

Pathfinder Board of Directors Urges Congress to Fulfill the U.S. Commitment to the United Nations Population Fund

In May, members of Pathfinder International's Board of Directors met with leaders on Capitol Hill, asking them to urge the President to fulfill the government's commitment to fund the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), the world's largest international family planning and reproductive health agency.

Although a carefully negotiated bipartisan agreement that provided \$34 million to the international agency was reached in Congress last December, the Bush Administration refused to release the funds. Eight months later, UNFPA programs were already feeling the effects of the U.S. funding freeze. Then, in late July, the Bush Administration denied funding altogether. UNFPA estimates that the resulting cutback in services

could lead to as many as two million unwanted pregnancies; 800,000 induced abortions; 4,700 maternal deaths; and 77,000 infant and child deaths. The refusal to release U.S. government funds has already caused cuts in personnel and programs at UNFPA, which provides assistance in 140 countries, more than twice the number of countries that receive assistance from the United States.

The White House's refusal to release the funds stems from allegations that UNFPA supports China's coercive abortion and sterilization policies, despite findings to the contrary by the U.S. Agency for International Development and other international agencies. The Bush Administration's own State Department fact-finding mission returned from China with no evidence that the UNFPA "knowingly supported or participated in...coercive abortion or involuntary sterilization." Subsequent legislative attempts on Capitol Hill



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failed to compel the White House to honor the congressional agreement to fund UNFPA.

"This act is against the will of Congress, against the written support of [Secretary of State Colin L.] Powell, and against the crucial needs of millions of women and children around the world," said Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY).

The UNFPA provides crucial funding for several Pathfinder programs. In

Mozambique, Pathfinder uses UNFPA funds to provide adolescents in Maputo and Zambezia provinces with reproductive health and HIV/AIDS information, counseling, and services. Pathfinder also relies on funds from UNFPA to provide community-based distribution of contraceptives and reproductive health services through AMODEFA, a Mozambican non-governmental organization.

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An Interview with June, Marshall, and Lindsay Clemens of the Clemens Family Foundation

The Clemens Family Foundation is comprised of June Clemens of Englewood, FL, her children Patricia Hayes Clemens and Marshall Clemens, and Marshall's wife Lindsay Clemens. Marshall and Lindsay live with their two children in Lincoln, MA, and Patricia lives with her husband and daughter in Oakland, CA. June's husband George Selden Clemens, an independent engineer and inventor of the Interplak electric toothbrush, died in 1993. Nancy Moorehead, Pathfinder's Director of Major Gifts, spoke with June, Marshall, and Lindsay in Lincoln, MA, in June.

Nancy: Like many other families, you have placed assets into a family foundation.

June: George invented the Interplak electric toothbrush, and in the early years of its development, we received proceeds that were more than we ever needed. So in 1985, we decided to create a small family foundation to protect the proceeds and enable us to make charitable contributions. You come to realize that when you have excess capital, giving some of it away is the right thing to do. Marshall is actually the one who alerted us to Pathfinder and its work.

Marshall: For years, we gave small gifts to several groups, including Pathfinder.

June: At our very informal family foundation meetings, we began to discuss the idea that it would be more useful to make larger gifts to fewer organizations.

Marshall: We moved our attention and giving to Pathfinder as we came to realize that family planning needs are fairly well addressed in this country, while we were getting more concerned about the plight of women in developing

countries where the vast proportion of population growth is taking place. When my father was alive, the issues were simpler. Now, there are broader concerns, including women's rights and access to quality services.

Nancy: What are some of the reasons you chose Pathfinder as a recipient of your foundation's giving?

Marshall: The programs you do are on target with the mandate we have for our family foundation. Pathfinder also meets my criteria for the sophisticated, front-line kind of work required to confront the needs out there. I see in Pathfinder an example of how organizations, through their history or their founders, create a culture in which good people are hired and thereby attract

more good people. That culture positively reinforces a healthy, effective outcome.

Lindsay: We have appreciated being invited to Pathfinder events when there are films or speakers in the Boston area. Every time we go to one of these events, we come away inspired. Getting to meet some of the staff from the countries where you work makes us feel part of something important.

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I bequeath \$(a specific dollar amount or percentage of estate) to Pathfinder International, a charitable corporation organized under the laws of the District of Columbia, currently located at Nine Galen Street, Suite 217, Watertown, MA 02472.

Join many other supporters who have become part of our legacy society, "Pathfinders: Legacies for Pathfinder International," either by making a life-income gift or a bequest. Please contact Nancy Moorehead in the development office at 617-924-7200, ext. 245 or via e-mail at nmoorehead@pathfind.org if you would like to learn more or to make a gift.



Pathfinder Strengthens Its Focus on HIV/AIDS

At the end of 2001, an estimated 40 million people globally were living with HIV/AIDS, 90 percent of them in the developing world. Zenabu is a Kenyan woman who is one of that immense number. A former schoolteacher who has been rejected by most of her relatives due to her HIV-positive status,

Zenabu is cared for by her sister-in-law and receives visits twice a week from a Pathfinder-trained volunteer community health worker. Visits from the community health worker assist Zenabu's sister-in-law in caring for her and also provide Zenabu, who is too sick to leave the house, with social support

that helps to keep her spirits up.

The health worker who visits Zenabu was trained by Pathfinder's Community-Based HIV/AIDS Prevention, Care, and Support Project (COPHIA), which is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

To date, COPHIA has trained 21,508 family members to provide home-based care to their relatives with HIV/AIDS and has proven to be a cost-effective use of resources at \$3.59 per client per month.

Building on the experience it has gained from its successful HIV prevention

and care programs like COPHIA, Pathfinder is developing new and expanded projects to address the immense need for HIV/AIDS services in developing countries. Pathfinder's future HIV/AIDS work will center on three priorities:

- Preventing HIV among adolescents
- Providing home-based care for people living with AIDS that includes drugs to treat AIDS-related illnesses
- Preventing HIV infection among especially vulnerable groups, including sex workers, transport workers, intravenous drug users, and the newborn children of HIV-positive women



Rebecca Jones

“Friends of Pathfinder” Trip to India

Don't miss the opportunity to experience firsthand the impact your support of Pathfinder has on women, men, and adolescents in developing countries. In January 2003, join other Pathfinder supporters and members of our staff for a journey to India. Observe the efforts of committed community-based volunteers who bring contraceptives and reproductive health care to teenage newlyweds in the slum neighborhoods of Delhi, and experience folk media performances designed to educate communities about HIV prevention in Mumbai. Participants will also have the chance to tour cultural attractions such as the Taj Mahal throughout this vast, diverse, and majestic country.

To learn more about participating in this visit to Pathfinder's India programs, please contact Nancy Moorehead at 617-924-7200, ext. 245 or via e-mail at nmoorehead@pathfind.org

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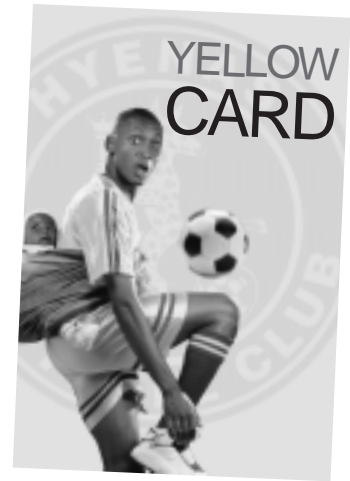
Yellow Card Update

Yellow Card continues to travel the world and speak new languages. The acclaimed African teen movie produced by Pathfinder in conjunction with Media for Development International has been translated into 12 additional languages for African audiences in the two years since its release. Now a Chinese translation is underway. When complete, this version will bring *Yellow Card's* sexual education messages to an entirely new audience of vulnerable young people.

The South African release of the film is scheduled for the end of August. Towards the end of 2002, The Voice of America will show *Yellow Card* on their African network. This will give *Yellow Card* its widest exposure in Africa to date, bringing the film to a total of 30 African countries.

Yellow Card has hit the road in the United States over the past few months as well. As part of the traveling African Film Festival, the

movie has visited Washington, DC; Winston-Salem, North Carolina; Boston, Massachusetts; Columbus, Ohio; and Portland, Oregon. Pathfinder International hosted a reception on February 15th at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston to celebrate the film's screening. On May 1st and May 10th, similar receptions were held in Columbus at the Wexner Center for the Arts and in Portland at the Guild Theater. For more information on *Yellow Card* and the African Film Festival, visit www.yellow-card.com and www.africanfilmny.org



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Mary Lazarus, Bob Lazarus, and Pathfinder board member Judy Kahrl (left to right) at the Columbus, OH, screening of Yellow Card



Mildred Chavous (middle), Kay Mason (right), and their friend (left) at the Columbus, OH, Yellow Card event





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Second Annual Sarah Faith Award Presented

The second annual Sarah Faith Award was presented to the Tarapoto Maternity and Perinatal Health Center at a ceremony on May 29th in Lima, Peru. The award is organized by Pathfinder International's Peru office and endowed by Sarah Michalko, granddaughter of Pathfinder's founder, Clarence Gamble.

Ben Kahrl, Ms. Michalko's brother and a member of Pathfinder's board of directors, presented the \$25,000 award to Dr. Raul Estuardo Arroyo Tirado, the Director of Tarapoto Maternity and Perinatal Health Center, in recognition of the clinics' efforts to overcome the barriers presented by lack of equipment and geographic isolation to save Rosa Diaz Barboza from complications related to childbirth. At the ceremony, Mr. Kahrl said:

Maternal mortality is a serious problem in Peru, as it is across the globe. Each year, around the world, 500,000 women die as a result of pregnancy and childbirth. This means that during this ceremony, four women will die as a result of trying to bring a child into the world. Perhaps one of those four is a

woman in Peru. . . . This pregnancy is likely not her first child, but perhaps her sixth or seventh. Her other children are quite young, under the age of ten or twelve. . . . Her body is tired and worn down and it fails. Such a scene happens, with too great frequency, each year in Peru, and each year, thousands of children are left without a mother. . . . At the same time, there are thousands of individuals in Peru working hard to change this reality.



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The Tarapoto Health Center will use the award funds to equip and improve its obstetrics and gynecology departments, to purchase CB radios and motorcycles to improve communication and transportation between clinics and the remote areas where clients live, and to provide staff with additional training in treating obstetrical emergencies.

Recent Awards

In May, **the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) awarded Pathfinder International \$60 million over 53 months** to improve non-governmental organizations' role in meeting primary health care needs in urban and rural areas of Bangladesh.

Further expanding Pathfinder's work in Bangladesh, **the Flora Family Foundation has committed \$90,000 over a year to expand reproductive health services** in hard-to-reach geographic areas. This grant will support local Bangladeshi organizations that, without

funding from external sources, have successfully implemented a five-year program to train local women as volunteer health promoters.

The McKnight Foundation has granted Pathfinder \$25,000 over 18 months to construct a grain mill in rural Uganda. In addition to providing income and job skills to the local women who will be trained to operate and manage the mill, the site will provide a convenient location for the mills' customers to receive family planning and reproductive health services in a region where health is a secondary

concern to food security.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have made a first-time award of \$1.4 million over three years to Pathfinder in support of projects that prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV in Kenya through a combination of safer delivery methods, counseling, and safer infant feeding methods. While mother-to-child transmission has been all but eliminated in the developed world, last year 540,000 infants in sub-Saharan Africa were infected with HIV at birth.



Members of the Kenya Network of Women with AIDS' soccer team model their new uniforms. This Pathfinder-supported group provides material support to those affected by HIV/AIDS and helps women with the disease to live positively.



“INITIALLY, IF YOU TALKED ABOUT AIDS, PEOPLE THOUGHT IT MEANT THAT YOU HAD IT. Wearing these T-shirts that say ‘HIV/AIDS: The problem’ meant that we had it. Now, thanks to our outreach efforts in the community, people know better.”

— Hillary Mabubi, Chairman of the Ruiku AIDS Awareness Group, Kenya

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