

# **SKEETER BEATERS FOUNDATION, INC.**

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The Dictionary defines grassroots as "ordinary people: the ordinary people in a community or the ordinary members of an organization, as opposed to the leadership".

It is with this thought in mind, that the Skeeter Beaters Foundation, Inc. was formed in 2008 to raise money for the purchase of life saving mosquito nets to aid at-risk populations in Malaria infested areas of the world and to prove that caring individuals, when banding together, can truly be more powerful than nations.

As we all know, Malaria afflicts over 500 million people each year around the world and one child dies from the disease every 20 seconds. It is a proven fact that a single \$5 mosquito net can protect as many as 4 at risk children. Further, statistics have proven that for every 20 nets distributed, one life is saved.

In March, 2010, SBF launched a simple, grassroots initiative called Pennies4Nets stating the obvious maxim – "...for every 500 pennies you gave to the cause, we would purchase an insecticide treated net and show you that net being put into use." At the same time, SBF was joined by a group of musicians in the Chicago area who enthusiastically helped out as well by initiating a drive they call Musicians For Nets. Together, over the past 6 months, Pennies4Nets and Musicians For Nets gathered your spare change, rolled it up and accumulated enough dollars to purchase over 400 nets.

With the added help of donors from as near as the United States and as far away as New Zealand, Canada, England, South Africa, Australia, the Czech Republic, China, Cyprus, and Sudan, we have purchased 20,000 treated mosquito nets and have scheduled a delivery, orchestrated by Against Malaria Foundation, to take place over a 1 month period in November and December of this year in the Phalombe District of Malawi.

Your nets will be used to blanket cover 114 villages in the Kalinde and Nambozo health facility catchment in southwestern Malawi where a total of 20,557 cases of malaria were registered between January and September of this year alone.

On behalf of the people of Malawi, SBF wishes to thank every person who threw their pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters into the pot to help!

We also encourage all of you who have been so generous to track your donations and nets by going online to:

[www.againstmalaria.com/pennies4nets](http://www.againstmalaria.com/pennies4nets) and [www.againstmalaria.com/musiciansfornets](http://www.againstmalaria.com/musiciansfornets)

We will be sending periodic updates alerting you to significant developments with your nets – delivery, distribution, etc. We will also notify you when photos and videos are available from your net distribution in Malawi.

Thank you - your participation will save lives!

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***Since 2008, donors working with The Skeeter Beaters Foundation, Inc. have shipped life saving mosquito nets to Papua New Guinea, Zambia, Tanzania, Gambia, and Malawi!***