

*Healing the Wounds of  
Torture and Stopping  
Torture Worldwide*

An Annual Report to  
Friends of the  
Center for Victims of Torture



THE CENTER  
FOR VICTIMS OF  
TORTURE

## Message from the Executive Director

The success of our work during 2004 is due, in large part, to the generosity of Friends of the Center for Victims of Torture.

Over the past year, we provided healing treatment to nearly 2,000 torture survivors in the U.S. and at our centers in West Africa.

We were able to share our expertise during 2004 with two additional torture treatment centers: in Namibia and Kosovo. That brings the total number of centers in our International Capacity Building project to 17.



Douglas A. Johnson

We also aided torture survivors worldwide when we won \$25 million in federal government funding for torture treatment centers in the U.S. and abroad. And our historic fall symposium in Ankara, Turkey, brought together over

500 activists from 80 nations who trained each other in tactics to prevent human rights atrocities, including torture.

These successes are all the more remarkable because they came in a year when foundations and other major donors once again had to cut back their support. Many Friends of the Center for Victims of Torture stepped forward and increased their giving. I thank all the friends whose generosity made our healing work possible during 2004. Support from you and others enables CVT to heal torture survivors *and* to be an international leader in the movement to care for survivors and prevent the use of torture.

## Healing the Wounds of Torture in the U.S.

On May 6, 2004, we celebrated the opening of our new St. Paul Healing Center. This beautiful restored 1886 house provides a home-like setting, with large rooms for group counseling, and warm, intimate spaces for individual therapy. With centers open in both Minneapolis and St. Paul, the Center for Victims of Torture treated in the past year the largest number of torture survivors in the Twin Cities in our history.

The survivors who turned to us last year endured an average of 33 weeks of detention and torture. Often, they were sexually tortured. Many have lasting physical injuries. Our internationally-respected treatment program combines counseling, medical care, and physical therapy with assistance in getting a home and a job or an education. This multi-faceted approach allows people suffering from paralyzing trauma to recover and become healthy, productive citizens once more.



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.

Drawing courtesy of KKE Architects

## Healing the Wounds of Torture in Africa

In West Africa, the Center for Victims of Torture cared for over 1,600 adults and children who have experienced severe torture. Our professional and para-professional counselors worked in several communities in Sierra Leone to treat survivors of that nation's brutal civil war. In Guinea, our counselors treated refugees from the war in Liberia.

The need is tremendous. Young teens have babies conceived in rape. Parents remember being forced to watch the murder of their children. Girls and boys have been forcibly addicted to drugs, and have been beaten and branded. Most survivors are severely depressed and still very scared. They are plagued by lack of sleep, poor concentration, flashbacks, and nightmares. Many are unable to trust others.

Our healing work with these traumatized survivors combines the best from western mental health approaches and traditional African healing methods. Our techniques include home visits, healing rituals, and group therapy to rebuild shattered communities.

Men, women, and children are recovering. They are able to sleep again, to work, to study, to plant their crops. One girl who

mostly sat alone, sobbing, now plays with new friends and attends the refugee camp school. She says she wants to study hard and become a lawyer, "so I can speak for my people who have died."



Gerihun counseling hut, Sierra Leone PHOTO © EDIE LEWISON

## Creating More Resources for Healing

Tens of thousands of torture survivors around the world will receive healing treatment, thanks in large part to the Center for Victims of Torture's lobbying last year on Capitol Hill. Our advocacy efforts persuaded Congress to appropriate \$25 million in federal government funds under the Torture Victims Relief Act. The funds aid nearly 200 torture treatment centers in the U.S. and worldwide.

The Center for Victims of Torture also helps increase the number of torture survivors who can get help by sharing our expertise as widely as possible. During 2004, we organized training for the staffs at 33 torture treatment centers here in the U.S. We are working with centers in Kosovo and Namibia, increasing the number of centers we train around the world from 15 to 17. The Center shares our knowledge of treatment and also helps these centers develop into strong, lasting institutions.

At our two centers in West Africa, we've trained more than 100 para-professional counselors. A university in Sierra Leone, recognizing the excellence of our training, grants successful trainees counseling degrees and certificates. A country with no mental health system now has a pool of employees skilled in healing the wounds of torture.

## Stopping Torture: Taking A Stand

During 2004, more information surfaced in the media about the U.S. government's use of torture in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Guantanamo. In response, the Center for

Victims of Torture took a strong stand. Executive Director Douglas Johnson spoke out in the media. He also testified before a Congressional hearing in Washington.

In early January 2005, Doug was one of only three witnesses called to testify in Senate Judiciary Committee hearings on the nomination of U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez. Doug debunked the myth that torture can lead to reliable information. His testimony urged Congress to take action to prevent the U.S. government's use of torture. Torture is a line, he said, that our nation must not cross, under any circumstances, for any purpose.

## Stopping Torture: Prevention

Over 100 nations still practice torture. The need for effective ways for citizens to take action to prevent torture and solve other human rights problems is urgent. And in some nations, citizens have succeeded. That's why, last fall, the Center for Victims of Torture brought more than 500 human rights activists from over 80 countries to a historic fall 2004 symposium in Ankara, Turkey. The activists trained each other in new tactics for preventing human rights atrocities, including torture. The meeting was hailed as one of the most important human rights events of 2004. Activists who attended report they returned home with new ideas to try, along with renewed courage and commitment. This conference was a step toward a world free from torture, where every citizen can trust that the dignity of the human spirit will be respected.

### THE CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2004

|   | <u>12/31/04</u>         | <u>12/31/03</u>         |
|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>ASSETS</b>                           |                         |                         |
| <b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>                   |                         |                         |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents               | 379,934                 | 805,537                 |
| Investments                             | 550,936                 | 304,598                 |
| Accounts Receivable                     | 377,696                 | 243,217                 |
| Prepaid Expenses                        | 91,937                  | 59,297                  |
| Interest Receivable                     | 2,048                   | 1,591                   |
| Unconditional Promises to Give          | <u>126,100</u>          | <u>376,100</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS</b>             | 1,528,651               | 1,790,340               |
| <b>PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT</b>           |                         |                         |
| Building                                | 173,600                 | 269,900                 |
| Property Improvements                   | 871,614                 | 771,454                 |
| Land                                    | 96,300                  |                         |
| Leasehold Improvements                  | 416,276                 | 407,089                 |
| Furniture and Equipment                 | <u>391,189</u>          | <u>325,031</u>          |
|   | 1,948,978               | 1,773,474               |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation           | <u>714,097</u>          | <u>628,342</u>          |
| Property and Equipment - Net            | 1,234,881               | 1,145,133               |
| Restricted Investments                  | <u>20,318</u>           | <u>20,318</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>                     | <u><b>2,783,850</b></u> | <u><b>2,955,791</b></u> |
| <b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>       |                         |                         |
| <b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>              |                         |                         |
| Accounts Payable                        | 53,226                  | 41,093                  |
| Accrued Interest                        | 52,130                  | 25,358                  |
| Accrued Interest                        | 5,000                   | 7,450                   |
| Accrued Compensation                    | 93,705                  | (34,063)                |
| Deferred Grants                         | 1,206                   | 2                       |
| Current Portion of Long-Term Debt       | <u>80,000</u>           | <u>80,000</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>        | 285,267                 | 119,840                 |
| Long-Term Liabilities,<br>Notes Payable | <u>80,000</u>           | <u>160,000</u>          |
| <b>TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>        | 365,267                 | 279,840                 |
| <b>NET ASSETS</b>                       |                         |                         |
| Unrestricted                            | 1,941,164               | 1,880,535               |
| Temporarily Restricted                  | 457,102                 | 775,098                 |
| Permanently Restricted                  | <u>20,317</u>           | <u>20,317</u>           |
| <b>TOTAL NET ASSETS</b>                 | 2,418,583               | 2,675,950               |
| <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b> | <u><b>2,783,850</b></u> | <u><b>2,955,791</b></u> |

THE CENTER FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE • STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2004 and 2003

|  | 2004               |                        |                        | 2003                              |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|  | Unrestricted       | Temporarily Restricted | Permanently Restricted | Total Unrestricted and Restricted |
| <b>SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>                         |                    |                        |                        |                                   |
| Public Support                                     |                    |                        |                        |                                   |
| Corporate, Foundation and Individual Contributions | \$1,456,765        | \$381,703              | \$-                    | \$1,838,468                       |
| International Organization                         | -                  | 510,000                | -                      | 510,000                           |
| Speaking Fees                                      | 9,073              | -                      | 18,534                 | 9,073                             |
| Fundraising Event                                  | -                  | -                      | 17,470                 | -                                 |
| Net Assets Released from Restrictions              | -                  | -                      | -                      | -                                 |
| Restrictions Satisfied by Payments                 | 1,209,699          | (1,209,699)            | -                      | -                                 |
| Total Public Support                               | 2,675,537          | (317,996)              | -                      | 2,357,541                         |
| Revenue  |                    |                        |                        |                                   |
| Program Service Revenue                            | 4,076,483          | -                      | -                      | 4,076,483                         |
| Third Party Billings                               | 202,543            | -                      | -                      | 202,543                           |
| Investment Return                                  | 9,733              | -                      | -                      | 9,733                             |
| Loss on Disposal of Fixed Assets                   | -                  | -                      | -                      | -                                 |
| Total Revenue                                      | 4,288,759          | -                      | -                      | 4,288,759                         |
| <b>TOTAL SUPPORT AND REVENUE</b>                   | <b>6,964,296</b>   | <b>(317,996)</b>       | <b>-</b>               | <b>6,646,300</b>                  |
| <b>EXPENSES</b>                                    |                    |                        |                        |                                   |
| Program Services                                   |                    |                        |                        |                                   |
| Client Services                                    | 1,239,374          | -                      | -                      | 1,239,374                         |
| Professional Training                              | 3,116,685          | -                      | -                      | 3,116,685                         |
| Research   | 78,231             | -                      | -                      | 78,231                            |
| Public Policy/Education                            | 1,550,823          | -                      | -                      | 1,550,823                         |
| Total Program Services                             | 5,985,113          | -                      | -                      | 5,985,113                         |
| Supporting Services                                |                    |                        |                        |                                   |
| Fundraising  | 619,700            | -                      | -                      | 619,700                           |
| Management and General                             | 298,854            | -                      | -                      | 298,854                           |
| Total Supporting Services                          | 918,554            | -                      | -                      | 918,554                           |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>                              | <b>6,903,667</b>   | <b>-</b>               | <b>-</b>               | <b>6,903,667</b>                  |
| <b>INCREASE IN NET ASSETS</b>                      | <b>60,629</b>      | <b>(317,996)</b>       | <b>-</b>               | <b>(257,367)</b>                  |
| <b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>              | <b>1,880,534</b>   | <b>775,098</b>         | <b>20,318</b>          | <b>2,675,950</b>                  |
| <b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>                    | <b>\$1,941,163</b> | <b>\$457,102</b>       | <b>\$20,318</b>        | <b>\$2,418,583</b>                |

*The information on this and the previous page reflects financial statements audited by the firm of Clausen, Schoenbauer, Seurer, and Webb, Ltd. In 2004, the Center for Victims of Torture received \$6.6 million in revenue and its expenses were slightly over \$6.9 million. More than 85 percent of the revenues received were used for programmatic purposes, and fundraising costs were less than 9 percent. You may visit [www.cvt.org](http://www.cvt.org) to view our auditor's report or we will be happy to send you a printed copy upon request.*

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