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**DRAPER RICHARDS FOUNDATION
AWARDS \$900,000 TO SUPPORT SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

**The Draper Richards Foundation Honors
Dr. Thomas Clark of Grassroot Soccer, Dr. Elizabeth Hausler of Build Change, and Mark Hanis of
Genocide Intervention Network With Its Prestigious Social Entrepreneur Fellowship**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – March 22, 2006 – The Draper Richards Foundation is pleased to announce the addition of Dr. Thomas Clark of Grassroot Soccer, Dr. Elizabeth Hausler of Build Change, and Mark Hanis of Genocide Intervention Network to its nonprofit social entrepreneur portfolio. Draper Richards funding provides each of these visionary non-profit organizations with \$300,000 and business assistance over a three-year period. The funding will support AIDS education in Southern Africa, earthquake resistant housing in devastated regions, and mobilization of support to end genocide around the world.

Grassroot Soccer (GRS) has developed and implemented a comprehensive HIV/AIDS education program for youth and their communities that relies on the popularity of soccer in Africa to access culturally appropriate role models for youth. Prior to becoming a doctor Tommy Clark played soccer professionally in Zimbabwe, a country where life expectancy has dropped from greater than 60 to 30. While he witnessed first-hand the devastating impact that AIDS was having in Africa, he also experienced the power that soccer had to engage people across the continent. With his medical training and love of Africa, Clark is raising awareness and making a difference. www.grassrootsoccer.org

Build Change seeks to end the devastating loss of life and shelter in earthquake-torn regions. Dr. Elizabeth Hausler is a PhD in Civil Engineering as well as a skilled brick, block and stone mason. Her mission is to rebuild homes using earthquake resistant engineering as well as to train local civil engineers, architects, and construction supervisors to integrate earthquake resistant techniques into their building practices. Build Change currently works in Indonesia, and plans to expand into Kashmir and other needy regions. www.buildchange.org

Genocide Intervention Network's mission is to empower individuals and communities with the tools to prevent and stop genocide. The organization has played a leading role in responding to the genocide in Darfur, Sudan. Taking an unconventional response to genocide, GI-Net directly fundraises for civilian protection and empowers citizens through education and advocacy. Mark Hanis, founder and CEO, graduated Swarthmore College in 2005 with a major in Political Science and a minor in Public Policy. He is the grandchild of four Holocaust survivors and was raised in Quito, Ecuador. www.genocideintervention.net

"We are honored to have these impressive entrepreneurs in our portfolio. Each is tackling a tremendously important issue; each has the capability to change the world. The Draper Richards Foundation looks for the most talented entrepreneurs, and with Tommy, Elizabeth and Mark, we have found three of the most dedicated and impressive," said William H. Draper III, a Director of the Draper Richards Foundation Board.

About The Draper Richards Foundation

Established in 2002, the Draper Richards Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship provides selected early-stage nonprofit organizations with start-up funding of \$100,000 annually for 3 years, as well as assistance and support. Start-up funds are structured as fellowships to emphasize the importance of the entrepreneur in the Foundation's selection process. The Draper Richards Foundation's funding strategy is based on a venture capital model and involves significant amounts of research and diligence before an investment is made. The Foundation's founders, William H. Draper, III and Robin Richards Donohoe, venture capitalists in San Francisco, believe in the power of innovative and passionate individuals to change the world.