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Thanks,

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Dear Partners,

Our warmest wishes for a happy and healthy 2006!

A few program updates follow...

### December Report Review Meetings:

Thank you for the time and effort you put into preparing the December reports. Regional Managers will be reviewing them shortly, and look forward to having a dialogue with you on the progress of the project in the coming weeks.

### Annual Meeting:

**We are pleased to announce that this year's Make a Connection Annual Meeting will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, 21 and 22 June in Glasgow, Scotland.** The IYF Annual Partner Meeting will follow on Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 24-26 June. These events have been scheduled to coincide with the CIVICUS World Assembly which will also occur in Scotland that week. Please look for more information on the Make a Connection Meeting, including a Save the Date and a Partner Survey on Agenda Topics, over the next week. We are looking forward to seeing you again in June!

### IYF Make a Connection Team:

Please find attached our team org chart for 2006. Main changes to responsibilities/points of contact are highlighted below.

- 1) Michelle Szechenyi will provide global support for Program Design and Capacity Building activities as well as be the point of contact for this year's Annual Meeting.
- 2) Karin Akins will transition into a country manager role, providing support to the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Russia projects. Ami Thakkar will continue to serve as the Regional Manager for Europe.
- 3) Michelle will assume responsibility for backstopping the U.S. and Canada projects.

- 4) Kathy Lane, seconded to IYF from Nokia, will provide global communications and website support to the program.

**Global Program Website ([www.makeaconnection.org](http://www.makeaconnection.org))**

We have been reviewing the utility and effectiveness of our global program website. We've come to the conclusion that in order to help IYF, Nokia and partners' stakeholders more easily find *Make a Connection* related news, stories and program descriptions, this content should more appropriately be housed on stakeholder websites (i.e. Partner websites, nokia.com, Nokia local sites, iyfnet.org) rather than on a stand alone site ([www.makeaconnection.org](http://www.makeaconnection.org)). The next six months will be a period of transition, and we will be working with each project individually to determine which stakeholder site(s) are most appropriate to provide your project information. A conference call will be set up with each of you to begin the process of assessing your program's online information. In the meantime, if you should have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Kathy Lane ([klane@iyfnet.org](mailto:klane@iyfnet.org))

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