**2008 Year in Review**

**Ashburn, Virginia, December 12, 2008**—We’ve been busy at INMED Partnerships for Children reaching millions of children and families in more than 100 countries around the world to build a legacy of healthy, thriving and safe communities for today’s and tomorrow’s generation of children.

Below are a few of the highlights, whether in Brazil, South Africa, South Los Angeles, the Amazon Forest or elsewhere. We’ve accomplished much toward achieving our mission with tremendous support from staff, volunteers, funders and those we serve, all of whom are gearing up for new accomplishments in the new year. Without them, none of the below would be possible.

Please click the link to see more information about each of the programs.

- **Sustaining Health**: More than 100,000 children in Brazil and South Africa gain improved nutrition through school and community garden programs that produce vegetables for school lunches. See how one woman influenced an entire neighborhood to start gardening.

- **Business Development**: Unemployed adults near Johannesburg learn small business development principles and soybean processing to produce nutritious milk and yogurt for children in local day care facilities, while utilizing the soy byproducts to make and sell baked goods to generate income.

- **Healthy Children Means Healthy Futures**: More than 90,000 Brazilian children take part in Healthy Children, Healthy Futures program, combining treatment for parasitic infection; education on health and hygiene, sanitation, nutrition, gardening, oral health, HIV/AIDS and environmental health; and community action to create positive change. Four new Healthy Children, Healthy Futures sites launched.

- **Combating Parasites**: 367,000 children and family members received deworming treatment, combating the epidemic global health problem of intestinal parasitic infection. INMED’s deworming activities in Brazil are featured in a BBC World News program, The Hidden Invaders.

- **Training Teachers**: New grant supports training in best practices in literacy instruction for all 750 primary school teachers in Tobago.

- **Overcoming Culture of Low Literacy**: Student in Ready to Teach, Ready to Learn program in Brazil wins bronze medal in Portuguese Language Olympics. Read Natanael’s story.

- **Self-Esteem through Music**: Expanded IAMusic youth development program launched during
Bob Marley Week in Jamaica, bringing music instruction and self-esteem development for at-risk youth in Latin America and the Caribbean. New project sites launched in Peru and Brazil.

- **From Gangs to Jobs**: Two-thirds of gang-affiliated youth in Compton, California who complete “Earn Honest Money” job training through the Earn Respect Intervention Program secure new employment.

- **Removing Medical Language Barriers**: Spanish-language perinatal health education introduced in Loudoun County, Virginia to address gaps in local health resources.

- **Opening Doors**: Case management program launched to help homeless families move from emergency shelters to transitional housing, gain stability; establish and pursue individualized goals, and achieve the self-sufficiency that will allow them to maintain permanent housing.

- **Healthy Babies**: Baseline data on Healthy Babies child survival program in Peru published by the Pan American Health Organization.

- **Community-Level Obesity Program**: Launched in Compton, California, where close to one-third of children are obese and more than two-thirds of adults are overweight or obese, addressing the root causes of obesity in the community, organizing parents to promote positive changes in the school food environment, and helping other local nonprofits promote good nutrition and healthy lifestyles.

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(www.inmed.org) is an international non-profit humanitarian development organization dedicated to strengthening the ability of families and communities to support the development of healthy, educated children who have increased opportunities for the future. Since 1986, INMED has built partnerships locally and in more than 100 countries to carry out a wide range of health, nutrition, education, violence prevention and community development projects that create a continuum of care from the prenatal period through adulthood. Its Loudoun County programs have educated and strengthened local families since 1994.

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