Our Vision:

SFL's vision is to be a leading international Christian humanitarian organization enabling poor and suffering people affected by conflict and disaster to rebuild their communities and restore their lives through appropriate shelter and community development programs.

Our Mission:

Demonstrating God's love by enabling people affected by conflict and disaster to rebuild their communities and restore their lives.

What We Do:

Shelter For Life believes that sustainable communities are built through the shared involvement of local people who are empowered to be an integral part of the rebuilding process. With this grassroots approach, SFL enables people devastated by conflict and disaster to become part of the solution.

SFL's comprehensive approach rebuilds communities, offers hope, restores dignity, develops local capacity, and creates environments where people feel physically, psychologically, and economically secure.

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Restoring Lives, Rebuilding Communities
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

196,426 people served in 2007

435 homes and latrines built for returning refugee families

165,000 people provided sustainable water access

10 schools built
ACTIVITIES

Afghanistan

From September 2006 to September 2007 Shelter For Life completed the 3rd transitional shelter program in Takhar Province, providing 435 families with homes. Furthermore, these initiatives have enabled the community of returnees to become stakeholders in their community, reestablishing their roots in their communities of origin.

Pakistan

From January 2007 to December 2007 SFL conducted a study on the feasibility of a permanent housing project in Kabul. The study explored the ways in which government and private sector parties could become engaged in reinforcing property ownership and rights as well as establishing a mortgage program.

“We are so thankful that this project happened here. It was very hard work, but now we are rebuilding our village and we have safe homes for our children. This is good for my family and for the whole community. Now we all have a chance for a new life.”

After the large earthquake in 2006, most of the schools in Pakistan’s remote Siran Valley lay in ruin. Adjacent to the concrete rubble, classes were held outdoors or in temporary box schools- not the ideal study environment. In August 2006, with a 1.5 million dollar grant from PLAN Pakistan and funding from private donors, Shelter For Life began the construction of 10 schools in the Northwest Frontier Province’s outlying Siran Valley (The first of which opens in May 2008). Upon receiving another 2 million dollar grant from PLAN Pakistan in July 2007, Shelter For Life will be able to build 11 additional schools in the area over the course of the next 2 years, and a 2 additional schools in the Allai Valley, funded by Save the Children U.S.

"In the new schools we will have a better education and our small brothers and sisters will also," Sahar Zahir, a 4th grade student tells us, "and we hope the new school will have a playground."
Water supply is a pressing need in Soran, Iraq and surrounding areas. To address those needs, SFL trucked water on an interim basis to 1,000 families and a number of civic buildings until 7.4 km. of water pipe was laid to provide the western side of Soran with fresh spring water. In total, 25,000 households in Soran were supplied with fresh drinking water. Besides water delivery and water supply, the project included a community development component which provided public awareness of principles of hygiene and the environment; sensitization about rubbish disposal for school children; health and hygiene training for women; the promotion of municipal rubbish collection; and radio programming to broadcast public health messages. This project was funded by the BPRM of the U.S. Dept. of State and the Kurdish Regional Government.

SFL completed a three-year community development program that offered moral values teaching, health education, and business training. Striving toward improved economic and moral well-being in the Khatlon region, more than 3,500 residents benefited from this unique program. The project included a facet called Chornya Kassa, which translated figuratively means "money for a rainy day." Chornya Kassa allows individuals to save a sum of money while accruing interest. The program also provided education about the impending HIV/AIDS pandemic. Project funding was provided by Tearfund-UK and Covenant World Relief.

CURRENT ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents $797,441
Grants Receivable 1,857,149
Advances and Other Receivables 344,269
Prepaid Expenses 14,963
Total Current Assets 3,013,822

EQUIPMENT, FURNITURE AND LEASEHOLD IMPROVEMENTS, NET 320

OTHER ASSETS

Beneficial Interest in Assets Held by Community Foundation 14,685

Total Assets $3,028,827

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Lines of Credit $166,500
Grant Advance -
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities 181,407
Total Current Liabilities 347,907

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted:
Undesignated (208,876)
Designated for Endowment 14,685
Total Unrestricted (194,191)
Temporarily Restricted 2,875,111
Total Net Assets 2,680,920

Total Liabilities and Net Assets $3,028,827

Revenue Breakdown

- General Contributions
- US Government
- Private Donations
- Intl Agencies
- In Kind
- Oter

Expenses Breakdown

- Programs
- Administrative
Key Staff

Rand Olson, Chief Executive Officer
Bryan Stephany, Chief Financial Officer
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Mustafa Omar, Program Development Manager
Bill Kish, Country Director - Afghanistan
Mark Bradby, Country Director - Pakistan
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