



March 19, 2009

Dear Friends,

During the first six months of our FY2009 Iowa, Haiti, and the economy have all suffered major disasters, each with significant impact on HODR.

Over 2,000 volunteers helped the residents of Cedar Rapids, Iowa recover after punishing flooding, with great corporate support from AEGON and Rockwell Collins. Leadership donations from the Adam Haber family (HODR volunteers and donors) helped trigger substantial assistance from the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, and the United Way of East Central Iowa, in addition to many other donors. Volunteers assisted more than 400 families, and throughout the project we developed a strategy for partnerships that we will use in future domestic projects. Our 16-year-old volunteer Daniel Greene was chosen as the ABC 'Person of the Week' during this project for his commitment of his summer vacation to help others by volunteering with HODR.

The summer saw a series of tropical storms and three hurricanes that hammered Haiti. Our team has been on-site in Haiti since our assessment phase in September and has developed innovative approaches for tasks ranging from well reclamation and mud removal to the logistics management of distribution of tools and supplies. Our work was highlighted in a 14-page spread in NEED magazine, as well as in an NBC news segment featuring a HODR volunteer, and an interview with Operations Director Marc Young on Public Radio International's 'Here and Now' Program.

We've enclosed project summaries of these two major efforts, finances from the first six months of FY2009, and much more information is available on our website, www.HODR.org.

The economy has impacted our fund raising efforts, yet the needs remain great. If you can help us now - with a donation, or an introduction to a friend, foundation or corporation...we appreciate any support you can offer. We're also happy to provide speakers for a club, benefit, or any gathering that will further the cause.

Maximum impact, minimum bureaucracy – all through you!

Sincerely,

David N. Campbell
Executive Director



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A view of the devastation



NBC News featured volunteer John Hancock in Haiti, Oct. 4, '08



The Sisters' School, back in session after having been filled 6 feet deep with mud

In August and September 2008, Haiti was devastated by the succession of four tropical storms and hurricanes, leaving millions of cubic meters of mud in homes, schools, and streets, and leaving thousands of families homeless.

The HODR Family of volunteers and donors has supported the people of Gonaives, Haiti since October 10, 2008, and will be engaged on Project Gonaives until March 28, 2009. To date we have accomplished a great deal with your support:

- More than 140 volunteers from 14 countries, including 29 local volunteers, have given their time to assist more than 2,000 families.
- Shelter: With lots of energy and hand tools, volunteers removed mud that filled houses, helping more than 300 families move from rooftops and shelters back to their homes.
- Education & Health: Rehabilitated the Sisters of St. Joseph School, Medical Clinic and Community Center, resuming the education of 700+ street children and free medical care of an additional 200 community members.
- Water: With grant support from UNICEF and the Trull Foundation, we created a time- and cost-effective well rehabilitation system. Volunteers installed 70 community wells and trained Oxfam Great Britain and Action Against Hunger in our method to provide contamination-resistant wells to thousands of families.
- Sanitation: Repaired plumbing at a hospital in Gonaives and collaborated with the International Federation of the Red Cross to build 90 latrine slabs.

Thanks to our generous donors and volunteers HODR provides physical progress and the gift of hope to those who need it most. To provide volunteers the opportunity to help and to provide critical assistance to communities affected by natural disaster, please support HODR by making a tax-deductible donation today.



Go to www.HODR.org/Press to view the NBC News Coverage, a feature article in NEED Magazine, and to listen to an interview with Operations Director Marc Young on PRI's 'Here and Now' Program

Volunteers walk from the HODR base to work, carrying hand tools to dig homes out of the mud



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Volunteers remove debris from a home so that it can be rebuilt



A volunteer installs sub-flooring for a mini-grant recipient



Partnerships with the two largest employers supported PCR with local volunteers and funding

In June 2008, more than 5,000 homes in the Cedar Rapids, Iowa area were severely affected by flooding with floodwaters reaching the second story of thousands of homes. Project Cedar Rapids (PCR) is HODR's largest volunteer project to date, coordinating 2,185 individuals to help the community recover.

From June-October 2008, volunteers from 37 states and 3 countries brought hope, energy and progress to the communities of Palo and Cedar Rapids, Iowa:

- 2,185 volunteers brought direct assistance to 460 households in need.
- Volunteers tirelessly donated 40,000 hours to the recovery efforts, saving flood-affected community members an estimated \$800,000 in donated labor.
- Bringing families through the first step in restoring their homes, volunteers gutted and cleaned-out 403 houses, preparing them for rebuilding.
- While volunteering at PCR the Haber Family generously donated and inspired significant local support to help establish HODR's first mini-grant program which provided \$500-\$5,000 in appliances and/or rebuilding materials to over 60 flood-affected families in need of financial support.
- Grants from the United Way of East Central Iowa, the Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation and area Rotary clubs, expanded our volunteers' reach in the community and marked HODR's first large grants.
- AEGON Insurance and Rockwell Collins, the area's largest employers, worked closely with HODR to give back to their community by engaging more than 400 employee volunteers and contributing grant support.

Many thanks to the donors and volunteers who made a direct impact in the lives of the people of Cedar Rapids after one of the worst flooding events in Iowa's history. Help us prepare to help communities critically affected by a natural disaster in the future by donating to our Disaster Response Fund today and by signing up to receive email notifications of future volunteer response projects.



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Project Cedar Rapids
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ABC News Coverage

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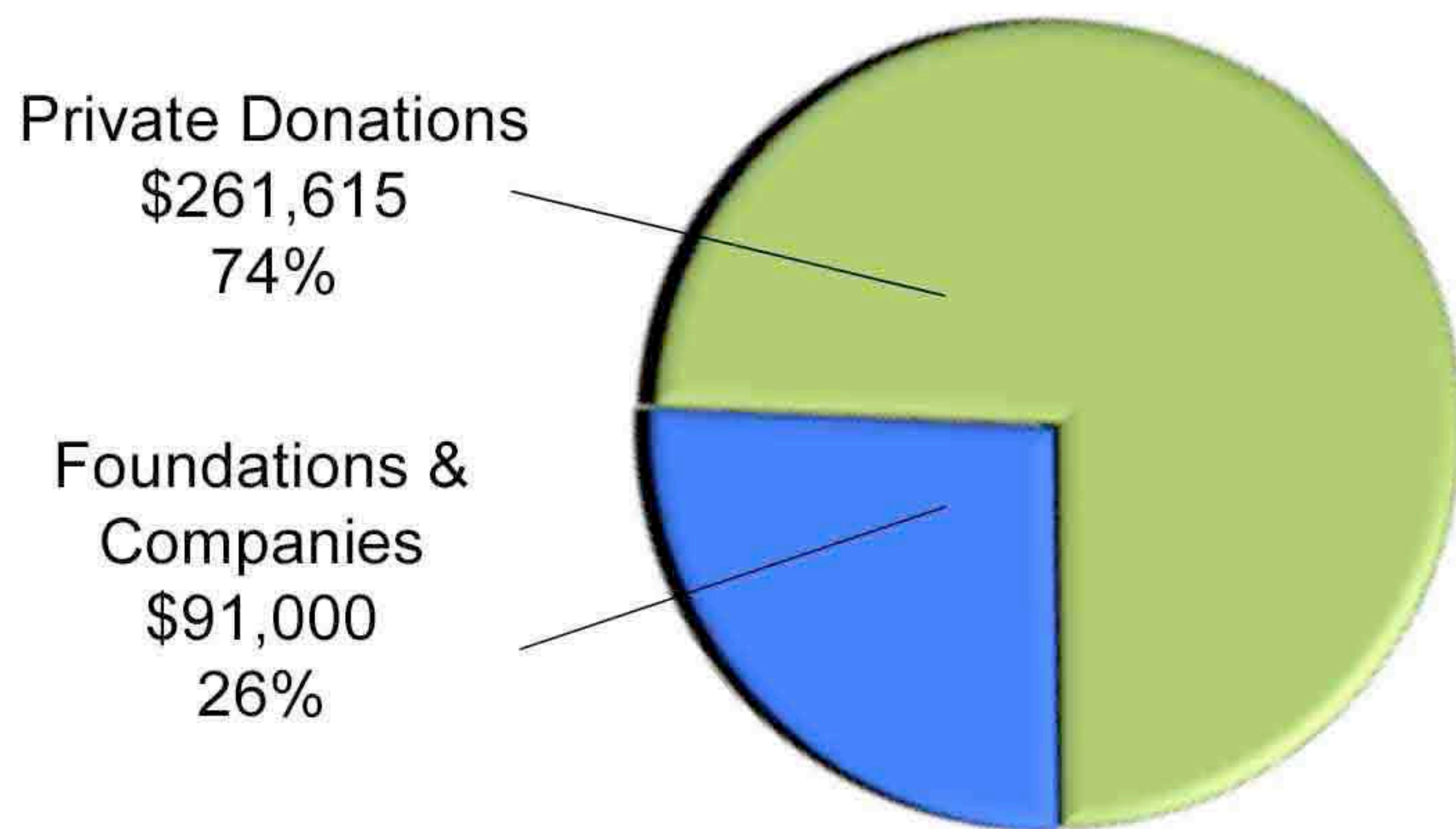
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Finances from the Period September 1, 2008, through February 28, 2009

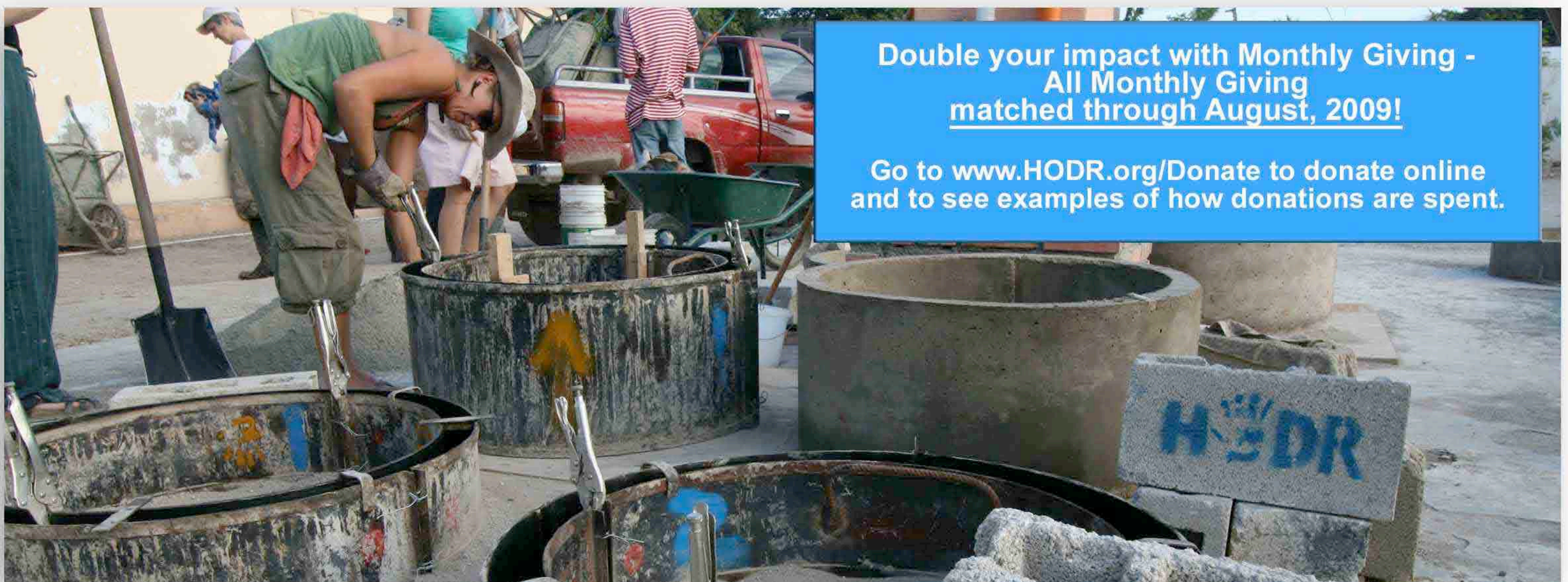
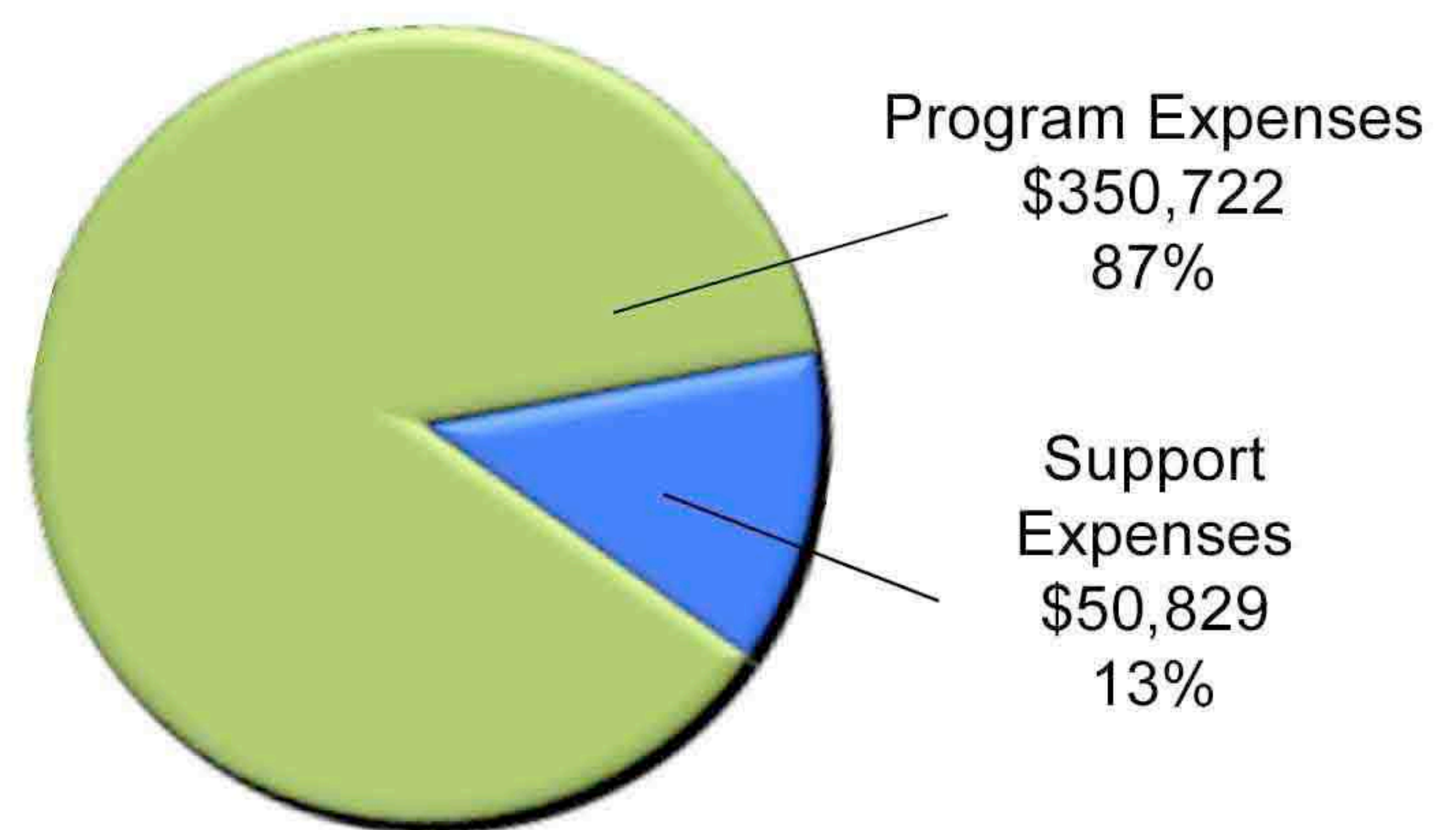
Values in US Dollars

Total Contributions:	\$352,615
Total Expenses:	\$401,551
Program Expenses	\$350,722
Support Expenses	
Administrative Expenses	\$ 37,459
Fundraising Expenses	\$ 13,370
Change in Net Assets:	-\$ 48,936

Contribution Sources



Total Expenses



Double your impact with Monthly Giving - All Monthly Giving matched through August, 2009!

Go to www.HODR.org/Donate to donate online and to see examples of how donations are spent.

With HODR's creativity and cost-effective nature we developed a system to provide safe wells to thousands of families; each well platform costs \$250 to build and 2 hours to install, compared to conventional masonry that takes about 4 days and \$1,000 per well.