



Hearts 'n Hugs For Kids Newsletter

HAPPY HORIZONS CHILDREN'S RANCH—CEBU, PHILIPPINES

Happy Horizons Children's Ranch cares for children in a 'traditional orphanage' setting. However, they do much more! They also monitor and care for hundreds of street children who have been abandoned or orphaned by civil war, abused or rejected by dysfunctional and poverty-stricken families and then further traumatized by the indifference of their society. Many girls, far too young to comprehend their fate, beg, steal and sell themselves for a hot meal, a hot shower or a clean bed.



Living on the edge of survival, they are often swept in an undertow of beatings, illegal detentions, torture, sexual abuse, rape and murder.

Happy Horizons is involved in a joint venture project with *Mission of Mercy* which provides the funding and *International Justice Mission* which provides the investigation, rescue and prosecution of the offenders.

Under the leadership of *Happy Horizons Children's Ranch* the girls receive the care necessary to bring them to health and wellness.

Beginning at their safe house, the girls are taken in and given initial counseling and orientation. There is a short window of opportunity to get these girls to understand that they are victims of an enormous injustice. It is during this initial phase that the ministry leaders try to introduce each one to a personal faith in Christ Jesus. Once the girls gain trust and confidence, they begin to understand how special they are to our Heavenly Father.

Unfortunately, child trafficking is the new slavery! As many as 100,000 girls and boys are trafficked within the Philippines each year!



Dresses for Orphans had the honor of making new dresses for 450 of these girls!

Every time a child is given a new outfit, they are also given a small gift card that says 'This gift was made especially for you because you are a very special person. I pray that you will grow to always love and serve Jesus!' The girls in the above picture are all holding these little cards. The children in the picture below are the ones who live at the ranch.

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SPOTLIGHT ON VOLUNTEERS

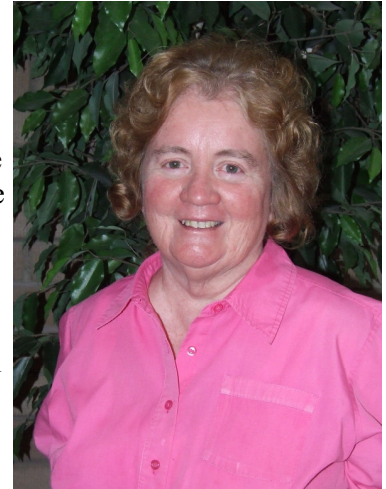


Garnet Mogle has the title of ‘Quality Control Inspector’ at *Dresses for Orphans*. What that really means is that she does the hardest job each Wednesday at our sewing time. She stands at an ironing board and gives each of the outfits their final pressing.

At the same time she checks it to make sure it has a little tag on the sleeve and the dresses have a bow attached. Once in a while as a garment goes down the assembly line it misses one of the steps and Garnet is the one who always finds that out at the end and hands it back to be completed—always with a smile!

Garnet is a classy, soft spoken woman who was a stay-at-home Mom and who has volunteered a great deal. She attends Apache Wells Community Church and serves on the board of the Women’s Fellowship. It was there that she first heard about *Dresses for Orphans*. She and her husband, Dean, had been married 66 years and she faithfully cared for him before he passed away last June. After that she had time to volunteer again and decided to join this ministry.

One of the things she enjoys about what she does each Wednesday morning is that she gets to see all the pretty fabrics and differences in each of the dresses and shirts. She says, “I would love to hug the little ones as they see their new outfit.”

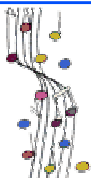


Margaret Carr, better known as ‘Maggie’ is a full time Arizona resident—yes, there are a few of us who live here fulltime—who has an interesting background! Before her retirement, she was a Technical Editor for the Journal of American Indian Education at the Center for Indian Education at Arizona State University! How’s that for a title! She still works as an editor for material that is ready to be published. She has also worked as a court reporter.

Maggie has a wide variety of interests—from reading Biblical material and biographies to watching science fiction movies as well as dabbling in gardening, canning and drying foods. She also tries to help the poor in various ways where she lives.

Maggie has a tender heart toward the plight of orphans. Her friend, Nancy Ryskie, told her about *Dresses for Orphans* which immediately sparked her interest. She attended a luncheon at Apache Wells Community Church where the ministry was being presented to a group of seniors. She immediately knew this was something in which she wanted to be involved. She’s been coming to the Wednesday morning sewing time ever since and is always willing to do whatever needs to be done—sometimes sewing, sometimes helping with the final pressing and sometimes coming up with an easy way to make the bows for the dresses.

When talking about *Dresses for Orphans*, she says, “I like teamwork. The commitment by all the volunteers providing clothing for orphans is obvious. The extraordinary skills developed by these senior ladies over the years has enhanced the caring atmosphere in which each piece of clothing is completed.”



... on a personal note

For those of you who followed my progress as I went through cancer treatment, here’s the good news! It’s been 16 months since I finished my radiation and chemo and the scan I had just a couple weeks ago showed that everything is still clear! Darlene

FROM THE MAILBOX & THE INBOX

“When my staff and I opened the boxes we were so excited to see the most darling dresses we’ve ever seen. I wasn’t at all expecting them to be so personable!!! Absolutely darling!!! And colorful and, did I say, Darling? Haha! We love them and can’t wait for the kids to get them. God bless again and again. Thanks.”

Nancy—Philippines

“We received the shirts and they are more beautiful than we ever imagined. I took them to our team meeting and showed them to the team. They were so excited! I can’t thank you enough for these incredible shirts. We cannot wait to give them to the children.

You have been such a blessing to us! Your willingness to help us will allow us to purchase 300 book bags as well as school supplies that these children so desperately need. Our prayer is that we can also raise money to purchase school shoes for the children. If a child doesn’t have the black leather school shoe, he or she gets turned away.”

Robin—Swaziland

“You have been in my thoughts as we did the Christmas cards and several of the children were searing the clothes you made for them in their Christmas card photo. I want to thank you again and tell you that the children love the outfits. I have especially heard reports from the girls. They just loved getting the new dress made for them and they always wear the hat when wearing the dress. Attached are a few photos for you to enjoy.”

Tami—Sierra Leone



COMING SOON!!

In the next couple of weeks, the new store is going to be open at our website

www.dressesfororphans.org

To start, there will be two products—

- ◆ a set of 12 watercolor print blank note cards depicting six different children in their new outfits and
- ◆ The *Dresses for Orphans* T-shirt imprinted with the name and website.

Check back often to see their availability!



HOW YOU CAN BE INVOLVED

♥ Pray . . .

. . . for the kids who receive the outfits that they’ll be reminded of how much God loves and cares for them.

♥ Donate . . .

. . . kid-friendly fabric scraps that can be used to make the hearts and stars

♥ Volunteer . . .

. . . If you live in the East Valley there is always a welcome for you to come and help us sew the outfits.

♥ Give . . .

. . . *Dresses For Orphans* is a ministry of *Ripe For Harvest*. All gifts are tax deductible and should be sent to:

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