society through technical training, micro-enterprise programs, and primary healthcare clinics. The O.E.F. clinic attends to over 8,000 medically indigent patients per year, and works closely with local public hospitals to provide primary and secondary health care to many needy individuals. This donation from Vitamin Angels consisted of a variety of vitamins supplements.

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