



Vitamin Angels Newsletter- Tuesday June 20th, 2006

## **Wild Oats Donates \$250,000 Worth of Vitamins & Supplements to Vitamin Angel Alliance**

**International Nonprofit Distributes Wild Oats Brand Nutrients to Liberia and Zambia**



### **BOULDER, Colo., June 20, 2006**

Wild Oats Markets, Inc. (Nasdaq: OATS), a leading national natural and organic foods retailer, today announced it has donated \$250,000 worth of Wild Oats brand vitamins and supplements to **Vitamin Angel Alliance**, a nonprofit organization that provides health education and nutritional supplements to medically underserved communities around the world.

Through **Vitamin Angel Alliance**, the Wild Oats donation will aid and support people who rely on various charitable health care facilities and programs throughout the countries of Liberia and Zambia. **Vitamin Angels** selects and identifies countries based on community need, and distributes to people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion or political belief.

"Thousands of villagers and children in Liberia and Zambia will benefit from Wild Oats' significant donation," said Howard B. Schiffer, founder and president of **Vitamin Angels**. "With Wild Oats' assistance, hundreds of children, women and men will be provided the proper supplements needed to fight malnutrition-linked disease and other preventable illnesses.

"The collaborative efforts between **Vitamin Angels** and Wild Oats cultivated in part through a belief in each organization's mission.

"This is a win-win for each entity. Wild Oats believes every person should have access to proper nutrition," said Perry Odak, Wild Oats president & CEO. "We are proud to lend our support to **Vitamin Angels** and supply enriching nutrients to these poverty stricken countries.

"Together, Wild Oats and **Vitamin Angels** will continue to build a relationship and work on future global endeavors that support communities and people in need.

**About Wild Oats:**

*Wild Oats Markets, Inc. is a nationwide chain of natural and organic foods markets in the U.S. and Canada with annual sales of more than \$1.1 billion. The Company operates 113 natural foods stores in 24 states and British Columbia, Canada. The Company's markets include: Wild Oats Natural Marketplace, Henry's Farmers Market, Sun Harvest and Capers Community Markets. For more information, please visit [wildoats.com](http://wildoats.com).*

**About Vitamin Angels**

***Vitamin Angel Alliance**, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization was created in 1994 to fight malnutrition and childhood blindness around the world. **Vitamin Angels** provides health education and nutritional supplements to individuals, families, and communities that are medically underserved or at risk of a specific condition or illness. Please contact Megan Starks at 805-564-8400 to make a donation to **Vitamin Angels**. For additional information, please visit [VitaminAngels.org](http://VitaminAngels.org)*

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