



## **SEEDS OF COMPASSION TEAM BIOS**

### **VEN. LAMA TENZIN DHONDEN**

**Tibetan Buddhist Monk, Scholar and Artist**

**Co-founder of Seeds of Compassion**

Seeds of Compassion has benefitted from the special relationship with and hard work of the Venerable Lama Tenzin Dhonden. The vision for Seeds of Compassion came about after a meeting in 2005 between His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Ven. Tenzin Dhonden and Dan Kranzler from the Kirlin Foundation. Having discussed concepts for the program over the past few years, Lama Tenzin traveled to India to consult with His Holiness, and the program in Seattle was confirmed. In November Lama Tenzin and the Organizing Committee presented the full program to His Holiness in Dharamsala. His Holiness expressed excitement about the goals and long-term potential for Seeds of Compassion.

From the age of eight, the Venerable Lama Tenzin was trained in the monastic tradition of Namgyal Monastery, the personal monastery of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India. In addition to more than 20 years of Monastic training, the Venerable Lama Tenzin is a master of the arts of creating traditional Tibetan Buddhist sand mandalas and butter sculptures, as well as Buddhist ritual dances. Lama Tenzin has been living part-time in the U.S. for the past 10 years, sharing his teachings with groups across the U.S. and internationally.

## **DANIEL KRANZLER**

### **Co-founder of Seeds of Compassion President, Kirlin Charitable Foundation**

Dan Kranzler is President of the Kirlin Charitable Foundation, which he formed with his family in 1999 to formalize their commitment and efforts to fulfill their passion for children, education and the health and strength of families. The foundation works as a catalyst and innovative partner in positive social change toward a vision of a global society, identified first and foremost by the grace of its empathy and compassion.

Dan is a wireless and technology industry entrepreneur who, for 30 years, has been managing, supporting and financing start-up high-tech companies. Mr. Kranzler has been involved in senior management roles at a number of communications and Internet companies including McCaw Cellular, Accessline Communications and Hands-On Mobile.

## **RAJ MANHAS**

### **Executive Director, Seeds of Compassion**

Raj Manhas was recently appointed Executive Director of Seeds of Compassion. He oversees this new grassroots initiative, which brings together the latest visionary thinking, showing that brain research demonstrates the social and emotional benefits of developing empathy and compassion both early and throughout a child's life. Raj, who served as superintendent of Seattle Public Schools from 2003 to 2007, brings his extensive background in education, public service, finance and community building to Seeds of Compassion. A native of India, Raj came to Seattle 34 years ago to study at the University of Washington, completing his master's degree in industrial engineering.

## **WILLIAM C. BELL**

### **President and Chief Executive Officer of Casey Family Programs**

William C. Bell became President and Chief Executive Officer of Casey Family Programs on January 1, 2006. Prior to leading the foundation, Mr. Bell served as its Executive Vice President of Child and Family Services. Prior to joining Casey, he served two and a half years as commissioner of the New York City Administration of Children's Services. Casey Family Programs is a title sponsor of Seeds of Compassion.

**RON RABIN****Managing Director, Seeds of Compassion**

Ron Rabin is the founding and current executive director of the Kirlin Charitable Foundation and came to Kirlin after a 20-year career in the fields of clinical psychology and integrative medicine. He currently serves on the boards of CASEL (Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning) at the University of Illinois and Bridges of Understanding, a global education program focused on building intercultural relationships through digital storytelling. Ron also serves on the Advisory Committee for Thrive By Five, a newly established public-private partnership for early learning in Washington state. He was the founding board president of Arts Corps, serving as President until 2006.

**JOHN VADINO****Executive Producer, Seeds of Compassion**

John Vadino is Co-founder, President and CEO of The Production Network (TPN). John's reputation for his ability to direct major events involving multiple venues, large crowds and numerous technical challenges makes him ideal to serve as the Executive Producer of Seeds of Compassion's five-day event in April 2008. John in his early years was the Production Director of Seattle's premiere public festivals (Bumbershoot, Seattle International Children's Festival and the Northwest Folklife Festival). He and his company, TPN, produce events and design exhibits and environments for companies around the globe – recently he produced the premiere of the Boeing 787 Dreamliner.