Dear Friends,

In 2014, we were reminded of the impact local efforts can make in the lives of torture survivors as Survivors of Torture, International (SURVIVORS) succeeded in assisting 258 torture survivors on their journey to healing. SURVIVORS’ clients have experienced unimaginable trauma, yet they are resilient, talented, and motivated. They are the type of people that make a difference in a community. Though healing begins locally at SURVIVORS, it does not end there. By investing in our clients, and therefore our community, we can make the world a better place.

SURVIVORS’ local healing efforts rebuilds the lives of torture survivors. Every day we see how torture survivors’ healing affects the community at large. Our clients become self-sufficient, healthy members of their families and communities.

SURVIVORS’ local healing efforts inspire people throughout the world. A photograph of SURVIVORS’ healing drum circle, held for clients on June 26, the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, was featured in an exhibit at the United Nations Museum in New York City. The photograph showcases both the resilience and creativity of survivors and
P.S. Just one more way healing locally can reach globally; in 2014 SURVIVORS began four new healing groups for clients. Group therapy offers clients an opportunity to meet other torture survivors and join a small community. Together, the clients heal and are able to reach out to one another in support and kindness.
UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture

Your gifts allowed SURVIVORS to facilitate the healing of torture survivors and their families and help them to become productive members of our community. SURVIVORS is thankful to be able to offer healing services to many of San Diego’s estimated 11,000 torture survivors. One of the available services at SURVIVORS is a monthly healing club for clients so they can meet other torture survivors, experience the healing power of community, and learn about free resources in San Diego.

June 26 is the United Nations International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. To commemorate this day in 2014, SURVIVORS held an event for healing club participants in Mission Bay Park. More than 50 clients, volunteers, and staff attended the celebration. The event began with a reading of the history and meaning of the UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture. This was followed by a moment of silence to reflect on the day – on those who lost their lives to torture and on those who survived. The event culminated with a picnic, a drumming circle, and an impromptu dance. While the day’s event ended midafternoon, the laughter and camaraderie lingered.

Many clients expressed their gratitude to SURVIVORS for hosting the event. A group of clients from the Middle East was overheard saying, “That was so much fun. We wish we could have an event like this every month!” Your contributions to and support of SURVIVORS make possible the opportunity for torture survivors from all over the world to experience joy that was lost, feel connected to others again, and annually commemorate the UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture.
In 2014, you helped SURVIVORS educate 790 professionals, students, and community members about torture and its consequences. One highlight of SURVIVORS’ educational efforts in 2014 was cosponsoring the annual event of the New York-based Society for the Study of Psychiatry and Cultures (SSPC) at the Joan B. Kroc Institute for Peace and Justice at the University of San Diego. SSPC meets annually to present the latest research in psychiatry with a focus on the importance of culture in clinical care, education, and research.

Professional psychiatrists came from all over the world to learn about the event’s theme, “Trauma, Recovery and Culture.” In addition to being a cosponsor, SURVIVORS copresented a workshop. Executive director, Kathi Anderson, and program manager, Dr. Mahvash Alami’s presentation, “Evaluating Services for Torture Survivors in San Diego,” focused on research in U.S. torture rehabilitation centers. SURVIVORS also offered a special Journey to Healing tour of our clinic for attendees. One attendee noted how impressive it was that SURVIVORS had “professionals and residents from local universities who [donate their time] to meet with patients” and the “support and treatment of [torture survivors] is organized with so very little means.”

Your faithful support of SURVIVORS made it possible to educate international and local professionals and the public about torture and its consequences. In 2014, 93% of those surveyed after learning about torture treatment from SURVIVORS said they felt more comfortable identifying torture survivors and referring them to appropriate services.
You advocated for torture survivors

Photograph: (Left to right) Ihsane El Amrani Chavrier and Laura Dolci-Kanaan, United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture representatives, and Jean Greaves, SURVIVORS’ volunteer, outside the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights’ headquarters at the Palais Wilson building in Geneva, Switzerland.

International Advocacy

In 2014, you advocated with SURVIVORS, in conjunction with other members of the National Consortium of Torture Treatment Programs, for U.S. government funding of the United Nations Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture (UNVFVT) to support the right of torture survivors worldwide to rehabilitation. The UNVFVT is funded by individual donors and nation states. The U.S. contributions are vital for maintaining the fund. SURVIVORS’ executive director, Kathi Anderson, advocates every year with senators and congresspersons to support appropriations to the fund and build awareness of the fund’s impact. Due to decreasing support from other donors, the UNVFVT curbed its funding for rehabilitation centers around the globe.

SURVIVORS is one of 33 U.S. centers that receives UNVFVT funding and has been considered a “center of excellence” by the UNVFVT. However, with fewer resources and an increasing number of needed services, it is important that SURVIVORS convey the absolute necessity of the UNVFVT to continue supporting SURVIVORS’ clients. With the UNVFVT located in Geneva, Switzerland, about 6,000 miles from San Diego, means of communication between its headquarters and SURVIVORS are restricted.

To strengthen our ties with the UNVFVT and leverage our resources, Dr. Jean Greaves, longtime volunteer at SURVIVORS and member of the board’s finance committee, met in person with representatives from the UNVFVT in Geneva on behalf of SURVIVORS while there on a business trip. She explained the unique needs of torture survivors in San Diego and advocated for the continuation of funding to support SURVIVORS’ clients. Jean is returning to Geneva soon and is looking forward to meeting with fund representatives again to further build this vital relationship so that torture survivors can heal worldwide, including in San Diego.
Your gifts to SURVIVORS are well spent and an important investment in our community. By helping torture survivors heal, you empower them to use their unique gifts in giving back to our community. The 2014 financial audit by Sonnenberg and Company shows that SURVIVORS’ administrative costs are far below national averages. Eighty-nine cents of every donated dollar directly benefits local torture survivors.

Support & Revenue
- Grants & Contracts: $742,119
- Contributions: 135,557
- Donated Goods & Services: 84,917
- Other Operating Revenue: 8,347
Total Support & Revenue: $970,940

Expenses
- Program Services: $810,329
- Supporting Services
  - Management & General: 80,532
  - Fundraising: 19,184
Total Supporting Services: 99,716
Total Expenses: $910,045
Change in Net Assets: 60,895
Net Assets at Beginning of Year: 427,192
Net Assets at End of Year: $488,087

To see a list of financial and in-kind donors, please visit our website at www.notorture.org/company_funders.php. Thank you for your gifts!
The following is SURVIVORS’ financial statement, audited for the time period of October 1, 2013, through September 30, 2014, by Sonnenberg and Company. The full audit is available at www.bettergivingsd.guidestar.org.

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SURVIVORS is an IRCT-accredited torture treatment center
In 2014 through your gifts to SURVIVORS you...

**supported** 258 clients (53% asylum seekers, 26% refugees, 21% legal permanent residents or naturalized citizens) with comprehensive mental health, medical and social services.

**welcomed** clients from 41 different countries, the majority from Iraq, Ethiopia, Mexico, Somalia, and Iran.

**convited** in 29 different languages with our new clients through the help of interpreters.

**dedicated** 1,139 hours of social services, including assistance with finding housing, food, educational opportunities, and employment resources for clients and their families.

**provided** 300 hours of psychological evaluations and 64 hours of medical affidavits to asylum-seeking clients to support their legal cases.

**helped** torture survivors heal mentally with 1,120 hours of individual therapy sessions.

**celebrated** with 24 clients who won their asylum cases and were able to petition for their families to join them.

**viewed** our website, www.notorture.org, 47,992 times.

**trained** 790 professionals, students, and community members about torture and its consequences.

**encouraged** 207 volunteers, who donated 62 hours per month to SURVIVORS.

**informed** 239 guests at our Journey to Healing tours about the importance and value of the mission of SURVIVORS.

**reached** 15,158 subscribers of SURVIVORS’ newsletters and e-newsletters locally, nationally, and worldwide.