



Golder Trust  
for Orphans



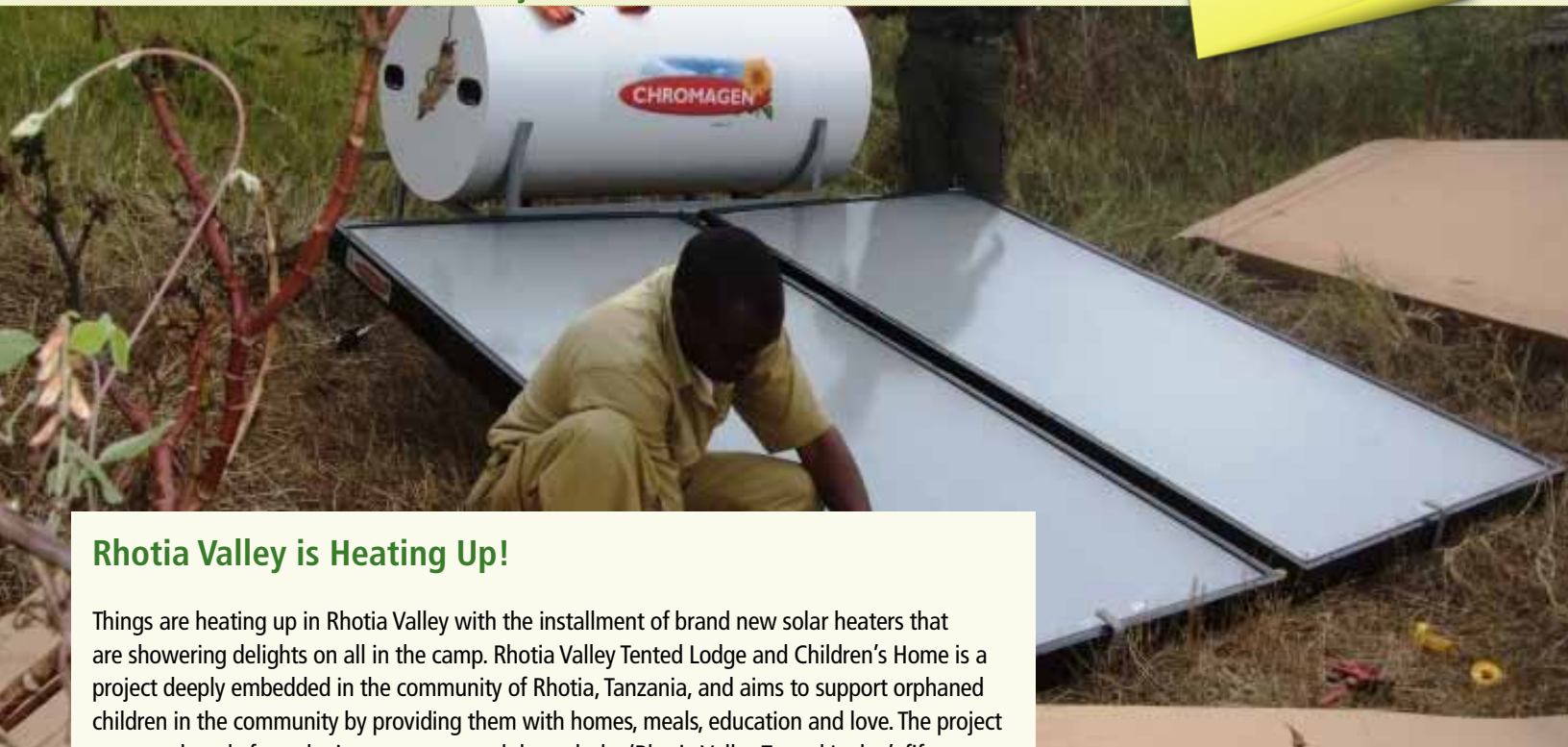
## NEWSLETTER

January 2010

Welcome to The Golder Trust for Orphans Newsletter, where you'll find the latest information about where your contributions to the Trust are going and how you can get involved in helping us create sustainable solutions that make a difference!

Read the February 2010 newsletter for information about the FIFA World Cup Fundraiser!

### News from Golder Trust Projects!



#### Rhotia Valley is Heating Up!

Things are heating up in Rhotia Valley with the installment of brand new solar heaters that are showering delights on all in the camp. Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home is a project deeply embedded in the community of Rhotia, Tanzania, and aims to support orphaned children in the community by providing them with homes, meals, education and love. The project operates largely from the income generated through the 'Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge'; fifteen en-suite tented houses that offer an intimate getaway while supporting a valuable cause.

And now, thanks to the support from the Golder Trust for Orphans, five new solar heaters have been installed, and are fully functioning, providing hot water all day long for guests and children alike.

Marise Koch, the founder of Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home, comments that the solar heaters have been life

changing; water is actually hot and is used both in the kitchen and for showers after long days in the valley. The installment of the solar heaters also means that less time needs to be spent on collecting firewood for the Tanganyika boilers, making fires and waiting for water to boil. Instead, more time can now be spent nurturing the children whom the project supports.

Mkiwa, one of 24 orphans that live at Rhotia Valley, lost both his parents to HIV/AIDS when he was just 7 years old and was then taken in by his aunt and uncle who lived in a nearby community. While he enjoyed a relatively normal family life living with his cousins, little Mkiwa's life was again thrown into disarray when his aunt and uncle were tragically killed in a road accident when he

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was 14. With nowhere else to go, Mkiwa was lovingly taken in by the caretakers of Rhotia Valley where he immediately became part of the family. As one of his 'mama's' comments, his power, charm and fast improving English renews their hope for the community and makes them more confident in the work they do to help children in the community realize their dreams.

And dreams are in no short supply at Rhotia Valley. While Mkiwa is only in primary school, his dream is to become a pilot. One of the friends of Rhotia Valley is a pilot for the Flying Medical Service and is helping Mkiwa

make this dream a reality. He knows that he needs to be proficient in English and has to work hard, so he spends hours studying and learning for the regular classes offered at Marera Primary School. In addition to this, he studies hard at the extra English lessons at Rhotia Valley that are given by volunteers from Tanzania, the Netherlands and the USA. While he loves learning in general, one of his favourite things is learning how to use a laptop, which is part of the 'One Laptop Per Child Project' that Rhotia Valley has initiated to develop the practical skills of all the children looked after at the home.

Rhotia Valley is only moving from strength to strength and with the help of sustainable infrastructure such as the new solar panels, more attention and energy can go to improving the lives of the children. As the solar panels absorb the heat from the sun, it is without a doubt that there is equal warmth radiating from the hearts of all involved in the project, making a significant contribution to the community of Rhotia.

For more information, visit [www.rhotiavalley.com](http://www.rhotiavalley.com).

## Join Us in Reaching our 2010 Goals!

### Lofty Goals Set for the Trust in our 50th Anniversary Year

2010 is the first 50th Anniversary of Golder Associates. In our 50th year, we are eager to achieve some lofty goals for the Trust for Orphans and we need your help!

### Half Million Dollars per Year Campaign

We have raised over \$1 million USD since the Trust's inception in 2003 (see chart on next page). In 2009, Golder employees and operating companies donated \$378,352 USD to the Trust. We want to raise \$500,000 USD in 2010! This is more than what was given in 2009 but we think we can do it. Join us and organise a fundraiser for the Trust in your office this year!

### 800 Monthly Payroll Donors by December 2010

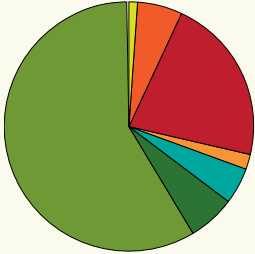
We are currently at 592 monthly payroll donors and are getting even closer to our goal of having 800 staff donating monthly! Sign up for our monthly payroll donation program by [downloading the appropriate form](#) and giving it to your local Office Champion or accounting contact.

### An Office Champion in Every Golder Office

We currently have Office Champions in 76 Golder offices. We need more! [Click here to see the list of Office Champions](#). If you'd like to be an Office Champion and your office doesn't have one, send an email to [GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com](mailto:GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com)



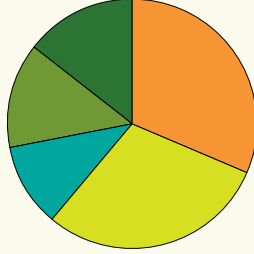
## Summary of Donations in 2009



**Donations Distributed 2009**  
(USD)

Thembisa Embo Community	4,405
ABC Ministry	22,635
Bulembu Bakery	82,601
Carlos Vilanculos	7,742
Rhotia Valley Children's home	17,846
Food Water Shelter	22,794
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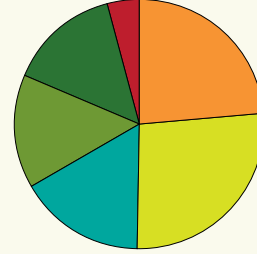
**Total** \$ 381 352



**Total Number of Donors 2009**

Canada	187
USA	175
South Africa	65
Australia	80
Europe	85

**Total** 592



**Donations Collected 2009**  
(USD)

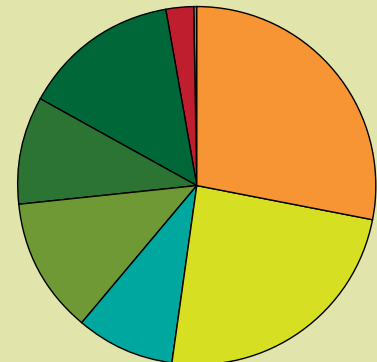
Canada	89,681
USA	101,319
South Africa	61,633
Australasia	55,784
GAC	0
Europe	54,931
Others	15,004

**Total** \$ 378 352

**Donations Collected 2004-2009**  
(USD)

Canada	331,899
USA	283,523
South Africa	105,226
Australasia	144,124
GAC	114,467
Europe	165,064
Others	30,264
South America	576

**Total**  
**1,175,143**



## Fundraising News from Golder Offices

### Mississauga Office Christmas Craft and Bake Sale

The Christmas Spirit hit the Mississauga office in early December with the first Annual Christmas Craft and Bake Sale. Organised by the Mississauga Office Social Committee, all staff were invited to start their Christmas shopping knowing that they were helping a great cause. The sale was open for business for two hours over the lunch break, and the organisers were kept on their feet selling a great selection of gifts and feeding the hungry workers pizza and home-baked goodies. They received a staggering number

of donations of extremely tasty treats and many gift items that were sold for the Orphans Trust.

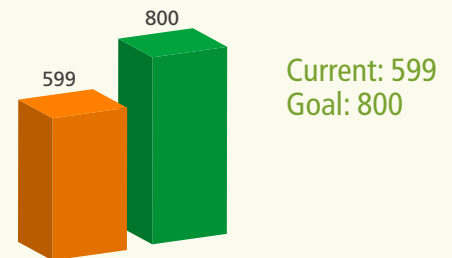
Gifts included a selection of Christmas tree ball decorations. These were made by Staff (including some younger potential staff-to-be) one after-work evening. Great fun, including paint and various artistic interpretations, was had by all – with 50% of the products donated to the sale. The Mississauga office is looking forward to doing this again!



## General Information

**The Trust is currently supporting eleven projects with a vision to expand this number as our financial resources grow.**

1. Bulembu Ministries (Bulembu, Swaziland)
2. Hamba Ekukanyeni (Pietermaritzburg, South Africa)
3. Lewa Children's Home, Kip Keino School and Baraka Farm (Eldoret, Kenya)
4. St. Joseph's Care Centre (Bronkhorstspuit, South Africa)
5. Thembisa Embo Community Project (Durban, South Africa)
6. ABC Ministry (Bulembu, Swaziland)
7. Mission Station of Carlos Vilanculos (Mozambique)
8. Hands of Mercy (Harare, Zimbabwe)
9. KwaSizabantu Schulzendal (South Africa)
10. Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home (Tanzania)
11. Food Water Shelter (Tanzania)



**Help us reach our goal of having 800 monthly donors to the Trust. Sign up today!** Many thanks to all Golder staff around the world who are contributing monthly to the Trust for Orphans. We are getting even closer to our goal of having 800 staff donating monthly! Speak to your Office Champion if you are interested in donating or send an email to [GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com](mailto:GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com)!

### What is the Golder Trust for Orphans?

As part of our commitment to sustainability, Golder Associates formed the Golder Trust for Orphans in 2003 to provide support to children and families in Africa who have been orphaned or displaced by the AIDS pandemic.

The Trust, which is funded mainly by contributions from Golder's operating companies and Golder staff, provides financial support to NGO's caring for and counselling families and dependents of people living with HIV/AIDS. To date our efforts are supporting over 1000 children in Africa.

### What projects are we currently supporting?

The Trust is currently supporting the efforts of eleven projects in Africa:

- › Thembisa –Embo Community Project (South Africa)
- › Hamba Ekukanyeni (South Africa)
- › St. Joseph's Care Centre (South Africa)
- › Lewa Children's Home, School and Farm (Kenya)
- › Bulembu Ministries (Swaziland)
- › Hands of Mercy (Zimbabwe)
- › Mission Station of Carlos Vilanculos (Mozambique)
- › ABC Ministry (Swaziland)
- › KwaSizabantu Schulzendal (South Africa)
- › Rhotia Valley Tented Lodge and Children's Home (Tanzania)
- › Food Water Shelter (Tanzania)

### Where can you find more information about the Trust?

The Golder Trust for Orphans has a site on GoldNet! Go to [Corporate Services / Enterra Holdings Ltd. / Golder Trust for Orphans](#) to:

- › Learn more about the projects we're supporting
- › Visit other AIDS related web sites
- › Download Contribution forms
- › Read articles of interest
- › See current presentations about the Trust!

You can also visit the Trust web site at [www.goldertrust.org](http://www.goldertrust.org)!

Your feedback about this newsletter is welcomed! Please send your comments to [GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com](mailto:GolderTrustforOrphans@golder.com).

## How can you get involved?

- › Become an Office Champion for your office!
- › Promote the Trust in your workplace
- › Organise a fundraiser in your office
- › Encourage other staff members to contribute

Donate monthly through:

- › Payroll deduction
  - › GivenGain online payments
  - › Bank draft
- Get involved in fundraising events in your office, operating region, or globally!

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