

# GLOBAL RESPONSE

Environmental Action & Education Network

## ANNUAL REPORT 2005 (September 1, 2004 - August 31, 2005)

### FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Serving as Chair of Global Response is a new responsibility for me — a wonderful privilege and opportunity. As an ecologist, I have had a life-long commitment to protecting the Earth's biological diversity. Global Response has become an important way for me to turn this commitment into effective action.

Global Response generates activism at so many levels, and ties all of them together to create a powerful force for environmental protection and environmental justice. Global Response is a web of local communities — over 100 throughout the world — whose courageous local struggles inspire Global Response campaigns. It is the network of international organizations that we draw together into strategic coalitions for each campaign. It is the tiny, feisty and dedicated staff and the enthusiastic volunteers, interns and board members.

But most of all it is our letter-writing members who make Global Response work. I'd like to introduce a few:

- Fifteen-year-old *Jana Rajnohova* generated hundreds of letters from the Republic of Slovakia to help us save the mangrove forest of Bimini island, Bahamas.
- In 2004, GR member *Ann Wederspahn* of Littleton, CO sponsored a membership for *Stephen and Joyce Zeko* in Mansa Zambia. Since then, Stephen has referred 16 new members from Zambia, Zimbabwe, and Italy to join the Global Response Network.
- On Earth Day, *Susan Beckerman* staffed a GR information table in New York's Central Park, as did *Joel Sayer* in San Diego, CA.
- *Leonarda Camacho* from the Metro Manila Council of Women in the Philippines has sent us a copy of every campaign letter she has written since 1991.
- All the students of Arlington VA teacher *Eliza Bright* submitted drawings for GR's art contest, and three of them were winners.

Thanks for *your* participation in this vibrant Global Response community!

—Jane Bunin

### SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

In April 2005, communities affected by Newmont gold mines sent representatives to the company's shareholders' meeting in Denver, CO. Global Response partners Stephanie Roth (Romania), Daniel Owusu-Koranteng (Ghana), Nur Hidayati (Indonesia) and Mike Anane (Ghana), among others, got the attention of Newmont shareholders and national media. Global Response campaigns for the rights of Newmont-affected communities on five continents.



Photo courtesy of the Denver Post

**GLOBAL RESPONSE** empowers people of all ages, cultures, and nationalities to protect the environment by creating partnerships for effective citizen action. At the request of indigenous peoples and grassroots organizations, Global Response organizes international letter-writing campaigns to help communities prevent many kinds of environmental destruction. Global Response involves young people as well as adults in these campaigns to develop in them the values and skills for global citizen cooperation and earth stewardship.

Global Response issues printed and e-mail *Actions* to an international network of environmental organizations and to its letter-writing membership in 100 countries:

- **Global Response Actions** for adults
- **Eco-Club Actions** for ages 13-18
- **Young Environmentalist's Actions** for ages 8-12.

An **Educator's Resource Kit** offers ideas and activities for teachers, families, classrooms and clubs.

Join Global Response at [www.globalresponse.org](http://www.globalresponse.org) or call 303-444-0306. Please help build our international network for environmental action and education. We empower adults, youth and children to *do the WRITE thing*.

Visit our website: [www.globalresponse.org](http://www.globalresponse.org)

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dr. Jane Bunin (Incoming Chair), Consultant and Adjunct Professor, Naropa University  
Arden Buck, Founder, Buck Research, Inc.  
Mariella Colvin, Environmental writing instructor  
A. Scott DuPre, Coordinator, Greengrants Alliance of Funds  
Robert Golten, Lawyer-Director, International Human Rights Advocacy Center, U of Denver

David Harwood, Chair, Policy/Communications Consultant, Good Works Group  
Doris Hass, Community leader  
Dr. David Pellow, Professor of Ethnic Studies, U of California—San Diego  
Susan Rankin Weber, High School teacher  
Barbara Werner, Retired ESL teacher

### STAFF

Paula Palmer, Executive Director  
Erin King, Office Manager and Outreach Director  
Seraph Hanfling, Administrative Assistant

# ACTION IMPACTS

Global Response members in 100 countries participated in these Global Response Campaigns during the 2005 fiscal year. For the full texts of the Action Alerts, please visit the Campaigns Index at [www.globalresponse.org](http://www.globalresponse.org).

## #4/04 ECUADOR — Support Shuar and Achuar Peoples vs. Oil Development



For six years, the Shuar and Achuar peoples have prevented oil explorations in their territories in Ecuador's Amazon rainforest, a region of extraordinary biological diversity where over 1,000 bird species are recorded. But Texas-based Burlington Resources refuses to take "no" for an answer. Global Response members urged

Burlington and the president of Ecuador to respect indigenous peoples' right to self-determination and free, prior and informed consent. (Requested by the *Federación Interprovincial del Nacionalidad Achuar del Ecuador (FINAE)*, *Federación Independiente del Pueblo Shuar del Ecuador (FIPSE)*, *Federación Interprovincial Centros Shuar (FICSH)* and *Amazon Watch*).

**Impact** Burlington's tactic is to divide and conquer by hiring Shuar and Achuar men to sow dissent within the tribal federations. The Shuar people have denounced this tactic and the Shuar leaders who sold out to Burlington. Now the company is trying to undermine the Achuar federation leadership. At the national level, Ecuadorians are so fed up with neo-liberal economic policies that benefit the rich at the expense of the poor that they forced President Lucio Gutierrez to resign. Global Response's international campaign along with strikes and protests against oil development throughout the Ecuadorian Amazon wrenched a promise from the interim government to review all oil contracts and dedicate a much higher percent of profits to social development in the oil-affected regions. National elections will bring these issues to a head in 2006. In the mean time, the Shuar and Achuar indigenous federations are still effectively blocking access to Burlington Resources.

*"If the companies enter, they will destroy the entire forest,...contaminate the water and bring diseases. We saw what happened in Coca, and we don't want that here."*

—Vicente Jimpikit, Achuar representative

*"I appreciate each one of the Global Response members very sincerely for your unconditional support. I hope the transnational companies and our government pay attention and treat us with respect."*

—Santiago Kawarim, Shuar representative

## #1/05 GUATEMALA — Support Indigenous Opposition to Glamis Gold Mine



Mam and Sipacapa indigenous communities asked Global Response for support when they realized that no one – not their government, not the World Bank, not Glamis Gold Company – was listening to them. The Guatemalan government and the World Bank's International Finance Corporation (IFC) approved a Glamis open-pit gold mine without properly informing and consulting the indigenous populations that are

directly affected. Military force has been used against protesters. Global Response wrote letters to the Guatemalan Human Rights Commission and to the IFC, urging them to halt construction of the Glamis mine and place a moratorium on all new mining concessions until the affected communities' concerns have been fully addressed.

**Impact** Reacting to Global Response letters and pressure from Guatemalan NGOs, the World Bank's ombudsman's office reviewed IFC's role in Glamis' Marlin project. They concluded that consultations with affected communities and environmental oversight had not been adequate. If the IFC responds by strengthening its requirements in both of these areas, this precedent will help many other communities defend themselves against unwanted mining projects. The Guatemalan government responded positively by placing a moratorium on all new mining licenses while a High Commission drafts a new mining law with input from environmental and human rights organizations. Meanwhile, the Vice Minister of Energy and Mines said that protesters have scared off investment in the mining sector, noting that there are 80 fewer active mining licenses now compared to last year.

*"This project threatens... the preservation of our natural resources and the use of them for the good of all Guatemalans in the defense of life and with respect for our biodiversity. Who can change this situation?"*

—Alvaro Ramazzini, Bishop of the Diocese of San Marcos, in a letter to the president of Guatemala, September 2004

## QRN EMERGENCY ACTIONS

In addition to Global Response's six major campaigns, we issued 24 email action alerts to our **Quick Response Network (QRN)**. Of these, 13 were **Emergency Actions** requested by partner organizations including Amnesty International, the International Campaign for Bhopal, International Rivers Network and Mining Watch Canada, among others. During the year we celebrated six **Victories!** in our email campaigns: Brazil created conservation areas and an indigenous people's reserve; UNOCAL settled a lawsuit with Myanmar villagers; Mexico acquitted and released an environmental activist; the Kerala State government in India challenged Coca-Cola's right to extract groundwater; and the US Environmental Protection Agency canceled studies that would have exposed children to pesticides.

Eleven of the email alerts were **Follow-up Actions**, offering additional support for ongoing Global Response campaigns. These included campaigns to protect the rights and safety of environmental activists in Guatemala and Honduras; protest lawsuits filed by Newmont mining company against activists in Indonesia; protect dolphins in the Bahamas and sea turtles in the Pacific Ocean, support indigenous protests against oil development in Russia's Far East, and halt mine construction in an Ecuadorian cloud forest.

To receive action alerts and campaign updates by email, please register at [www.globalresponse.org](http://www.globalresponse.org)

## #2/05 BAHAMAS

### Protect Mangrove Forests and Shark Habitat



For over 20 years, scientists have studied the sharks of Bimini island – a rare opportunity made possible by an extensive mangrove forest which creates a protective nursery for sharks, dolphins and other marine life. The mangroves also protect Bimini from hurricanes and tidal waves. Now a Cuban developer from Miami is bulldozing the mangroves to build a huge tourist resort, casino and golf course. Global Response members wrote letters to the Prime Minister, with copies to a Bahamian newspaper.

**Impact** *The Bahamas Tribune* published a series of articles quoting Global Response members' letters, and the Prime Minister's office replied defensively. When we learned that the Hilton Group contracted to operate the resort, we circulated a second alert through GR's email Quick Response Network, calling on Hilton to withdraw from the project. Local protests won important social concessions from the developer, but the environmental destruction continues. We secured resources for legal action to stop the project.

*"We would like to thank Global Response for the excellent assistance in our fight to save Bimini from unscrupulous developers. Especially we would like to thank your members for writing all the letters that actually got a response in the press and from our government... Please don't stop your efforts around the world. Global Response is an invaluable tool for positive change."*

—Gail Woon, EARTHCARE, Bahamas

## Extra Impacts

In some key campaigns, Global Response bolsters letter-writing with other effective forms of public pressure.

### Newmont Mining Company: Clean Up Your Act!



Global Response supports communities in Peru, Indonesia, Romania and Ghana in demanding that Newmont respect their rights and protect the environment. In April 2005, in collaboration with Oxfam America and Earthworks, we brought community leaders from these countries plus Western Shoshone people from Nevada to Denver, Colorado, to address Newmont's annual shareholders' meeting. Newmont faces criminal and civil trials for polluting Buyat Bay in Indonesia. The Buyat people voluntarily evacuated the region in June. Global Response continues to press Newmont to drop its retaliatory lawsuits against three Indonesian community activists, respond to the long-term health needs of affected people, and stop dumping mine waste into coastal waters.

### Save Endangered Sea Turtles Stop Longline Fishing in the Pacific



For World Oceans Day, June 8, Global Response's outreach director Erin King and Sea Turtle Restoration Project staged a "Save the Sea Turtles" parade at United Nations headquarters in New York. We delivered thousands of letters to UN Secretary General Kofi Annan. Children and teachers from New York City schools loved participating in this event.

## #3/05 MALAYSIA

### Stop "Certified" Logging / Sarawak, Malaysia



The Penan indigenous people, who have fought for 2 decades to keep logging companies out of their tropical rainforest home, face a new threat: the Malaysian Timber Certification Council (MTCC) certified the Samling logging company to "sustainably harvest" a forest where the Penan live. A Greenpeace report shows many flaws in MTCC's certification system. The Penan demand that all logging in the forest cease while they defend their Native Customary Rights to this forest in court. Global Response letters support this demand.

**Impact** MTCC claims to be phasing in higher standards for forest certification, and says that indigenous peoples have the right to defend their territorial claims in court. Still, they have not agreed to halt logging while the Penan claim is pending.

*"It is very important at this time of urgency that you alert the world to support Penan people's protest against certification of timber concession in their territory. We believe there is still a ray of hope, though late, to safeguard the last standing native forest of Borneo if more people would join their voice with our forest dwellers'."*

—Wong Meng Chuo, Institute for Development of Alternative Living, Sarawak, Malaysia

## Congratulations to 2005 Goldman Environmental Prize Winners!

Global Response congratulates three campaign partners whose courageous leadership won them Global Environmental Prizes this year. We're proud that our letter-writing campaigns have contributed to their success, and we continue to support their struggles.

- Father Andres Tamayo of Honduras, leader of the Olancho Environmental Movement for forest protection
- Stephanie Roth of Romania, whose organization Alburnus Maior is fighting to stop a gold mine in Rosia Montana (see photo, page 1)
- Isidro Baldenegro López, Tarahumara indigenous leader in Mexico, whose release from prison was a victory for Global Response's *Quick Response Network*.

## Victories! in Past Global Response Campaigns

During the 2005 fiscal year, we celebrated this victory in a 2001 Global Response campaign:

### PERU #4/01 — STOP GOLD MINE EXPANSION

Beginning in 2001, Global Response organized four rounds of letters to help citizens of Cajamarca, Peru, stop Newmont's Yanacocha Mine from expanding onto Mount Quilish – the region's source of drinking water. In September 2004, after protests that shut down the city of Cajamarca for 2 weeks, Peru's Minister of Energy and Mines withdrew Yanacocha's permit for mining on Mount Quilish. The significance of this victory is described by GRUFIDES, one of the protest organizers:

*"This act makes history because the just demands of the people have been heard by the authorities. The struggle for the defense of our rights doesn't stop here; now we have the opportunity to begin to build a democratic history in a framework of dialog and agreement."*

# FINANCIAL INFORMATION

September 1, 2004 – August 31, 2005

Global Response makes a few dollars go a long way – and their impacts are felt around the world. Global Response is a 501c(3) organization; all contributions are tax-deductible. Please make a contribution today. For online giving, visit our website, [www.globalresponse.org](http://www.globalresponse.org). Global Response needs your support, and we appreciate it.

Cash Accounts	\$ 64,876.53
Other Assets	1,106.78
Property and Equipment (net)	9,895.69
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 75,879.00</b>

Liabilities	\$ 392.82
Equity	75,486.18
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 75,879.00</b>

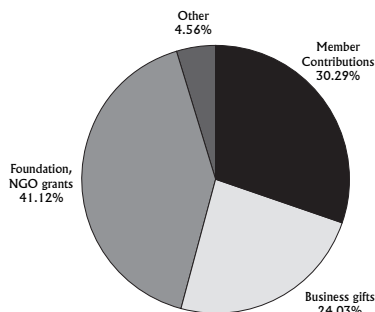
## Revenue

Member contributions	\$ 54,749.06
Business gifts	43,443.72
Foundation, NGO grants	74,323.00
Other	8,242.19
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 180,757.97</b>

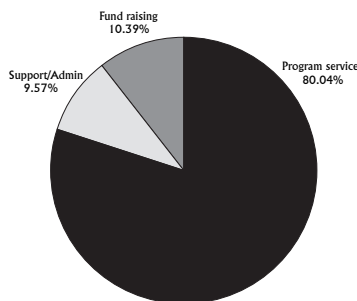
## Expenses

Program services	\$ 118,503.71
Support services/Admin	14,168.87
Fund Raising	15,390.62
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 148,063.20</b>

## Revenue



## Expenses



## In-kind Contributors

These individuals and businesses help keep our costs low. Please thank them with your patronage!

Choice Teas  
 Colorado Environmental Coalition  
 Creative Print Solutions  
 E-Town  
 Estey Printing  
 Free Speech TV  
 Neil Hammerschlag  
 Ithaca Fine Chocolates  
 Eric Johnson/Colorado Environmental Coalition  
 KGNU  
 Pam Vogel/Kingsbery\*Baris\*Vogel\*Nuttall CPAs and Advisors  
 Larry's Beans  
 Liquor Mart  
 Judy McManus  
 Mountain Sun  
 Jack Mudry/KUVO  
 Jason Pool  
 Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center  
 Rich Pruess/Alpine Web Solutionz  
 Carolyn Tate/Tate Design Group  
 Tazo Tea  
 Roy Young/Nature's Own

## Major Donors

Sincere thanks to all Global Response members for writing the letters that make our campaigns successful and for your financial support! We are especially grateful to these supporters, who gave \$200 or more this year:

### \$10,000 and up

Richard & Rhonda Goldman Fund  
 Nature's Own  
 Nature's Own – Breckenridge  
 Polis-Schutz Gift Fund of the Community Foundation  
 Serving Boulder County

### \$1,000 - \$9,999

Bradford Armstrong & Julie Dolan  
 Arden & Elizabeth Buck  
 Community Shares of Colorado  
 Joanne Cowan  
 Wendy Emrich  
 Mark Herrera  
 Cary Hopper & Susan Sypolt  
 William Hunt / Oak Lodge Foundation  
 Leonard & Daphne Lewin  
 New Earth Foundation  
 Robert Pasnau  
 John Steiner & Margo King  
 Wendy & Brian Underhill  
 Charles Welles / Pajwell Foundation  
 Jane Yett

### \$200 - \$999

Anonymous-2  
 Cynda Arsenault  
 Sylvia M. Asten  
 Will Berliner  
 Wilmar & Lorna Bernthal  
 William Bernthal  
 Carolyn Bninski  
 Boulder Meeting of Friends  
 William Bradford Jr.  
 Jane Bunin  
 Michael Burt  
 Carson-Pfafflin Family Foundation  
 Wendy & Andy Cookler  
 Patrick & Lynn De Freitas  
 A. Scott Dupree  
 James Gribin & Nancy Youell  
 Sally Grahn  
 Carolyn J Grant & Robert J Krenz  
 Mark Gross  
 David Harwood  
 Doris Hass  
 Dr. Spenser Havlick  
 Priscilla Inkpen & Paula Zoller  
 Gary, Shoni, BK & Carson Kahn  
 Rick & Susan King

Walter Kingsbery  
 Glenn Korff  
 Marilyn Krysl  
 Hayden Kutrz-Williamson  
 Joe & Pamela McDonald  
 Bill Moninger  
 David N. Pellow  
 Kit Lewis & Evelyn S Pilgrim  
 Rocky Mountain Peace and Justice Center  
 David Rosenstein  
 Herbert & Elizabeth Toor  
 Howard & Inge Sargent  
 David Silver  
 Sixth Sense Foundation  
 Marie Venner  
 Margaret Wallace  
 Ann Hunter-Welborn & David Welborn  
 Barbara Werner  
 Jane Westberg & Hill Jason  
 Tod Young  
 Sherman Zaremski  
 David Zieman  
 Daniel C. Ziskin

## Volunteers and Interns

Volunteers and Interns contributed over 3,000 person-hours this year! Very special thanks to key volunteers Rich Preuss, David Silver, Darlene Lorraine, Teri Davis Padilla, Laura Adams, Zann Avery, Claudette Moloney and the crew at North High School, Susan Beckerman, Anne Guilfoile, Osha Hanfling, Judy McManus and Joel Tayre, and also to student interns Nick Gruber, Sarah Hunt, Danislava Marinova and Morgan Poncelet.

Please contact us if you'd like to help promote Global Response among children, teens and adults in your community. Ways you can help:

- Recruit new members. Show our 5-minute video to your family, organization, and at public events.
- Become a regional contact for outreach and publicity.
- Volunteer in the Boulder, Colorado office.
- Contribute needed funds. Organize a fund-raising event or house party.



printed on recycled paper