

Our Impact: Facts and Figures

- From 2000-2009 Vesper Society invested more than \$7.5 million in U.S. and international projects that provide health services and address social justice.
- We provided key leadership for a groundbreaking initiative in Sub-Saharan Africa to tap the health assets of religious communities to fight the scourge of AIDS. The African Religious Health Assets Programme (ARHAP) represents the leading edge of asset-based community development. Lessons learned have proven valuable when applied in other communities around the world.
- Since 2004 our support of the Masangane AIDS Programme has enabled this South African initiative to treat people living with HIV/AIDS through a unique life-saving approach that ties daily anti-retroviral drug therapy to the spiritual practices of a faith community.
- We helped start the Sutter Delta Urgent Care Clinic in Antioch, California, where more than 30,000 under- and uninsured people were served from 2004 to 2009.
- Between 2004 and 2009 we helped train 350 leaders in conflict situations around the globe to make peace through the practice of mediative dialogue. The Dialogue for Peaceful Change method was successfully used in Antioch, California, where the Society-sponsored Youth Intervention Network convened school leaders, police and residents to address youth violence.
- Our sponsorship of an innovative economic justice project in the Eastern Cape of South Africa from 2007-2009 led to over 3,000 people joining savings and credit groups to pool their resources. Through LEAP – the Local Economic Action Project for Socially and Economically Excluded Groups in Alfred Nzo Municipality – participants extend small loans to each other for food, education and health care.
- Our support of the Adolescent Health Initiative in Hayward, California, enabled more than 200 high school students to receive mental health services in 2009.
- We built on our history of convening leaders by launching the Religious Pluralism Speaker Series in 2009. Held at the University of San Francisco and the Los Angeles Central Library, the public conversations explored the intersection of faith, cooperation and service.



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