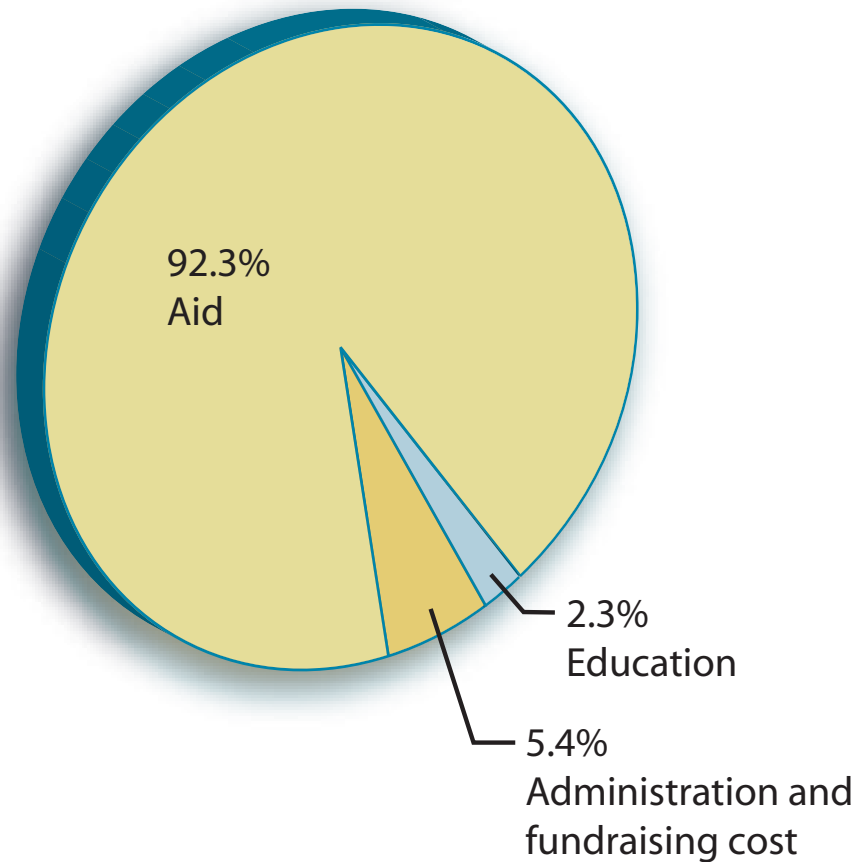




ANNUAL REPORT 2006

**RWF'S 2006 EFFICIENCY**

Of every \$1 RWF received (monetary donations, grants, interest income and contributed supplies), 92.3¢ went to programs and services that directly benefited those most in need. 2.3¢ went to educate people about issues of humanitarian need and 5.4¢ went to administrative and fundraising costs.



## WHO WE ARE

We are a lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT) and friends international relief agency. Rainbow World Fund's (RWF) mission is to promote LGBT philanthropy in the area of world humanitarian relief. RWF provides a united voice, a large visible presence and a proven structure to deliver LGBT charitable assistance to the larger world community.

Founded in 2000, RWF works to help people who suffer from hunger, poverty, disease, oppression and war by raising awareness and funds to support existing relief efforts around the world. RWF accomplishes this by working in the LGBT and friends community educating people about world need. Along with raising our community's consciousness, RWF raises funds to support various humanitarian relief projects. We partner with international relief agencies to support already successful projects. By doing extensive research, RWF develops partnerships with the most effective organizations that best reflect our guiding principles: Empowerment, sustainability, peacemaking, measurable impact and ecological awareness. Currently our work focuses on global HIV/AIDS, water development, landmine eradication, disaster relief and world hunger. RWF currently supports projects in Africa, Asia, Central America and the Caribbean.

RWF is an all-volunteer organization. Our 2006 administrative costs were funded by Board of Director's donations, grants and individual donations designated for administrative costs. RWF strives to keep administrative expenses to a minimum. It is our policy to finance administrative and fund raising costs through Board of Director donations and by securing grants/donations to further and specifically cover these expenses. This allows RWF to apply 100% of all other donations to direct field service work in the intended communities. Utilizing our partners' established and effective service delivery networks allows RWF funds to have maximum impact.

RWF was recognized for its humanitarian aid by the California State Assembly following the 2004 Southeast Asia tsunami, Hurricane Katrina and for recovery aid to Haiti after Hurricane Jeanne. RWF's founder, Jeff Cotter, was named to the OUT 100 List as one of the most intriguing people of 2005. San Francisco Mayor, Gavin Newsom has also recognized RWF's work.

The Rainbow World Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is headquartered in San Francisco, California.



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS



### **Jeffrey A. Cotter, Founder-President**

Cotter is a psychiatric social worker specializing in trauma recovery and HIV/AIDS case management practicing in San Francisco, California. Cotter has worked in the HIV/AIDS and LGBT civil rights fields since 1987.

*Education:*

Master of Social Work, 1990, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Bachelor of Science, Management Information System, 1985, Old Dominion University.



### **Bradford C. Hubert, Secretary and Treasurer**

Hubert is a Senior Audit Leader at Wells Fargo. He serves as treasurer on several social justice-oriented religious organization boards of directors and has been active in his local congregation since 1998. Hubert is also a member and supporter of other organizations promoting equal rights and care and support for people with HIV/AIDS. He has also served as treasurer and board member of an organization aiding at-risk youth in the early 1990s.

*Education:*

Bachelor of Business Administration, University of Wisconsin, Oshkosh 1990.



### **Lisa Capaldini, MD, MPH**

An Associate Clinical Professor of Medicine at UCSF, Capaldini has been in private practice in Internal Medicine with an emphasis on care of people with HIV disease since 1988. Capaldini's areas of interest include quality of life, the doctor-patient relationship, and treatment of neuropsychiatric disorders in the primary care setting.

*Education:*

M.D., 1982, University of California, San Francisco. Masters of Public Health, 1982, University of California, Berkeley. Baccalaureate of Arts, in the History of Ideas, 1978, Williams College.

### **Staff**

Jeff Cotter, Executive Director

Paul Stankiewicz, Project Manager

Chris Bates, Administration

Audrey Heller, Communications Specialist

Josh Feldman, Information Technology

Michael Payne, Events Coordination

Karen Dickinson, Grant Writer

Support Staff: Michael Thomas, Adam Barrett and Barbara Pallari.

## PROJECTS AND PARTNERSHIPS



### Global Awareness: Guatemala

In July 2006, RWF returned from a third humanitarian aid trip to Guatemala. Fifteen volunteers delivered 1,650 pounds of medical and school supplies valued at \$250,000 along with \$12,000 in cash grants that were distributed to the Women in Solidarity Medical Clinic, a women's clinic in Guatemala City; the San Apollonia Orphanage; Project Safe Passage, a school for the children of the men and women who make a subsistence living by scavenging in the Guatemala City garbage dump; OASIS, the only openly LGBT organization in Guatemala; and to the Mayan Cultural Center, a program that provides a variety of service to the rural poor including "micro-credit" loans to women entrepreneurs. Upon returning from Guatemala, RWF raised an additional \$10,696 to further fund these projects. In 2006, RWF provided \$272,696 in aid to projects in Guatemala. To date, RWF aid for Guatemala totals \$365,667.



### Global HIV/AIDS

RWF is partnered with Africare to fund HIV/AIDS education services in rural South Africa. Our partnership focuses on saving the next generation of young Africans using the most effective weapon against HIV/AIDS – education. With RWF's financial support, Africare and local African partners are working together training young people to be HIV/AIDS peer educators. After receiving intensive training in HIV prevention and care, the new peer educators return to their home communities to work with other young people. The peer educators receive a stipend (USD \$200.00/month) and supplies and ongoing support from this program. Last year we launched this effort with a small year-end donation of \$651.00. This year we provided \$19,603 for the program, which was used to fund eight peer educator positions.



### Landmine Eradication

RWF is partnered with ADOPT-A-MINEFIELD® (UNA) to fund minefield clearance in Cambodia. The partnership is focused on clearing minefields in the Kamrieng, Battambang Lak 62 area. This area contains a very large minefield that has been divided into five separate pieces. Lak 62 saw fighting from 1979 until 1996 with both the Khmer Rouge and government forces which planted thousands of mines. A total of 130 families, or 568 people, are forced to live on land that has been contaminated by landmines. They are in constant danger. As a result, 37 people have been involved in landmine-related accidents and five have been killed. De-mining this largely inhabited part of the minefield will



allow 20 families to resettle on safe land with areas to farm. In 2006, RWF provided \$20,000 for this project.

*About our partner:* ADOPT-A-MINEFIELD® engages individuals, community groups and businesses in the United Nations effort to resolve the global landmine crisis. The campaign helps save lives by raising funds for mine clearing and survivor assistance, and by raising awareness about the landmine problem. Local sponsors raise funds in their communities to clear “adopted” minefields and return land to productive use.

### Safe Drinking Water Access



RWF is partnered with WaterPartners International and is working to increase access to safe drinking water in communities in Central America. Currently we are helping the people of Las Limas, Jesus de Otoro in the Department of Intibuca, Honduras. This is one of the poorest areas in the county. Access to potable water is a challenge throughout the area. This project will provide a water service system to 21 families (122 inhabitants) and will have the capacity to eventually serve 200 people. The project will construct a conventional system for direct access to water in homes and set up closed-hydraulic latrines for sanitation. The project also has a major educational component focused on hygiene, water management, improving construction skills and environmental sustainability. RWF provided \$10,000, half of the funding necessary to complete the project. Catholic Relief Services provided additional funds.



In 2006, a water service system that RWF funded was completed in Sosoal, Honduras. The system provides safe drinking water from a mountain spring-fed, gravity-flow system, taps outside each household and latrines at each household. The system provides water for over 470 people. RWF provided \$19,357 for that project. To date, RWF funding for water service systems in Honduras totals \$34,357.

*About our partner:* Since 1990, WaterPartners International has been working to bring sustainable water supply and sanitation systems to people throughout the world. All of the projects that they have supported are still in operation. WPI's work is simple and effective. By partnering with local indigenous development organizations and communities, they are able to have the maximum positive impact. Local communities manage their own projects gaining the experience and ownership necessary to shape a long-term solution.



### Hunger and Disaster Relief

RWF is partnered with America's Second Harvest to raise funds to support recovery efforts from Hurricane's Katrina and Rita. RWF's Hurricane Relief Fund was used primarily for food assistance, including services such as purchasing and distribution of food, nutritional supplementation, vitamins and related supplies. The fund was also used to restore the network of food banks that were destroyed. RWF raised an additional \$34,178 in funds for Katrina relief in 2006, bringing Katrina aid total to \$373,360, including \$13,267 for American Red Cross recovery efforts and \$10,005 for MusiCares relief efforts.



RWF is partnered with CARE (Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere) to help fight global poverty. In 2006, our partnership included raising funds to improve maternal and child health care in Haiti. RWF funds were used to purchase nutritional supplementation and vitamins and for education regarding nutrition and hygiene. RWF also raised funds to provide emergency relief to the survivors of the December, 2004 Southeast Asia tsunami and a severe earthquake that struck Pakistan in October of 2005. This year, donations to CARE totaled \$10,705, bringing the total of funds raised for CARE projects since RWF's founding in 2000 to \$234,391. RWF funds have been used to provide food, nutritional supplementation, safe drinking water, medications and shelter.



RWF received \$397 this year for famine relief in Niger. RWF contributed these funds through our partner Africare. The funds were used toward purchasing and distribution of food, nutritional supplements, vitamins and related supplies. To date, RWF donations for this effort total \$2338.

*About our partners:* Founded in 1945, CARE is one of the world's largest private international humanitarian organizations. It is active in more than 60 countries and is committed to helping families in poor communities improve their lives and achieve lasting victories over poverty. CARE's mission is to serve individuals and families in the poorest communities in the world.

America's Second Harvest, the nation's food bank network, delivers more than 2 billion pounds of food each year through its network of 200 food banks across the country, serving 23 million people, including 9 million children and 3 million seniors. In response to Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma, America's Second Harvest mobilized a fleet of 2,000 trucks to deliver 62 million pounds—that's 48 million meals—to the Gulf States to feed those in need.



### Advocacy

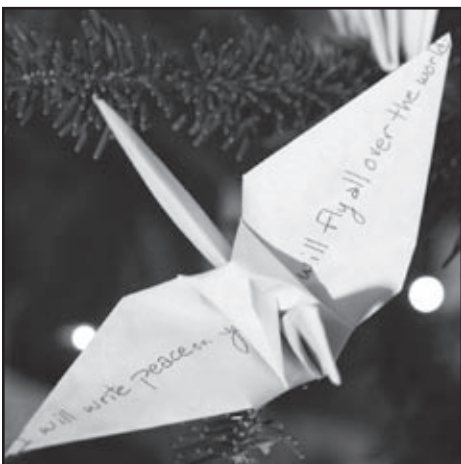
In June 2006, Executive Director Jeff Cotter and ten RWF volunteers traveled to Washington, DC as part of CARE's national advocacy program. They met with Senate and Congressional officials to advocate on behalf of America's core humanitarian development accounts, including international HIV/AIDS funding and a change in the current "abstinence only" earmarks to such aid. This was the third year that members of RWF participated in this conference.

### The Tree of Hope

RWF ended 2006 by teaming up with San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom to create The Tree of Hope at San Francisco City Hall. This unique project invited people to decorate a holiday tree by covering it with thousands of origami cranes inscribed with their wishes for the future of the world. The campaign focused on drawing attention to the plight of children in need. Mayor Newsom and Jeff Cotter sent an invitation asking people to participate by sending RWF their wish. The invitation circulated around the world via the Internet. The tree was displayed at San Francisco City Hall during the month of December. Contributors included Senator Barack Obama, Mayor Gavin Newsom, Frances Moore Lappe, Danielle Steel, hundreds of children and, of course, people all over the world. The Tree of Hope was a powerful artistic expression and experience as well as a platform for compassion to be seen and appreciated throughout the world.



RWF's objective was to create a holiday project that inspired hope – the feeling and energy that we instill in our work. The project was also designed to connect people to RWF and encourage them to think about their power to take further action to reduce the suffering caused by hunger, poverty, disease, disaster, oppression and war. The project also recognized the needs and desires of individuals to participate in the global community and offered people a communal exercise of transforming contemplation into action.



During the final art display, the general public and participants saw the impact of how their individual inscribed cranes, together with many others, were transformed into something beautiful, beyond the scope of their individual efforts.

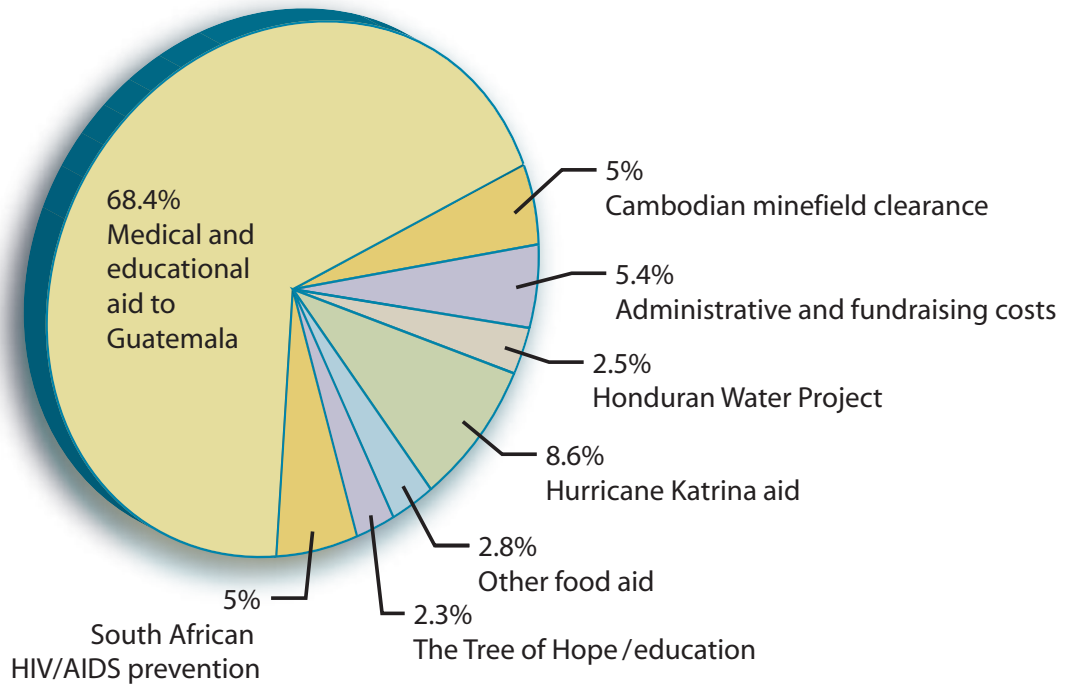
The project was inspired by the story of a girl named Sadako Sasaki who was two years old when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and who died of leukemia 10 years later. While in the hospital, Sadako learned of the Japanese legend that grants the folder

of 1,000 paper cranes a single wish. She died 356 cranes short of her goal. Her classmates folded the rest and all 1,000 cranes were buried with her. As the world learned of her story, the folded paper crane became a symbol of world peace.

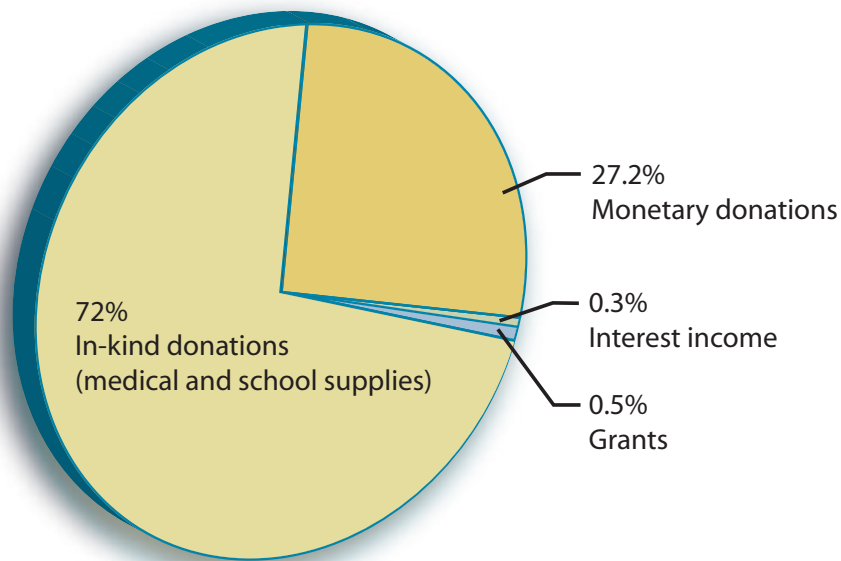
The Tree of Hope was a huge success on many levels. In particular, it brought the LGBT community together with the Japanese American community. We worked tirelessly as a team to accomplish the project. Origami enthusiasts all over the country participated in folding thousands of cranes. We even had origami enthusiasts who had been forced to live in internment camps during World War II, demonstrating the power of hope and continued healing. We hope to make The Tree of Hope an annual event.



*Distributions: How your donations were used*



*Receipts: Sources of funding*



See report for full details

*Statement of Revenue and Disbursements*  
for year ending 12/31/06

**Operating Revenues**

Contributions – Monetary . . . . .	94,682.00
Contributions – In kind . . . . .	250,000.00
Grants . . . . .	1,750.00
Interest . . . . .	1,250.00
<b>Total Receipts . . . . .</b>	<b>\$347,682.00</b>

**Disbursements**

Aid Grants ** . . . . .	117,579.00
Aid Grants – In kind . . . . .	250,000.00
Tree of Hope . . . . .	9,163.00
Professional Fees . . . . .	557.00
Occupancy/Rent/Utilities . . . . .	8,336.00
Printing/Publications/ Postage . . . . .	6,453.00
Other . . . . .	5,981.00
<b>Total Disbursements . . . . .</b>	<b>\$398,069.00</b>

Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets at Year-end . . . . . (50,387.00)

Net assets, beginning of year . . . . . 58,682.00

**Net assets end of year . . . . . \$8,295.00**

\*\* *Aid Grants*

- <i>America's Second Harvest</i> . . . . .	23,923
- <i>Red Cross/Musicares</i> . . . . .	10,255
<i>Total Katrina disbursement</i> . . . . .	34,178
<i>Guatemala</i> . . . . .	22,696
<i>Guatemala (Inkind)</i> . . . . .	250,000
<i>Total Guatemala Aid</i> . . . . .	272,696
<i>Health and Food Aid</i> . . . . .	
- <i>Africare HIV/AIDS Ed.</i> . . . . .	19,603
- <i>CARE Earthquake Aid</i> . . . . .	6,247
- <i>CARE Haiti health care</i> . . . . .	3,893
- <i>CARE Tsunami Relief</i> . . . . .	565
- <i>Africare Famine Relief</i> . . . . .	397
<i>Total HIV/Food disbursement</i> . . . . .	30,705
<i>Cambodian Adopt-a-Minefield</i> . . . . .	20,000
<i>Water Partners - Honduras</i> . . . . .	10,000

**Total Aid Disbursements . . . . . \$367,579.00**

RWF's fiscal accounting period runs January 1 to December 31