

2008
Annual Report





Message to Our Friends & Supporters

We are pleased to report that the WHALE Center continues to expand its networks to promote global healing in the world.

During the past year WHALE Center activities included the participation in the United Nations Global Environmental Ministers Forum in Monaco, Completion of the Ecological Footprint study for the state of Utah, completion of the school in Southern Sudan, raising \$5000 for a project in Uganda for oprhans, the creation of the new ArtForms program to assist African Refugees, and assisting in the development of the Waves of Change campaign for the International Ocean Institute.

The following report highlights the key work of the WHALE Center through the Global Healing Initiative, ArtForms, Utah URI, the Southern Sudan Education Project, UPEC, and the Waves of Change Campaign

We thank you for your continued support.

<http://www.manyone.net/whale>



Global Healing Initiative

The Global Healing Initiative has now grown to 48 partners around the world and its online discussion community has now grown to over 950 persons in 46 states in the U.S. and 28 other nations in the world.

Some Highlights of 2008 include:

- o Representing North America at the Global Ministerial Environment Forum in Monaco.
A Report of this meeting can be found at:
Part 1 <http://www.globalhealing.net/news/view/136950/?topic=17611>
Part 2 <http://www.globalhealing.net/news/view/136951/?topic=17611>
- o Teaching Ethics Classes at St. Petersburg College
http://it.spcollege.edu/course_info/inquiry.cfm?number=1204
- o Meetings with ambassadors of Mali, Zambia, and Malawi, in Washington D.C., and the subsequent development of a conceptual plan for an Eco-Tourism resort in Malawi, featuring state of the art approaches to sustainability See: <http://www.globalhealing.net/news/view/136972/?topic=17611>
- o Whale President, Dr. David W. Randle, continued participation as a member of the President's Council for Common Cause.



Global Healing Initiative

- o Continued support of for Africa Projects in Southern Sudan, Uganda, Malawi, and South Africa. See: <http://homepage.mac.com/globalhealing/Africa/Menu114.html>



Sarah Ihunga, John Babara Foundation, WHALE President Dave Randle, Board Chair Rebecca South, and MacDonald Semberka meet at Malawi Embassy in Washington on Eco-Tourism and Sustainability.

- o Development of new Global Healing Website with new features
See: <http://www.globalhealing.net>

The Global Healing Initiative will continue to expand its partnerships, and promote the concept that there can be no peace without justice and no justice without sustainability.

See: <http://www.globalhealing.net>

Utah URI



In 2008 two members of Utah URI, Steve Ritchey and Dr. John Shavers, received awards of \$350 for sermons they wrote on Climate Change.

The Utah URI continues to support the Utah Interfaith Power and Light program through its programs.

See: <http://www.utahipl.org/uri.html>





Utah URI continues to Support Africa in 2008



In 2008 the Utah URI attracted 100 people for an event that raised \$5000 for Father Centurio's URI Uganda programs.

The program included showing the film "War Dance", at the Unity Center, and Disabled Veterans Center. The documentary film follows children in a refugee camp in Uganda.

The event also included a silent auction at Holladay United Church of Christ and included the music of "Dessert Wind" along with african style drumming.

Father Centurio Olaborao spoke at both events and later a the Utah United Nations Association.



Father Centurio Olaboro from Uganda speaks to Utah URI at fund raising event that raised \$5000

Southern Sudan Education Project

2008 saw the school completed last year through the WHALE Center Southern Sudan Education Project expand with 7 additional classrooms, six teacher offices, to compliment the Dome Meeting Hall.

The School has also added a store room for books and supplies, a water tank using a submersible water pump, and a grinding mill.

In 2009 the School plans to build a dining hall and two additional classrooms.

Abraham Keech, cofounder of the WHALE Center Southern Sudan Project, remains at the School to assist the program.



<http://homepage.mac.com/globalhealing/SouthernSudanEd./Menu27.html>

Southern Sudan Education Project



In 2008 seven additional classrooms were added to the Southern Sudan School.



The newly completed School of the Southern Sudan Education Project will provide a place to teach children.

<http://homepage.mac.com/globalhealing/SouthernSudanEd./Menu27.html>

The WHALE Center Southern Sudan Education Project has now been completed though the work still goes on.

Abraham Keech remains to support the school and is also working for the UNHCR (The United Nations Refugee Agency).

The WHALE Center has transferred full ownership of the School to Members of the Village.

Members of the Village have further organized themselves to raise funds to build the additional classrooms and dining hall this year.

This successful project is due to the hard work and good leadership of Kristy Swapp, former Chair of the WHALE Center, and Abraham Keech.

The WHALE Center will continue to support the efforts of this project in 2009 but hopes now to turn its attention to starting other new projects elsewhere in Africa, dependent on funding for this year.



UPEC



Summary of Major Activities for the Utah Population and Environment Coalition (UPEC) for the year 2008.

Prepared by Wayne Martinson, Chair, Utah Population and Environment Coalition

In June 2007, the Utah Population and Environment Coalition completed the study on Utah's Ecological Footprint. The report is on the website at [HYPERLINK "http://www.utahpop.org/vitalsigns"](http://www.utahpop.org/vitalsigns) www.utahpop.org/vitalsigns. In 2008, presentations regarding this study continued. Erica Gaddis, Sandra McIntyre and Wayne Martinson met with Dianne Nielsen, the Governor's Energy Advisor, on Jan. 18. Sandra and Wayne presented to the Utah Quality Growth Commission on Jan. 23. At both of these meetings the possibility of additional sustainability indicators was mentioned. Helen Peters presented to the Utah Planning Association Conference in Moab on March 27 regarding Utah's Ecological Footprint. Mike Mower with the Governors Office of Planning and Budget said he would be interested in having this kind of presentation provided to his staff. In spring, Sandra provided a 12 minute presentation on Utah's Ecological Footprint to the Utah Library Association, as well as associations from other states as part of a Greening Libraries presentation. Sandra participated in a panel discussion at the Salt Lake Library after the KUED Frontline program titled [Heat](#) on Oct. 21. Andy Schoenberg presented information on UPEC along with the Eco-Trike at least three times in 2008, including at William Penn Elementary school on April 22 and an Intermediate School in the Jordan School District.

UPEC sponsored a one-page information sheet in the 2008 Re-Direct Guide regarding Utah's Ecological Footprint. The Re-Direct Guide provides information on sustainable practices and businesses along Utah's Wasatch Front. One of our largest outreach efforts continued to be a UPEC booth at the UEA convention, which was held on October 16 and 17. We provided the ReDirect Guide as well as other information on the ecological footprint, sustainability and population.

UPEC had other booths during 2008. In early spring, UPEC had a booth at the South Towne Mall. This was in conjunction with the Leonardo. UPEC had a booth at the Utah Museum of Natural History for Earth Day on April 19. Also, Andy had the Eco-trike and some UPEC information at an April 19 event at Daybreak. Andy reported lots of people and interest at Daybreak.

Information about UPEC was provided in different locations and booths including the League of Women Voters State of the State luncheon on April 10, an Earth Jam event at Liberty Park in April and a Salt Lake City Live Green event in May.

There were two Roundtable meetings in 2008. These are public meetings/lunches where we encourage broad public participation. The January 15 Roundtable meeting had approximately 40 people in attendance. Sandra gave a brief review of Utah's Ecological Footprint.

UPEC



Summary of Major Activities for 2008 continued

Missy Bird, Sarah Wright, Vanessa Pierce, and Kathy Van Dame provided overviews of various Utah Legislative issues. Afterwards there was some discussion of putting together sustainability indicators that would help show how well legislation is moving towards sustainability. At the Sept. 9 Roundtable meeting there were approximately 30 people in attendance. Pam Perlich gave a valuable presentation regarding population trends and scenarios through 2050. After the meeting, there was a 20 to 25 minute informal discussion about how to address future population. Here are just two messages from the meeting: 1. Population projections for the year 2050 were around 5 million in the 1990's, now they are at six million. This is based on more recent high growth rate assumptions that may not occur. 2. In Utah a large part of the growth is due to assumptions that the economy can and will keep growing. But if there were fairly substantial environmental costs, such as air quality, and water, and the quality of life was impaired then there would likely be lower growth rates projected for Utah, since people would want to move elsewhere. The September 9 Roundtable meeting was also the Annual Meeting for UPEC. Elaine Emmi, Doug Stark and Missy Bird were re-elected to the UPEC Board.

Members of UPEC consulted with others regarding sustainability issues. Specifically, Sandra McIntyre and Erica Gaddis attended a Utah Museum of Natural History meeting regarding the Museum's Utah Futures effort. Sustainability indicators, including the global footprint were discussed. It is likely that some component of the footprint will be used in this new display.

Board members and others were frequently involved in other sustainability efforts including solar power, Utah Interfaith Power and Light, family planning, community gardens, and legislative items. Many board members and other regular UPEC participants attended the Sustainability Summit, which was on Oct. 3 at the Salt Lake Library. And many board members continue to be involved with this effort, including a follow-up meeting on Nov. 3.

Wayne had the opportunity to provide a Utah perspective on population when Paul Ehrlich was being interviewed on KRCL at 6 P.M on Tuesday Sept 30.

In 2008 the initial planning for a Genuine Progress Indicator (GPI) study for Utah began. This study will be a valuable companion piece to the Utah Ecological Footprint Study. Erica Gaddis will be the project leader for this study. Erica has developed a power point presentation regarding the study. Initial fund raising efforts for the study began in 2008. There was an exploratory meeting regarding this study on Dec. 15 with Alan Matheson with Envision Utah, John Bennett with the Governor's Quality Growth Commission, Kevin Emerson with Utah Clean Energy, Erica Gaddis and Wayne Martinson.

UPEC



Summary of Major Activities for 2008 continued

UPEC board meetings were held monthly in 2008, except for July. During these meetings planning for various efforts occurred, including planning for the GPI Study for Utah, a blog for UPEC and a proposal to develop a vision of what a sustainable Utah would look like.

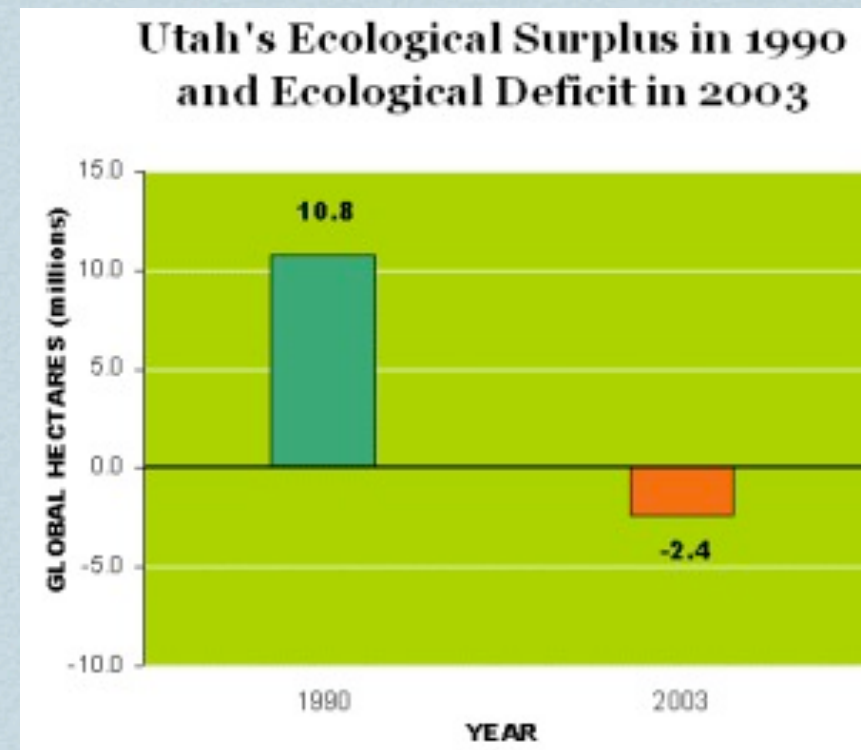
From the above information an estimated 2,000+ people were involved in or impacted by UPEC activities in the year 2008. This is from direct contact at meetings, presentations and booths. The number of people who received information due to the ReDirect Guide and the KRCL interview on Sept. 30 is unknown.

UPEC's research discovered that Utah is living beyond its ecological means, with consumption of resources exceeding nature's renewable supply. Between 1990 and 2003, Utah went from an *ecological surplus* of 10.8 million global hectares to an *ecological deficit* of 2.4 million global hectares.



UPEC is a program of the WHALE Center a 501 (C) 3 Not-For-Profit Utah Corporation.

Gifts to UPEC are tax-deductible



ArtForms

Summary of Major Activities for 2008 from Sabina Zunguse, Project Director

Ten Sudanese African Refugee women were enrolled in the initial pilot program which began in January, 2008. These are women who can hardly read or write, with an average family size of 8 and who have been in Utah for a number of years; but whose lives have not changed.



The women met each Saturday morning at my studio at A Gift to Africa at ArtSpace, to learn how to use sewing machines. They were able to make ladies purses made out of upholstery fabric and a leather strap. ArtForms was able to market a few of these at various church and community gatherings. I feel that this was very successful as the ladies are now looking forward to get into dressmaking and alterations.

Since the closing of my studio at ArtSpace in November 2008, Salt Lake Community College offered to provide us space and some of their sewing equipment from their Fashion Institute and Interior Design department to further our endeavor of giving skills to refugee women. The Salt Lake Community College's Women Business Institute is also involved in giving the women entrepreneurial and financial literacy course following a custom curriculum developed by SLCC. The president of the Salt Lake Community College has expressed her utmost commitment to helping ArtForms. As of February 7, 2009, the women have started classes at SLCC. The classes are held at the SLCC's Fashion Institute and Interior Design department at 231 East 400 South, downtown across from the main library. The women are attending two classes; one in textiles and the other in basic financial literacy course classes on Saturday mornings for 15 weeks. The women will attain a certificate for both upon completion of the courses. The teacher, an adjunct professor (South African) with SLCC, is being paid through the grant funds received from the Utah Arts Council. The skills gained will support their goals of becoming self sufficient, self reliant, and to eventually open a business, selling their hand-made African clothing and performing alterations. I am hoping (together with the SLCC) to continue this program with other African refugee women in the Salt Lake Valley.

ArtForms was also featured on KSL TV in February 2008 and also twice in the Diversity Times. We continue to have much in-kind donations through volunteers, used sewing machines and fabric. A lady from Bountiful donated 60 bales of fabric to ArtForms, after closing her store. This fabric is in storage awaiting future use. The ladies seem to be enjoying both the sewing and business classes. Their hope is to start their own businesses or get better employment as they finish this program. Their greatest wish is to be able to make African clothing for their families and also for sale to the growing African population in Utah. ---- ArtForms is a program of the WHALE Center, a Utah Not-For-Profit 501 (c) 3 organization. Donations are tax-deductible. See: <http://homepage.mac.com/globalhealing/ArtForms/Menu184.html>

Waves of Change

In 2008 the WHALE Center provided leadership for the development of the Waves of Change program.

See: <http://www.wavesofchange.org>

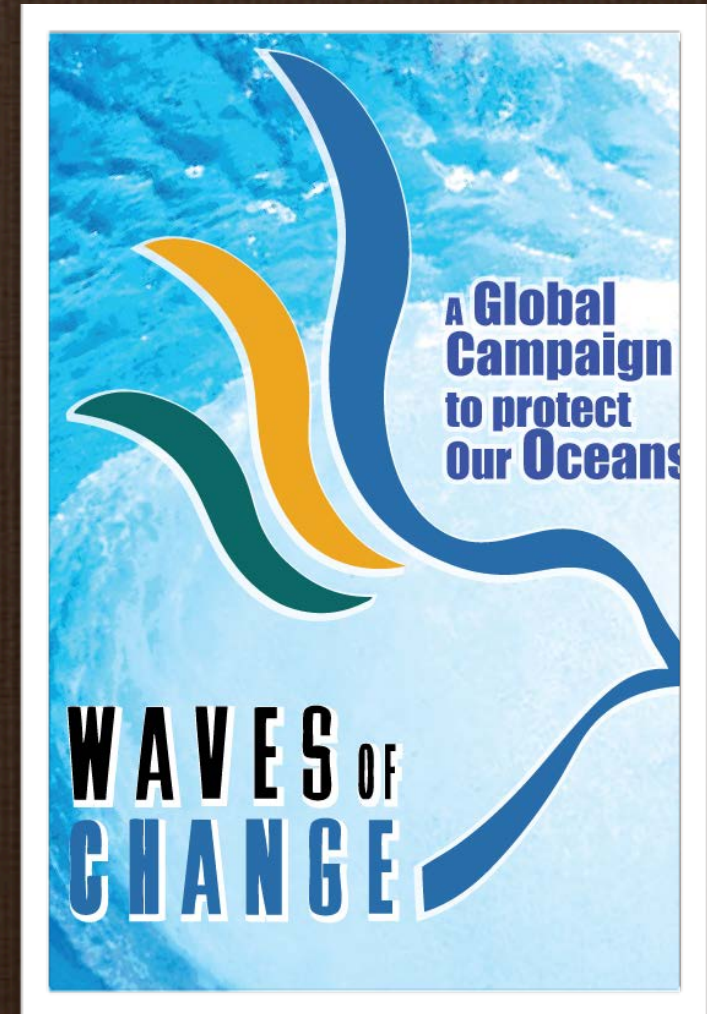
The WHALE Center provided leadership for the World Ocean Day event in 2007 where the Waves of Change concept was first tested as part of the World Ocean Day Program.

The concept was further developed in Malta at the International Ocean Institute (IOI) Pacem Mariubus Conference in Malta.

Following this event the IOI agreed to launch a 5 year Waves of Change campaign and WHALE's President Dr. David W. Randle was subsequently asked to serve as Managing Director for the Waves of Change campaign, along with the campaign Director General, Dr. Noel Brown.

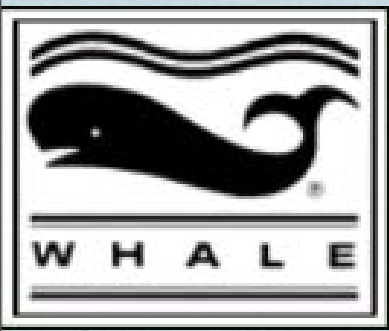
As part of the Waves of Change work WHALE President David Randle has been designated as the lead editor for the Oceans Report on Climate Caucus of the U.N. DPI Conference.

See: <http://www.climatecaucus.net>



International Ocean Institute





A Look to 2009

In 2009 the WHALE Center will focus on:

Global Healing plans to place a stronger emphasis on supporting Africa projects. This includes developing websites for different Africa programs, continuation of the Art Forms Project, and continued exploration of models for sustainability in Malawi.

Exploring the use of the UPEC Ecological Footprint model for cities.

Focus on Utah Interfaith Power & Light with Utah URI CC <http://www.utahipl.org>

Assisting IOI with the implementation of the Wave's of Change campaign See: <http://www.wavesofchange.org>

Development of the Oceans Portal in cooperation with ManyOne.net See: <http://www.oceansportal.org>



WHALE President & CEO David Randle and pirate crew enjoys the Pirate Festival in Key West FL, a city WHALE is working with for sustainability in 2009