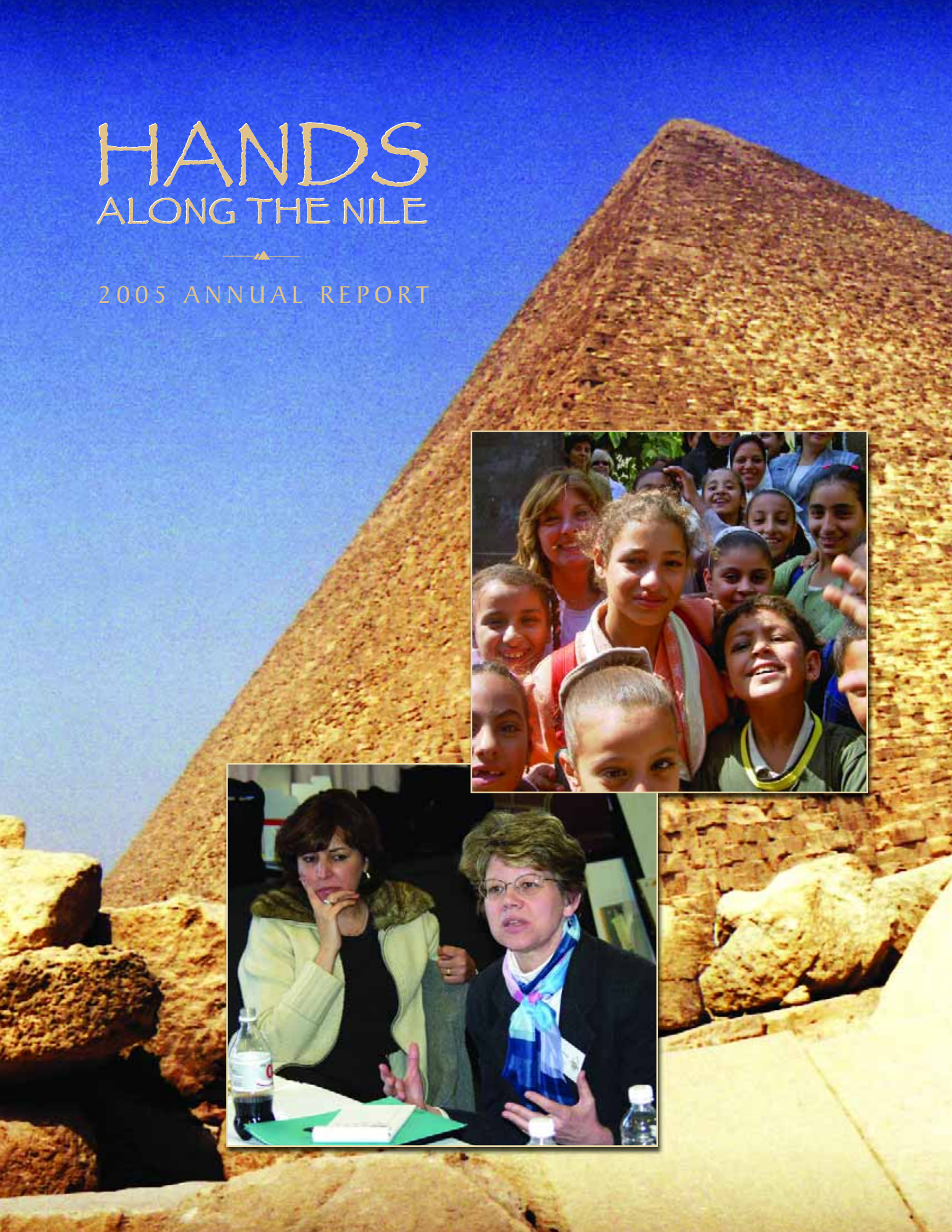


HANDS ALONG THE NILE



2005 ANNUAL REPORT





Dear Friends of HANDS,

2005 has been an exciting year for HANDS.

- We decided to eliminate our financial "safety net" and **reinvest our endowment in development work in Egypt**. Our board wanted to maximize the resources being leveraged to provide for the needs of the poor in Egypt. This means that we rely even more on your financial commitment to our mission.

- Two different groups of Americans went to Egypt through our **spring and fall "Insight Trips."** Their impressions were inspiring and heartfelt and served as a reminder to us of why we are so committed to our work in Egypt.

- We launched HANDS' **Egyptian-American Dialogue program**. Leaders from the fields of education, media, faith communities and civil society were brought together for the first segment in a series of sustained dialogues addressing ways of bringing understanding between people of both cultures.

- In 2005, more than 417 individuals, 11 congregations, and two foundations supported development efforts in Egypt through HANDS. One of our newest programs, the **Community Eye Care Center** in Minia, an underserved area of Upper Egypt, is being funded in part by USAID and addresses issues such as cataracts, glaucoma and trachoma so prevalent in developing communities.

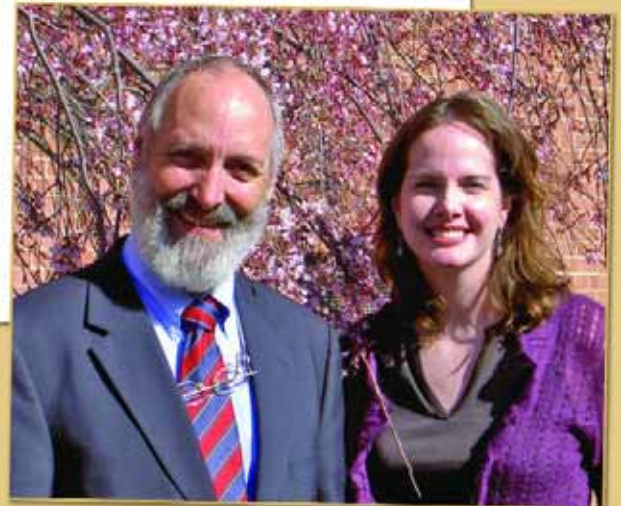
People sometimes ask us **"Why Egypt?"** For us, the answer is obvious. Egypt is one of the largest and the most influential countries in the Middle East, and it faces numerous social and economic challenges to progress and to a peaceful prosperous future. A key to bringing stability to this region is empowering communities to tackle their own problems through participatory decision-making and responsible self-governance. We've chosen to focus on a leading country in the region because we know that it serves as an example for many others.

At the same time, for Americans in these tumultuous days, it is imperative to cultivate relationships with the people of the Middle East. Engaging with Egyptian community leaders in dialogue is equally important for both our countries in seeking to understand "the other." As our two regions toss accusations and stereotypes about, we want to bring people together face to face into conversations that challenge their assumptions and build bridges of understanding.

Thank you for standing with us in this mission!

Robert Jay Ludwig
Board President

Jennifer A. Cate
Executive Director



Above: Members of HANDS' board of directors in New York after a meeting. At right: Bob and Jennifer. On the front cover, from top: HANDS visitors with schoolchildren in Garbage City, a blighted Cairo neighborhood; two participants on the third day of the 2006 Egyptian-American Dialogue.

EGYPTIAN-AMERICAN DIALOGUE

The Egyptian-American Dialogue forges relationships between Americans and Egyptians who are influential members of the media, academia, civil society and religious leadership. Addressing the ever-widening gap between the West and the Arab world, this program creates the space for national opinion-shapers to develop a deeper understanding of one another's cultures and outlooks. Participants spend extended periods of time exploring areas of commonality and disagreement. Then they develop joint projects aimed at educating their constituencies about the realities of the other culture.

After preparations throughout 2005, HANDS' first Egyptian-American Dialogue was held at Washington DC's American University in February 2006. The event was the first in a series of biannual exchanges between the U.S. and Egypt. The launch of the Egyptian-American Dialogue was the culmination of several years of building a network of participants and project development.



Since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York, ... [theories] that promote the idea of a clash of civilizations, cultures and religions have found ground. ... Misconceptions between peoples from different cultures have received support.

It is time for dialogue and building bridges. I found the dialogue with Americans fruitful, inspiring and constructive. We have to continue our dialogue because it is the only way to bring those who believe in peace and co-existence together.



—Samira Luka
The Forum for Intercultural Dialogue

Seven days, the lifetime of the visit, went quickly, carrying intense and various discussions on religion, politics and culture. The mixed feeling I had on my way to the United States dispensed, and I returned back with a strong belief that dialogue between nations, peoples, especially between Arabs and other peoples, should continue.

Others don't understand us unless we talk with them.

—Amina Shafik,
journalist, from *Al Ahram*, a
top Egyptian newspaper,
about her experience in the
Egyptian-American Dialogue



The first round of the Egyptian American Dialogue seemed to be a very fruitful discussion and experience. The discussion was full of freedom and honesty. Both the Egyptian and American delegations came to be familiar with one another and learn from one another. I'm sure that the coming rounds will be even deeper than the first one.

—Sheikh Mahmoud
Ashour, Al Azhar
University



DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN EGYPT

HANDS partners with programs that bring socioeconomic stability to communities across Egypt. In addition to improving the basic conditions in which people live, we believe that it is important to empower people to take control of their own destinies. HANDS' partners in Egypt involve communities in decision-making and implementation of the development work. The larger programs also train local leaders in project planning and management, financial accountability, and democratic decision-making. This helps to ensure that each neighborhood is able to sustain the development that HANDS and her Egyptian partners have initiated.

Americans get the opportunity to meet “the Jewels of the Nile”—the people of Egypt—in person through our Insight Trips. These tours introduce Americans to the history, culture and people of Egypt, both ancient and modern. A day spent exploring the monuments of Islamic Cairo, for example, may be followed by dinner in a Muslim family home. Each trip also includes visits to the communities where HANDS' partners have invested energy in development projects. Below, a 2005 Insight Tripper works with members of an Egyptian community to plant trees in a schoolyard. (See page 6 and back cover for more Insight Trip photos.)



VILLAGE PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH CEOSS

- **ASHMONEEN, a village in Upper Egypt**
- **ESTABLE ANTAR, a squatter community in Cairo**

HEALTH CARE

- **COMMUNITY EYE CARE CENTER, Minia**
- **CENTER FOR GERIATRIC SERVICES, Cairo**
- **CENTER FOR HOPE AND A CURE, Alexandria**
- **CAIRO EVANGELICAL MEDICAL CENTER**
- **THE AMERICAN HOSPITAL OF TANTA**
- **GREEN PASTURES SOCIETY MEDICAL CENTER, outside Cairo**

SOCIAL SERVICES

- **ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE ENVIRONMENT (APE) WOMEN'S LITERACY AND JOB SKILLS TRAINING CENTER, Cairo**
- **THINK AND DO MICRO CREDIT LOAN PROGRAM**
- **LILLIAN TRASHER ORPHANAGE, Assiut**
- **FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL FOR THE HANDICAPPED, Alexandria**
- **SHARABEYYA CLINIC AND DAYCARE CENTER, Cairo**
- **FAGGALA COMMUNITY OUTREACH**
- **VILLAGE OF HOPE CENTER FOR THE MENTALLY CHALLENGED, Alexandria**

DIALOGUE

- **FORUM FOR INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE**
- **EGYPTIAN AMERICAN DIALOGUE**

RETREAT/CONFERENCE CENTERS

- **BEIT EL SALAM**
- **NEW MINIA DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**
- **BEIT EL WADI**
- **EL KHASHA'A CAMP**

CHURCH RENOVATION PROJECTS

- **HELIOPOLIS, Cairo**
- **MINIA SECOND PRESBYTERIAN**
- **ABUTIG**
- **FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN OF EL EKSAS**
- **ROD EL FARAG PRESBYTERIAN**
- **MINIA THIRD PRESBYTERIAN**
- **HERZ PRESBYTERIAN**
- **NAZLET EL ABEED, Minia**
- **ATTARINE PRESBYTERIAN, Alexandria**
- **ROD EL FARAG PRESBYTERIAN, Cairo**

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

- **EVANGELICAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN CAIRO**
- **SYNOD OF THE NILE HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**



HANDS at Work: Educating Women

HANDS supports comprehensive community development work in two “Village Partnership” projects through the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS). The programs bring change to various aspects of community life. Micro-credit loans enable families to send their children to school rather than to factories. Electricity and clean water raise the standard of living for poor families. Women learn to read and write. All such interventions are undertaken in conjunction with the community leaders, who are being trained in project management to assume responsibility for the work as HANDS and her partners gradually disengage. Here is the story of one young woman from the village of Estable Antar.

My name is Sahar. I am 29 years old. When I was seven, my parents decided to have me circumcised by the local midwife. All that mom told me beforehand was that I had grown up and had to have this operation to protect myself. During the procedure, I fainted due to the severe pain.

Now, I have a daughter of my own. My mom started to tell me that my daughter had grown up and



HANDS and her Egyptian partners are working among midwives and village leaders to combat female circumcision.

that she would like to “celebrate” by doing the same procedure to her as she had done to me. I went crazy and screamed at her, saying that it was impossible for me to do that to my daughter. I went to the doctor and asked him if it was important to have this operation. He said that it required examining the girl first before making a final decision.

Then, I visited the neighborhood association (sponsored and trained by one of HANDS’ partners, CEOSS) and attended the awareness-raising sessions given by the volunteer leaders about female circumcision. There, I made a final decision that female circumcision is a crime, that it is not easy for the girl and that it must be fought and stopped.

HANDS at Work: Caring for the Mentally Challenged

HANDS funds programs that raise the quality of life throughout Egypt. One such project is The Village of Hope in Alexandria. This training center on the shores of the Mediterranean offers a nurturing environment to mentally and physically challenged young people in need of social stimulation, exercise, and job skills. The staff there sent this report about one of the new students in their program.

Mohamed Hussein is a 9-year-old boy who was diagnosed by our team as an autistic child. He lives in a poor area with his family, who were shocked by the behavior of their beloved son. His attention was limited. He had no interests, no attention, no desires, and no will. The parents did not know what to do with him.

But, a few months later, after enrolling him in the Village of Hope, his mother wrote us us happily in the child’s notebook that he had changed dramatically. She reported that he is now able to choose what he likes and dislikes, that he is trying to express himself. He is now able to participate in activities with the other children. Our whole team has been touched by the change in this child.



HANDS’ Jennifer Cate receives a gift of cookies from Village of Hope students.

SUPPORT AND LEADERSHIP

Thank you to all the individuals and institutions, including those listed below, who touched the lives of thousands of Egyptians in 2005 through HANDS' programs.

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Egyptian boys meet an American in Minia, a province in upper Egypt.

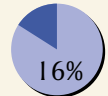
Percentage of HANDS board and staff who contribute financially



Percentage of most designated gifts used for administration



Percentage of total income used for administration



Amount from HANDS endowment reinvested in Egypt in 2005

\$215,000

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(as of May 1, 2006)

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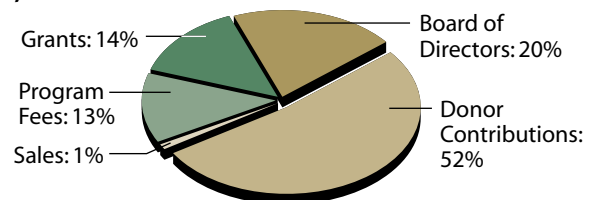
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION^(a)

Assets	
CURRENT ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 19,059
Investments	1,049
Accounts receivable—other	171
Grants receivable	100,000
Promises to give	10,000
Prepaid expenses	<u>21,867</u>
Total current assets	152,146
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT	
Furniture and fixtures	3,144
Computer equipment	<u>5,608</u>
Total	8,752
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>4,375</u>
Property and equipment, net	4,377
OTHER ASSETS:	
Security deposits	1,455
Promises to give, net of current portion	<u>18,000</u>
Total other assets	19,455
Total Assets	\$175,978
Liabilities and Net Assets	
CURRENT LIABILITIES	
Grants in Transit to Egypt	\$ 47,733
Accounts payable & accrued expenses	<u>4,241</u>
Total current liabilities	51,974
NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	24,004
Temporarily restricted	<u>100,000</u>
Total net assets	124,004
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$175,978

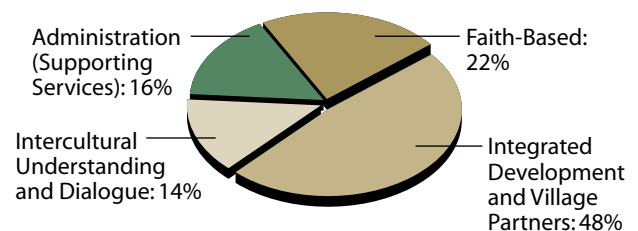
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES^(a)

Support and Revenue	UNRESTRICTED	TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED ^(b)	TOTAL
Contributions	\$107,574	\$123,666	\$231,240
Grants	-	-	-
Interest and investment income	170	-	170
Program fees	33,296	-	33,296
Realized and Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	(4,209)	-	(4,209)
Sales income	2,425	-	2,425
Net assets released from restrictions	<u>123,666</u>	<u>(123,666)</u>	-
Total unrestricted support and reclassifications	262,922	-	262,922
Expenses			
Program services			
Grants released from restrictions	413,282	-	413,282
Other program services	41,945	-	41,945
Supporting services			
Management and general	60,157	-	60,157
Fundraising	<u>26,866</u>	-	<u>26,866</u>
Net expenses	542,250	-	542,250
Change in net assets	(279,328)	-	(279,328)
Net assets, beginning of year	303,332	100,000	403,332
Net assets, end of year	\$24,004	\$100,000	\$124,004

INCOME, 2005



EXPENSES, 2005



^(a) As of December 1, 2005. All figures are audited. The complete audited financial statements are available upon request. Figures shown cover the nine-month period from January 1, 2005 to September 30, 2005, reflecting a change in HANDS' fiscal year. The following annual report will cover a full year period from October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006.

^(b) Restricted donations used for purposes designated.



Hands Along the Nile is an American organization that is rooted in the Christian tradition and committed to respect for human dignity. Together with all who share this value, Hands seeks to develop partnerships between Americans and Egyptians to increase intercultural understanding and to support Egyptians in their efforts to raise the quality of life for all in their land.

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