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Going There, Giving Back®

Charity List by Country

At Kurtz-Ahlers & Associates, we believe giving back is an integral part of the travel experience. Our new program, *Going There, Giving Back*®, will enable us to make a donation to a charity in the country your clients are traveling to, a donation which will make a difference in the lives of many. On behalf of your clients, we will donate funds to the charity of their choice from the below list.

Cambodia

Somaly Mam Foundation was founded in 2007 by human trafficking survivor, Somaly Mam, and is dedicated to ending slavery around the world with a results-oriented, three-step approach: Survivor Services, Advocacy, and Awareness. These programs operate in conjunction with the Voices for Change initiative, which ensures survivors are included in each program area and have a hand in the Foundation's work - a vision modelled after Somaly's inspiring life - ensuring that survivors take charge in reclaiming their lives, fighting back against their former oppressors, and refusing to turn their backs on those who remain behind.

www.somaly.org

Kenya Education Fund

The Kenya Education Fund is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping underprivileged Kenyans improve their lives by giving them the opportunity to finish high school and acquire the skills they need to be healthy and successful members of our global community, as an educated population can break the cycle of dependence, illness and poverty in Kenya and throughout Africa. The student-teacher ratio in some classrooms is 100 to 1 and the quality of education in Kenya is declining as a result. An extensive network of Peace Corps volunteers, civil servants and non-governmental organizations works together to identify the most needy and deserving of students throughout the country.

www.kenyaeducationfund.org

Indonesia

The Hope Foundation which runs a Medical Clinic in Kelusa Village, Payangan, Gianyar.

Laos

Faces of Hope Fund* established by travel photographer and writer, Alison Wright. The tax-deductible Faces of Hope Fund works with NGO's and established community organizations to provide fundamental health care and education to children and their communities in Asia and Afghanistan. A percentage of proceeds from her book, *Learning to Breathe*, which chronicles Alison's devastating accident and recovery, will be going to help The Kasi Clinic in Laos. Alison has also partnered with the non-profit organization Doctor to Doctor (www.d2d.org) to help provide medical training and equipment for the clinic.

www.facesofhope.org

Malaysia

World Youth Foundation - Operating out of Melaka, Malaysia, the WYF objectives are to administer funds to further the educational, cultural and socio-economic, political and cultural improvement of youth at national, regional and international levels, and to establish an organizational network with local and international governments and non-government agencies, and financing institutions which are actively involved in the field of Youth and human resource development.

www.wyf.org.my

Shelter Home for Children – Shelter is a registered welfare organization that has been in existence since 1981 to help abused, abandoned, neglected or at-risk children throughout Malaysia. The mission is to rescue and protect children from the trauma of physical and sexual abuse, extreme neglect, being abandoned and being a victim or witness of domestic violence.

www.shelterhome.org

Malaysia Wildlands Project - Malaysia Wildlands Project aims to protect and restore the natural heritage of Malaysia through the establishment of a connected system of wildlands. Your contribution will be channeled to planting native trees equal to the amount of carbon emission of your travel to or within Malaysia. A percentage will go to the purchase of marginal land along critical wildlife habitats to serve as buffer zones between habitats.

www.rainforest-aid.org

Myanmar

Propheten - This Frankfurt-based charity organization, jointly led by Daniel Meury, Chedi Phuket's General Manager, has set-up 5 International Learning Centres (ILC) in local schools. Each ILC gives children the opportunity and a chance for a better and brighter future. With the help of computers and other vital necessities, they enjoy access to improved learning conditions and they are able to communicate and improve their English. Propheten operates in Myanmar and Thailand.

www.propheten.com

Nepal

Nepal Youth Foundation brings together the best of two worlds – the resources of generous donors in the developed world, and the opportunity to dramatically improve the lives of destitute children in the developing world. Programs help provide medical attention, education, and housing for children in need throughout Nepal. Olga Murray, the founder and president of NYF, spends half of each year in California and half in Kathmandu. In Nepal, they work closely with local non-governmental organizations (NGOs), communities, families, and, of course, lots of kids. NYF is a non-profit organization based in Sausalito, California, on the edge of the San Francisco Bay.

www.nepalyouthfoundation.org

Himalayan Healers is a Healing Arts School and collection of Spa Boutiques, with branches in both Nepal and in the United States. It is the only project in the world that trains “Untouchables” in the Healing Arts. “Untouchables” are restricted to the most menial of labor, prevented from entering certain temples and schools, denied access to certain water sources, and face systemic discrimination, threats, and violence to this day. By training “Untouchables” in massage therapy we are returning the power of touch, self-worth, and dignity to individuals and the community as a whole, in a peaceful, dramatic way. In America a goal of 60,000 Nepali-Bhutani refugees will be resettled within the next few years. The vast majority lack the needed language and work-skills to properly adjust to a new culture and environment. Our training at the Ojai School of Massage is an effective method to dramatically improve their lives.

<http://himalayanhealers.org/blog2/>

Oman

Al Noor Association for the Blind - The Al Noor Association for the Blind represents interests of the blind in the Sultanate of Oman by implementation of plans and programs that aim to improve living standards and provide support services in areas of development, social and vocational hence enabling members to live normal life in the community.

www.alnoor4blind.org.om

Tibet

Tibetan Aid Project - By preserving Tibetan wisdom traditions and educating the general public, the Tibetan Aid Project works to ensure the survival of a culture that is invaluable to our shared human history. Projects include Distributing Sacred Texts and Art; Promoting Awareness of Tibetan Culture; Producing Prayer Flags; and Supporting Monks and Nuns through direct financial support for monastic centers, lamas, monks, nuns, and lay people.

www.tibetanaidproject.org

Thailand

Childs Dream is dedicated to unconditional help for underprivileged children in the 'Mekong Sub-Region'. This region is at the core of many humanitarian crises and children are suffering the most.

www.childsdream.org

Propheten – See description under Myanmar below.

www.propheten.com

Somaly Mam Foundation – See description under Cambodia above.

www.somaly.org

Vietnam

CARE* in Vietnam - We are one of the leading international aid organizations in Vietnam and are known for our close work within the community, village, and district levels with a focus on fighting HIV and AIDS, preparing people for future disasters, and improving agriculture, for example by teaching farmers new techniques.

www.careinternational.org.uk/10957/vietnam/care-in-vietnam.html

Operation Smile* Vietnam – US based non-profit that operated in 29 countries, provides free surgeries for children with facial deformities and medical development programs through local and international teams of professional volunteers. In developing countries such as Vietnam, 1 in 500 babies are born with a facial deformity.

www.operationsmilevietnam.org

USA

Angel Harvest and America Harvest - Harvest teams pick up leftover food from catered events, and deliver enough food to provide 900,000 meals to hungry men, women and children around the world, at an average cost of 25 cents a meal.

www.angelharvest.org

www.americaharvest.org

Rwanda

FXB International in Rwanda was established in 1995 in the wake of the AIDS pandemic and devastation from the genocide to provide support to families and communities faced with the challenges of caring for thousands of orphans and vulnerable children left homeless. In addition to reintegrating orphans into foster families, the FXB Village Model Program provides health care, education, counseling, legal support, small enterprise grants and vocational training. It takes only \$110 to totally support one person per year. <http://www.fxb.org>

Worldwide

IMEC is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization whose mission is to provide doctors in developing countries with quality medical equipment to improve health care for the poor. For the past 14 years, IMEC has worked with over sixty other humanitarian organizations to revitalize hundreds of existing, impoverished hospitals with donated surplus medical equipment and supplies that are organized into complete medical departments, delivering them to over seventy countries around the world. <http://www.imecamerica.org>

***Various Countries** - Several charities on the above list operate in various countries.

Please refer to our VIP Reservation form to request a reservation and learn more about this program. If you would like to donate to a charity other than those listed, or if there is no listing for your country of travel, please let us know.

Thank you for your interest in *Going There, Giving Back*® by Kurtz-Ahlers & Associates.

Kind Regards,

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