

*Healing the Wounds of
Torture and Stopping
Torture Worldwide*

2005 Annual Report
for Friends of the
Center for Victims of Torture




THE CENTER
FOR VICTIMS OF
TORTURE

Message from the Executive Director

During 2005, the Center for Victims of Torture achieved excellence in healing the wounds of torture on individuals, their families, and their communities, and CVT won a significant victory in our effort to end torture.

We recently received the American Psychological Association's prestigious International Humanitarian Award for our work at four refugee camps in Guinea, West Africa. CVT was honored for our work healing survivors of atrocities committed during the brutal civil wars in neighboring Liberia and Sierra Leone. The award recognizes us for extraordinary humanitarian service, often conducted in extreme hardship and dangerous conditions.



Douglas A. Johnson

In late 2005, CVT played a key role in a major victory when Congress passed, and the President signed, the McCain Amendment. It prohibits the use of torture and degrading treatment by all U.S. personnel anywhere in the world. Torture violates deeply cherished American values. Our country's use of torture in Iraq, Afghanistan, Guantanamo, and elsewhere has been a national shame. You can be proud that you helped our nation take this significant step away from the use of torture. But we need to remain vigilant to make sure this new law is enforced.

I am pleased to report that CVT ended 2005 with a balanced budget. Our sound financial position is due to a generous outpouring of support from friends like you across the country. Thank you! This Annual Report is dedicated to you.

Healing the Wounds of Torture in the Minnesota

In 2005, torture survivors regained their hope, their health, and their lives at our two centers in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

The majority of survivors who receive care at the Center for Victims of Torture come from Africa. They have suffered severe trauma. On average, three of their family members have been killed and more than three have been imprisoned or tortured. Their own experiences include beatings, sexual torture, psychological torture, burns, asphyxiation, electric shock, and being forced to witness the torture of another human being.

With the support of CVT's staff of doctors, therapists, and social workers, torture survivors rebuild their lives. Many of our clients were highly educated and accomplished people in their home countries. With the outstanding treatment we provide, they can once again become healthy, productive citizens.



The new healing center in St. Paul opened its doors in early 2004, enabling the Center for Victims of Torture to increase the number of torture survivors it helps regain productive lives.

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Hope and Healing in Africa

At our centers in West Africa, we cared for more than 2,000 adult and child victims of torture perpetuated during the civil wars in Liberia and Sierra Leone. CVT works in rural, devastated areas of both Liberia and Sierra Leone, where fighting and atrocities were most severe. Torture survivors struggle to rebuild their lives and villages with few services, and often without clean water or electricity.

Many adults and children are immobilized by experiences that include being forced to kill family members, having limbs hacked off, and being forced into sexual slavery. They suffer from flashbacks. They fear other people. Anxiety keeps them from sleeping at night or focusing in daytime. But with treatment from CVT's professional staff and our trained Liberian and Sierra Leonean paraprofessional counselors, the results are inspiring. Parents are successfully caring for their children again. Men and women are providing for their families and are taking part in community affairs. Children are able to learn in school and make friends. The courage of these children and adults bears testament to the resilience of the human spirit.



CVT West Africa Clinical Retreat

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Expanding the Capacity for Healing

At least 500,000 torture survivors live in our nation, and there are millions more around the world. As a leader in the torture treatment field, the Center for Victims of Torture shares our expertise in Minnesota, the U.S., and around the world.

In Minnesota during 2005, we trained almost 1,000 people in the best torture treatment practices. CVT also began our New Neighbors/Hidden Scars project. In the Minneapolis neighborhoods of Brooklyn Center and Brooklyn Park, there is a large population of Liberian torture survivors. CVT is training the staffs of health care agencies, schools, churches, and social service groups. Our goal is to create a community-wide torture treatment network.

Nationally and internationally, CVT provided training last year to 56 torture treatment centers. We shared our expertise and helped these centers become strong, permanent institutions. After receiving our training, several centers have increased the number of survivors they heal by 300%, and one, in Uganda, by 1,000%.

We also began a project in Cambodia, where, after more than two decades, millions of people remain traumatized by the former regime of torture and genocide. CVT is building the capacity of people across Cambodian society—from health care professionals to local village monks—as they collaborate in healing the still-festering wounds of torture.

During 2005, we strengthened not only those who care for torture survivors but also those who work courageously to prevent torture and other human rights abuses

worldwide. Our **New Tactics in Human Rights** project held online training seminars and sponsored a regional training workshop in Asia. The workshops bring human rights groups together to improve their work by sharing successful strategies across borders. Our New Tactics web site also links thousands of human rights activists around the world.

Advocacy and Torture Prevention

As 2005 came to a close, we won two important victories. Congress reauthorized the Torture Victims Relief Act. Thanks to CVT's advocacy, the U.S. is the largest international donor to the emerging international movement to extend care to torture survivors. At \$27 million last year, it's still not enough—the need remains both urgent and tremendous—but we're making progress.

And at year's end, the McCain Amendment also became law. It prohibits torture and degrading treatment by all U.S. personnel, anywhere in the world. The Center for Victims of Torture played a key role in the campaign to pass this law. Through our online advocacy network (www.cvt.org) and our advocacy office in Washington, we inspired Americans who hadn't yet raised their voices to speak out against the U.S. government's use of torture.

These victories represent important steps toward the goals of our advocacy work—public policies that heal torture survivors and prevent torture.

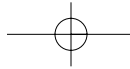
THE CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2005

	<u>12/31/05</u>	<u>12/31/04</u>
ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	854,814	379,934
Investments	416,684	550,936
Accounts Receivable	352,606	377,696
Unconditional Promises to Give	176,648	48,400
Prepaid Expenses	112,620	91,937
Interest Receivable	1,855	2,048
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	1,915,227	1,450,951
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT		
Land	96,300	96,300
Building and Improvements	1,045,214	1,045,214
Leasehold Improvements	452,520	416,276
Furniture and Equipment	447,309	391,188
Vehicles	85,842	-
TOTAL Property and Equipment	2,127,185	1,948,978
Less Accumulated Depreciation	807,526	714,097
Net Property and Equipment	1,319,659	1,234,881
OTHER ASSETS		
Unconditional Promises to Give	40,000	77,700
Restricted Investments	20,318	20,318
TOTAL Other Assets	60,318	98,018
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>3,295,204</u>	<u>2,783,850</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	65,081	54,432
Accrued Compensation	56,944	52,130
Deferred Grants	2,500	5,000
Accrued Interest	-	93,705
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	80,000	80,000
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	204,525	285,267
LONG-TERM DEBT,		
Net of Current Maturities	-	80,000
NET ASSETS		
Unrestricted		
Net investment, property & equip.	1,319,659	1,234,881
Undesignated	728,695	706,282
Temporarily Restricted	1,022,007	457,102
Permanently Restricted	20,318	20,318
TOTAL NET ASSETS	3,090,679	2,418,583
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	<u>3,295,204</u>	<u>2,783,850</u>

THE CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE • STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES
For the Years Ended December 31, 2005 and 2004

	2005			2004	
	Unrestricted	Temporarily Restricted	Permanently Restricted	Total	Total Unrestricted and Restricted
SUPPORT AND REVENUE					
PUBLIC SUPPORT					
Corporate	\$115,530	\$293,500	\$-	\$409,030	\$221,946
Foundation	373,389	590,745	-	964,134	726,621
Individual	1,160,149	100,000	-	1,260,149	889,901
Other Institutions	91,714	25,000	-	116,714	287,924
U.N. Voluntary Fund	450,000	50,000	-	500,000	510,000
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	494,340	(494,340)	-	-	-
Total Public Support	2,685,122	564,905	-	3,250,027	2,636,392
REVENUE					
Program Service Revenue	3,914,482	-	-	3,914,482	3,748,192
Third-party Billings	193,775	-	-	193,775	202,543
Speaking Fees	28,208	-	-	28,208	9,073
Investment Return	33,170	-	-	33,170	9,733
Miscellaneous Revenue	6,169	-	-	6,169	40,367
Total Revenue	4,175,804	-	-	4,175,804	4,009,908
TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE	6,860,926	564,905	-	7,425,831	6,646,300
EXPENSES					
PROGRAM SERVICES					
Client Services	1,405,390	-	-	1,405,390	1,239,374
Professional Training	1,801,438	-	-	1,801,438	3,116,685
Research	206,828	-	-	206,828	78,231
Public Policy/Education	389,894	-	-	389,894	1,550,823
International Services	1,939,224	-	-	1,939,224	-
Total Program Services	5,742,774	-	-	5,742,774	5,985,113
SUPPORTING SERVICES					
Fundraising	570,357	-	-	570,357	619,700
Management and General	440,604	-	-	440,604	298,854
Total Supporting Services	1,010,961	-	-	1,010,961	918,554
TOTAL EXPENSES	6,753,735	-	-	6,753,735	6,903,667
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	107,191	564,905	-	672,096	(257,367)
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,941,163	457,102	20,318	2,418,583	2,675,950
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$2,048,354	\$1,022,007	\$20,318	\$3,090,679	\$2,418,583

The information on this and the previous page reflects financial statements audited by the firm of Eide Bailly, LLP. In 2005, the Center for Victims of Torture received \$7.4 million in support and revenue and its expenses were slightly over \$6.7 million. Eighty-seven percent of the revenues received were used for programmatic purposes, and fundraising costs were less than 8 percent. You may visit www.cvt.org to view the auditor's report or we will be happy to send you a printed copy upon request.

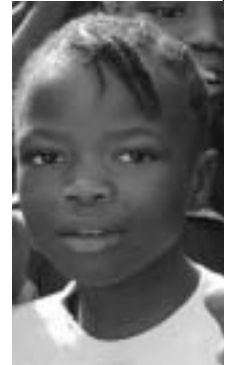


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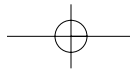
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