

THE SAMUEL HUNTINGTON PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

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Greetings from the Chair

Dear friends of the Samuel Huntington Fund,

As you all know, The Samuel Huntington Fund was established in 1989 to honor the memory of Sam Huntington, former CEO of the New England Electric System, which later merged with National Grid. Since its inception, the Foundation has sponsored 48 public service projects in 20 countries and 18 U.S. sites.

This is the second edition of our Newsletter, which is intended to help keep our supporters current on the activities of the Foundation and the good works that the previous award winners have accomplished. In this issue, we are pleased to report on the two 2010

winners who, thanks to your generous support, have launched exciting public service projects in Kenya and Nepal.

What makes the Foundation especially exciting is seeing how many of the public service projects that we help get started evolve and endure over time. In this issue we will also update you on the activity of Abraham Awolich, a 2006 Huntington Fund Award winner who has been doing remarkable work under very difficult conditions in Southern Sudan. We plan to update you on the ongoing activities of other past award winners in future newsletters.

Finally, we include another thank you to all those that have sup-



Jennifer Huntington
Chair

ported the Huntington Fund in the past and ask that you consider making another contribution this year.

Please don't hesitate to contact me (at granx4@gmail.com) if you have any feedback on the Newsletter or ideas or topics you would like to see covered in future editions.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Huntington

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2010 Winners Selected

After carefully considering 61 proposed public service projects, many of which were extremely well designed, the Foundation selected two exemplary projects to fund in 2010. As more fully described below, these projects focus on maternal and infant health care in Kenya and malnutrition in Nepal.

Health Initiative in Kenya

Arielle Tolman left for Kibera, Kenya, the largest slum in Africa, on June 22nd. Her public service project involves improving healthcare for mothers and newborn infants in an area where 15% of women aged 15 to 40 die during childbirth — making it the number one killer of women in Kibera. Arielle's two part program is intended to attack this serious public health issue. Arielle plans to establish a home birth network, made up of female

community volunteers that will receive comprehensive training from an expert midwife. Through this network, the community will build capacity to conduct pre- and neo-natal home care visits as well as to be present for home births utilizing birthing bags, containing appropriate equipment provided by a local clinic, to help ensure that children are delivered in a medically clean manner.

The second aspect of Arielle's program is a micro-finance project that is designed to make the home birth network sustainable. Through a combination of sustainable vertical gardening projects, the marketing of chickens and eggs, and craft making, local women will raise funds that will provide a living wage and provide for profits to be reinvested.



Arielle Tolman
Wesleyan University, '10



Mark Arnoldy
University of Colorado at Boulder, '10

Malnutrition in Nepal

Mark Arnoldy's program is focused on addressing the serious problem of malnutrition in Nepal, where 99% of the severely malnourished children lack access to effective treatment. Mark's program is designed to test the effectiveness of a new innovation — ready-to-use-therapeutic-food (RUTF). Specifically, Mark's project involves using Nepal's vast network of female community health care volunteers to implement a

community-based system to manage acute malnutrition. The program also involves developing plans to scale the project up for a comprehensive implementation in high priority rural areas as well as testing its effectiveness in an urban setting — Kathmandu. Because it can be distributed and implemented in the home, RUTF has great promise.

In addition to his work on this project, Mark is involved with related work to drive down the cost of RUTF — a key obstacle to its wide scale utilization. These efforts involve local sourcing of ingredients and local preparation of the product, which is currently imported from France.

Making a difference in Sudan

A letter from Abraham Awolich:

My name is Abraham Awolich, Founder and Executive Director of Sudan Development Foundation (SUDEF). I won the Samuel Huntington Public Service Award in 2006. Winning the award was the best thing that has happened to me since graduating from college. The seed money from the foundation enabled me to build a school and establish a medical clinic in Southern Sudan.

In May 2007, as a result of the award, we won a \$200,000 grant from the World Bank. With that grant we were able to build a modern high school in Southern Sudan and earned the credibility and legitimacy to ask other individuals and foundations to help us create more schools.

By May 2008, the school construction was finished and the first group of students was admitted into the

boarding school. We admitted 75 girls in the first year because there was not enough money to also build a dormitory for boys. These students are now in their third year of high school.

Also in 2008, I returned to my home village for the first time in 18 years. During my visit there was an outbreak of meningitis and cholera. Many people died and people looked to me to help them; but I felt powerless. When I returned to the US, I succeeded in raising funds to establish a medical clinic, which opened its doors in August 2008. Currently, we see about 3000 people per quarter.

Although I had accomplished much, I felt it was necessary to go to graduate school to gain more skills. I was admitted to Maxwell School of Syracuse University for a master in Public Administration in the summer of 2008. After graduating with MPA in 2009, I founded the Sudan Development Foundation (SUDEF).

The purpose of Sudan Development Foundation is to build a society where people live at peace with each



Abraham (center) and medical staff in front of the new building for Kalthok Clinic

other and work toward achieving prosperity and self-sufficiency. Our mission is fighting extreme poverty and building lasting peace in Sudan through technical, vocational, literacy and entrepreneurial trainings and support for microenterprises.

We have two projects right now. The first one is our Resource Center for Training and Development project, which aims to provide alternative educational opportunities for youth and adults, particularly the ex-combatants and women in Southern Sudan. The program will include a combination of enhanced basic education, literacy and livelihood skills training that create a link between skills development, employability, and business creation opportunities.

The second project is creating the Maternal and Child Health unit at our clinic. The overarching goals of the maternal unit are to as-

sure that expectant and new mothers and their babies have high quality care reducing maternal and infant mortality in Kalthok, Southern Sudan.

Your charitable giving is welcome so we can together bring hope to those whose dignity has been lost through many years without essential services. If you team with us, we can prevent the death of many women and children during birth. When you team with us, you are helping train 12 midwives and 15 health workers, 450 youth and ex-combatants in technical skills, and 200 adults in literacy classes and you will support 300 small businesses with small loans a year. Visit our website <http://sudef.org> for more information. E-mail us at info@sudef.org or you can call us 1-802-264 4887.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Abraham Awolich'.



High School girls in our new school in Yei

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Last Fall we held our first organized fundraising campaign since the Fund was established in 1989. Thanks to your generosity, it was very successful. Those of you that were able to attend our celebration of 20 Years of Achievement at National Grid's new headquarters in Waltham, Massachusetts had the opportunity to hear first hand from some of our prior award winners about what they were able to accomplish with your support, and the impact their efforts have had in improving lives both here and abroad. In our last Newsletter we recognized individually all the supporters that had made contributions by March 30, 2010. In our next Newsletter we will again recognize everyone that has supported the Fund since that date. As year end approaches, please do keep the Huntington Fund in mind as you consider your charitable giving. Thank you for your consideration! For your convenience, a pre-addressed envelope is enclosed with this newsletter. You can also make a tax deductible contribution at any time by sending a check to:



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A note from Jennifer Huntington about Abraham Awolich

It seems like just yesterday that we awarded Abraham his public service grant in 2006. It is tremendously rewarding to see how much one of Sudan's "Lost Boys" has been able to accomplish under such difficult circumstances. Given his character and leadership abilities, I am confident that Abraham will be instrumental in the development of Southern Sudan for years to come.



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