



# Susila Dharma International

## 2005 ASSOCIATE MEMBER ANNUAL REPORT

**NAME OF PROJECT: A Child's Garden of Peace**

### **PROJECT LEADER CONTACT INFORMATION**

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### **STAFFING**

(a) List your current board members: We are not a separate non profit.

(b) Describe your project's paid and volunteer staff including job titles and number of staff: Illène Pevec, director,

Myra Margolin, art and English teacher, video teacher, video editor

Larisa Sunderland, volunteer in Brazil, 2006

Maria Eva da Silva, cooking teacher

Lourdes da Silva, knitting and crochet instructor

Vera da Silva, assistant cooking instructor

Tatiane Viera, youth leader

Joçemar Langes, youth leader

Carla Franciele, youth leader

### **LEGAL INFORMATION OF PROJECT**

(for example, tax exempt status or charitable registration):

A project under the umbrella of SDI

### **PROJECT SUMMARY**

*Please review your project description on the SDI website ([www.susiladharm.org](http://www.susiladharm.org)) - go to "SDI Members" and scroll down to the appropriate geographic area. This will be updated based on this report information.*

Describe the following:

(a) the key activities of your project:

Creating permaculture gardens with economically challenged communities to provide organically grown food and medicinal plants, teaching environmental responsibility within the neighborhood and beyond, developing micro-enterprise activities. Sewing

project began in São Borja in 2005, will expand in 2006. Documentary video production. The youth who have participated in the gardening and community clean up, tree-planting learned to do documentaries about themselves and their community, those will be completed and entered in international festivals in 2006

(b) the beneficiaries of your project, and how they participate in the project (if applicable): Children and their families in Santo Angelo and São Borja, RS, Brazil

(c) The number of people receiving services from your project:

About 200 people, children of all ages and their parents

(d) Links your project has with other organizations, NGOs, United Nations, government agencies, etc.:

with the convent of Santa Theresa Verzeri in São Borja

Permacultura.org

## **2005 ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

Please describe your project's accomplishments and highlights during the past year:

(a) Notable developments: The sewing program was developed at the Convent of Santa Theresa Verzeri in São Borja for women and girls in cooperation with the nuns who run a social welfare program for about 120 families

The documentary A Child's Garden of Peace was shown at SICA film fest in Innsbruck, the GHFP Education conference in Innsbruck, the Planet in Focus, Toronto; Global Visions, Edmonton; at the University of Colorado, Cornell University and at a festival in Washington, DC

We began a scholarship fund for the children participating in the project in Brazil with the money the documentary earns through showings and sales of DVDs.

(b) Milestones met:

(c) Special activities: The documentary was selected to be in an environmental documentary TV series on PBS American stations called Natural Heroes.

## **PROJECT GOALS**

(a) List your project's major goals for this year: To take a small group of youth in Brazil to the Permacultura training program in Bage, RS, Brazil so that they can learn more about permaculture and gain green building skills.

To establish a new permaculture garden with the families who attend social service programs at the convent in Sao Borja

To establish more support for the elementary school garden in Santo Angelo

To establish a local board of directors for the scholarship fund in Santo Angelo.

To enter the youth directed films into international film festivals

(b) Describe your project's goals for the next 3 years:

To integrate the youth attending the permaculture course with community organizations needing their expertise in existing programs,. Each youth who attends the course will give 40 hours of community volunteer hours implementing what they have learned in their home communities.

To begin an education program in green building and permaculture for American university and high school students where they can apply what they learn by working with youth in the towns where we have projects on buildings and gardens that will benefit the community

To work with Tierra Viva in Argentina to establish a garden with the women and their children who are incarcerated.

To continue to develop the existing relationship with the Santo Angelo school district to further the use of curriculum integrated with gardening for students.

To continue to develop the community based education project in Santo Angelo that involves mothers and children in a variety of educational activities.

To develop a scholarship program for university and technical training programs for young people from the Bairro Centro Sul, Santo Angelo in cooperation with Brazilian universities.

### **NETWORK ASSISTANCE**

(a) Describe how the Susila Dharma network might assist your project in reaching these goals:

Continue to receive my funds, disburse them

Include project director, volunteers, etc in SDI activities,

Send out news about our project

(b) Describe your relationship with your Susila Dharma national organization:

I don't have a relationship with SDUSA. I don't want to ask SD to fund raise for me as there are other projects who don't have the capacity to fund raise in the US and I don't want to take any of those funds

SD Canada has received for me donations from Judy Schmidt

### **FINANCIAL REPORT**

#### **Revenue**

(a) total income: US\$14,192

#### **Expenditures**

(a) total expenditures: US\$1,300