

## MUHAMMAD SUBUH FOUNDATION

The Muhammad Subuh Foundation (MSF) honours the name of the founder of Subud, Muhammad Subuh Sumohadiwidjojo. It serves to build lasting financial capacity for the Subud community, with dedication to the long-term aims of the World Subud Association. Since 1996 MSF has provided nearly \$900,000 for consistent funding of projects promoting the WSA's long term aims such as the translation of Bapak's and Ibu Rahayu's talks; the WSA Archives; writing the History of Subud; supporting the WSA Care Support Program and travel of the International Helpers.

The time period from the Subud World Congress in New Zealand (when the MSF Board of Trustees last met with the World Subud Council WSC) until now has been a time of progress and change for MSF, both organizationally and in its work of providing key support to many essential parts of the international Subud community.

### STRENGTHENING SUBUD AS A WHOLE

- ▶ In 2010 a \$60,000 grant was provided for the WSA programs previously listed. In addition, MSF provided a \$5,000 grant to the WSA Subud Education Fund to help provide scholarships to children, youth and adults.
- ▶ **Supporting Subud Houses:** In 2010 MSF approved funds to the following groups to purchase and own their own Subud House: Calabar, Nigeria, with a \$22,000 grant to purchase the first ever Subud House in Nigeria; Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo with a \$25,000 grant and \$15,000 loan (and the WSA provided an additional \$15,000 grant) to purchase a Subud House; Bogota, Colombia, with a \$3,500 grant and \$1,500 loan to renovate their Subud House; \$10,000 to Subud Istmina to help build a Subud House; \$8,000 to Cherkassy, Ukraine to purchase additional land adjacent to their Subud House (for which MSF provided the original purchase funding in 1999); and \$3,650 to Lagos, Nigeria so that the members there could obtain a suitable premise to rent for two years.
- ▶ **Supporting Subud Youth:** After the youth raised \$30,000 with assistance from the WSA in support of attendance to the 2010 World Congress in New Zealand, the Muhammad Subuh Foundation and the Guerrand-Hermès Foundation for Peace each provided \$30,000 in matching funds. As a result over 60 youth were very active participants.
- ▶ **Supporting Social and Humanitarian Projects:** In 2010, during the WSC Meeting in Great Malvern, U.K., MSF signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Susila Dharma International Association (SDIA) that establishes MSF as a partner with SDIA in terms of supporting Subud run social projects throughout the world and that commits MSF to providing SDIA itself with substantial support in carrying out its work. This includes having all of MSF's support for social projects being channeled exclusively through SDIA and for which SDIA receives an additional management fee as well as the possibility of providing SDIA itself with annual funding for its 'services to SDIA member social projects.' For example, in 2010 MSF provided a \$10,000 grant to SDIA itself for its services to its members; and \$20,000 for a Community Health Clinic in Lemba Imbu, Democratic Republic of the Congo, with an additional \$1,400 management grant provided to SDIA to oversee this project.
- ▶ **Supporting Cultural Projects:** MSF provided the Subud International Cultural Association (SICA) with a \$5,000 grant for the SICA website.

- ▶ **Improved Governance:** MSF completed a thorough review of its due diligence policies and procedures with a prestigious New York law firm to ensure that MSF is fully meeting all of its obligations as a U.S. based charity, particularly in terms of due diligence procedures on anti-terrorism regulations and policies. Also, in 2010 a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the WSA and MSF to ensure close cooperation and mutual support and to further strengthen our working relationship. MSF works closely with the WSA sub-committee for MSF matters. In 2011 MSF also began having regular Board Meetings via Skype Conference Calls.
- ▶ **Strengthening the Organization - Financial Management:** A team of Subud members with expertise in investment were recruited and who then developed a comprehensive, balanced and prudent Investment Policy Statement (IPS). In 2010 this Investment Advisory Team (IAT) took over the management of MSF's portfolio and then began re-balancing MSF's portfolio so that it was consistent with the guidelines of the IPS. The IAT took over financial management of the MSF investment portfolio, on a strictly volunteer basis, and moved the portfolio to Fidelity's brokerage service, saving MSF a significant amount of money in management fees. In 2010 a new MSF trustee, with considerable financial expertise, was appointed to the Board.
- ▶ **Communications and Donor Appreciation:** MSF continued to publish a high-quality e-Newsletter; continued work on a new website; recruited and established a new international team of MSF National Liaisons; and during the 2010 Subud World Congress awarded key donors with an MSF gold or silver plated engraved lapel pin and presented 33 Subud groups, who were funded in part by MSF to obtain or renovate their Subud house, with an attractive commemorative plaque.

#### LOOKING FORWARD: ENGAGING THE MEMBERSHIP AND INCREASED PROFESSIONALISM

- ▶ **The MSF Board is meeting in June 2011 in Indonesia.** Some of MSF's priorities for the remainder of this year and for the following year are to: (1) more proactively and professionally engage in fundraising; (2) increase the membership's awareness of the importance of MSF to the growth and development of Subud by launching the new MSF website, developing a professional quality film about MSF and meeting directly with members more often; (3) establish more agreements with countries to allow members to make donations, enterprise contributions and bequests to MSF and receive a tax benefit for doing so (as was recently done in France and previously in Canada); and (4) advance the work of the Investment Advisory Team.

Altogether, including grants made in 2010, the Muhammad Subuh Foundation has provided over \$2 Million in funding since 1996 to strengthen Subud.

The MSF Annual Report can be viewed on the website [www.msubuhfoundation.org](http://www.msubuhfoundation.org).