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SABRE FOUNDATION

Annual Report 2008
Sabre’s Book Donation Program was established in 1986 with the aim of helping to meet the need for high quality, up-to-date educational materials in developing countries and countries in transition throughout the world. Since then, Sabre has sent close to 9 million books valued at almost $300 million to more than 80 countries worldwide. In 2008 alone, Sabre sent more than half a million books, valued at more than $20 million, to countries in Africa (Kenya, Liberia, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia), Asia (Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam), Eastern Europe (Croatia, Kosovo), the former Soviet Union (Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Ukraine) and the Middle East (Iraq, Palestine). The materials sent are new, up-to-date, cover a wide range of subjects and educational levels, and are provided by donating U.S. publishers.

Selectivity and a demand-driven approach are hallmarks of the program. Sabre’s book programs are managed within each recipient country by a local NGO with links to libraries, schools, universities, and medical and research institutions. These partners are responsible for receiving, warehousing and distributing books countrywide. Orders are packed and shipped in ocean freight containers from Sabre’s book distribution center in Lawrence, MA.

Over 200 publishers have participated in the book donation program since its inception. From thousands of titles offered throughout the year, Sabre carefully chooses only the materials likely to interest its constituencies abroad. Donated books cover such diverse fields as business and economics; medicine, nursing and pharmacology; science and technology; English language and literature; agriculture; the environment; computer science; political science and government; law and democracy; American history and culture; the humanities and social sciences; and general reference. The books are written in English, a widely preferred second language of choice.

Sabre’s work continues to be governed by its Book Donation Philosophy: Sabre Foundation’s Book Donation Program is valued by overseas NGOs because of Sabre’s steadfast adherence to the policy that when it comes to the educational needs of developing and transitional countries, indigenous organizations know best. The keystone of Sabre’s book program is that it is demand-driven. Rather than trying to send as many books as possible, regardless of demonstrated need, Sabre gives its overseas partners the opportunity to select books and CD-ROMs from detailed inventory offering lists that are sent electronically. Only titles and quantities specifically requested by its partners are shipped by Sabre. Those titles are new, high-quality, up-to-date books selected by Sabre from the offerings made by donating publishers. In the selection process, Sabre’s rule of thumb is that something which is of no value in the U.S. is usually equally valueless overseas. The schools, universities, libraries and individuals that benefit from Sabre’s Book Donation Program are not regarded as the recipients of aid for whom “any book is better than no book at all.” They are regarded, instead, as clients with limited resources.
IRAQ
In 2008, Sabre shipped seven containers to Iraq, holding over 100,000 books with a fair market value well in excess of $4 million. Among the institutions that benefited from these shipments were the University of Erbil, the University of Mosul, the University of Anbar, and the University of Baghdad.

One of the shipments was sent in support of the Iraq National Library and Archive (INLA), containing more than 6,000 books (comprising 3,500 separate titles) donated by Harvard University Press, Yale University Press and the MIT Press. The books selected from across the publishers’ lists made for a rich and varied collection comprised of both new titles and classic monographs in such areas as philosophy, law, history, art and environmental studies. Funding for this donation was provided by the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad.

INDONESIA
Sabre has significantly expanded both the scale and scope of its book donation program in Indonesia, with the support of that country’s Embassy in the U.S. Sabre’s work has focused on supporting more than 70 universities but, with encouragement from the First Lady of Indonesia, more children’s materials are being provided.

On October 21, 2008, a symbolic book presentation ceremony with the First Lady of Indonesia, Mrs. Ani Bambang Yudhoyono, was held at the Presidential Palace in Jakarta. The event was attended by government ministers and their wives, Mr. Michael Anderson, Public Affairs Counselor, U.S. Embassy, as well as by Ms. Enda Wulandari and Mr. Salman Al Farizi, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission, representing the Embassy of Indonesia in Washington, D.C., and Tania Vitvitsky representing Sabre Foundation.

Symbolic Book Presentation Ceremony in Jakarta, with Indonesia’s First Lady, Hj. Ani Bambang Yudhoyono, center, and Sabre Executive Director, Tania Vitvitsky, seventh from right.
In 2008, Sabre Foundation initiated a book donation program in Rwanda, a nation still recovering from the 1994 genocide. This new initiative followed an assessment visit earlier in the year carried out four Sabre representatives. Three shipments, containing books with a value of more than $1.5 million were sent out during the year in support of institutions of higher education throughout Rwanda.

Of Rwanda’s twenty-some institutions of higher learning, all but one were built after the genocide. As the head of the National Council for Higher Education lamented, schools in Rwanda measure the quality of their libraries “not by the number of books per student,” but by “the number of students per book.” Sabre’s Rwanda program aims to assist in reversing the terms of that measure by filling new bookshelves in libraries and classrooms.
Since the inception of Sabre’s Book Donation Program, over 200 publishers have participated; about 30 are current donors. Many of their donations are governed by a provision of the U.S. tax code requiring that the materials benefit the needy, the ill, or children. Where requested books are not available by donation, Sabre may seek supplemental program funding for reduced-cost purchases. From the many titles offered by donating publishers each year, Sabre selects only those that are appropriate for distribution overseas and likely to be in demand. Educational and professional materials across a broad range of levels, subjects, and formats—textbooks, reference works, scholarly monographs, audio- and videocassettes, and CD-ROMs—all form part of Sabre’s inventory. Sabre also receives academic monographs from university presses (especially in the humanities and social sciences) and gratefully acknowledges the support of the Association of American University Presses.

In 2005, Elsevier, a world-leading publisher of scientific, technical, and health information products, began a partnership with Sabre Foundation in the U.S. and Book Aid International in the U.K. to make donated books available in developing countries around the world.

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| Support services       |       |       |
| General and administrative | 170,273 | 173,417 |
| Fundraising            | 37,251  | 38,283  |
| **Total supporting services** | **207,524** | **211,700** |

| **TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES** | **11,498,045** | **11,851,534** |

| Change in net assets   | (92,469) | (193,932) |
| Net assets—beginning of year | 260,218 | 454,150 |
| Net assets—end of year  | 167,749  | 260,218  |

| Value of Materials Shipped | 20,143,789 | 14,503,638 |

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