

Homes with Hope

Compassionate care for children in crisis through foster care and adoption

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History with friends and family is important. Life long friendships are a treasure. Homes with Hope's history began with a visit to a CPS shelter for young girls the summer of 1995. I was a leader in the Houston Vineyard Church youth group and took several of our youth to visit the shelter. That one visit extended to several visits, then months of visits, then years. Seven years later Homes with Hope began to form with the intent to equip and license families in the church to care for these type of children. The reason I am going down this sentimental journey is because at our last fund raising event of this year — the "Denim" half of Diamonds/Denim — I had the privilege of seeing three wonderful ladies, who were part of that original youth group, make a significant contribution to the management and success of our event. You know the feeling when things seem to come full circle? Now all grown up; Judith, Cara and Joanna are helping again. This time to raise money to help find homes for neglected and abused children, so that they can have the love and history of a family. Makes me smile and remember that God is working his plan and every once in awhile we get a glimpse of the bigger picture.

Thank you for fostering, adopting, volunteering, praying and financially contributing to the efforts of Homes with Hope.

Blessings, Tricia Herren - Executive Director

*A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.
God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.
Psalm 68:5-6*



Since 1972, The Children's Fund has given wings to charities that support Houston's most needy children. They are an entirely volunteer run organization that focuses on charities with small budgets and small administrative departments serving the Houston area. The charity selection process begins each year with an informal invitation to local charities to make specific requests, in writing.



We are happy to announce that Homes with Hope was selected to be one of the sixteen charities that The Children's Fund will support for the 2011-2012 funding year.

Their support will help to increase and improve the services and care that we are able to provide to abused and neglected children in foster care within the Houston area and surrounding counties.

Here ↘ **are some of the things you have accomplished this year** by providing your help and support of Homes with Hope:

- **Foster Care:** As of October ... 27 children have been provided a safe quality home for 4746 days of care.
- **Adoption:** 5 children have been adopted with the plans of 6 more to be finalized before the end of this year! (That will be twice as many adoptions as we completed in 2010)
- **Race** of children we have cared for:
41% Black, 30% Hispanic, 29% White
- **Age** of children we have cared for:
41% 6 months to 2 years
30% 3 to 6 years
22% Under 6 months
7% Over age 6

Beyond these statistics are the immeasurable things like ... **Love, Healing, Kindness, Caring, Compassion, Hugs, Parenting, Safety, Patience ...**

Thank you

We take seriously our responsibility to steward wisely the resources we have been given and to stretch every dollar donated as far as it will possibly go. To that end we implement several strategies:

- 1) Operate to the greatest extent possible debt-free.** We have been very fortunate to operate on a cash basis and have no debt.
- 2) Utilize as much donated property, equipment, time and services as possible.** This runs the gamut and includes - our many volunteers, professional accounting and video services, our office space, some of our office furniture and equipment, supplies to support families services and many, many other donations.
- 3) Keep fundraising costs as low as possible and maximize every dollar given.** We have been fortunate to have never paid a venue rental fee to hold a fundraising event. We use a significant number of volunteers to plan and work the events, and we obtain as many donated items and talent as possible for these events.
- 4) Practice accountability.** We have policies and practices in place to give close financial oversight to the organization, including external financial audits and reviews.

It is our intent that Homes with Hope operate with financial integrity and that you can be confident that donations to us are used wisely.

Sincerely,

Janice Barlow **Tricia Herren**
Board of Directors, Chair **Executive Director**



Our annual Christmas Party for our kiddos and their foster/adoptive families is just around the corner ... or maybe more aptly put ... on the next wave!

Coastal Christmas Party Saturday December 10, 2011

Misty is organizing the toy drive again this year. Russell and Beth are rustling up the food for lunch and other volunteers are decorating and planning activities.

If you are interested in donating or helping, call Paige at the Homes with Hope office, 713-864-1885 or email her ...

Paige@homeswithhope.org

It takes a village to fund an agency ... or I mean to raise a child ... well, maybe both. All types of people and forms of donations support Homes with Hope. You may be a golfer a party goer or a quiet monthly giver. We appreciate each and everyone of you! Please consider making a monthly pledge for 2012 or making your tax deductible year end donation to Homes with Hope. Thank you!

Simple and easy ways to donate to Homes with Hope

Online giving at www.homeswithhope.org:

- **One-time donation** (with your debit card, credit card or PayPal account)
- **Recurring donation** (required to set up a PayPal account—then use your debit card, credit card or bank account)

Call 713-864-1885 to give using your Credit Card

Mail your check, payable to Homes with Hope to:

Homes with Hope
P.O. Box 70146
Houston, TX 77270

FAX the enclosed contribution form, including your credit card information and donation amount, to 713-869-7500- Please call before faxing.

We are honored to be selected as a part of the EIS Office Solutions new Non Profit Organization Partnership Program (NPOPP) and grateful for their generosity and support!

To find out more about how they support our mission, go to their website and click on Non profit partnership, select Homes with Hope and part of their proceeds will be donated to us ...

www.eisoffice.net



SAVE THE DATE!



2012 Homes with Hope Golf Tournament

Wednesday

April 18th

Noon Shotgun Start

The Clubs of Kingwood, Forest Course



Homes with Hope

Thank you for your participation in our fall fund raising events!



We held two events this year to raise funds needed to care for abused and neglected children in the Houston area, providing an event of your choice!

Both were in October: 10-1-11 and 10-22-11.



Diamonds

Lakeside Country Club
October 1, 2011
We raised \$20,775
We appreciate everyone's support!



We would like to extend a special thanks to **Mr. Fredrick Ho**, our sponsoring Lakeside Country Club Member



Special thanks to our Sponsors:

- Dr. David and Helen DeLemos
- Dr. David and Marilyn Ho
- Steve and Kathleen Smith
- Lyle and Ashlyn Hall
- Les Ellard Insurance Agency

Denim

Sylvia Munson's Backyard - October 22, 2011
Thank you, Sylvia, for being such a gracious host!
We raised \$11,975 — We are grateful for everyone's support!!



Thank you for your participation!



Homes with Hope is pleased to announce that more than \$32,000 was raised as a result of *The Diamonds or Denim Events*. All proceeds from the events support children in need of safe and loving homes and the families that are able to provide them through foster care and/or adoption.

We are so grateful to have a community of people who eagerly invest their time, talents and financial gifts. The investments that are made are not just for today but will impact generations.

Blessings, Tricia Herren - Executive Director

Thank you, thank you, for all of the help and dedication of our volunteers!

Special thanks to the donors who made both of our auctions such a great success ...

Katy Achim	Alan Floyd	Renata Maxton
Terry Armstrong	Joanna Floyd	Roy Maxton
Aaron Baldry	Hannah Fogler	Cheryl McClamrock
David Baldry	Gloria Garza	Cole Moore
James Baldry	Kareem Goode	Amanda Munson
Mike Baldry	Will Gor	Sylvia Munson
Rhonda Baldry	Jessica & Jason	Kirk Powers
Stephen Baldry	Graham	Cathy Ray
Janice Barlow	Ashlyn Hall	Amy Redding
Elia Barnett	Cameron Hall	Lynne Redding
Megan Beem	Elizabeth Hancock	Hugh & Andrea
Trent Beem	Destiny Helms	Robinson
Elizabeth Boehm- Miller	Rita Henderson	Jennifer Robinson
Kelly Boone	Marilyn Ho	Karen Salazar
Nancy Boone	Julia Johnson	Cara Salazar
Rachel Borengasser	Lauren Kleinschmidt	Kaylen Simpson
James Burke	Nathan Kvinge	Brent Spraggins
Judith Caldwell	Leslie Lenert	Ed Villegas
Matt Caldwell	Jessica Lewis	Becky Waldo
Susie Chin	Jill Lively	Jerome Washington
Michelle Coffey	Alfred Loya	Jesse Wells
Helen Delemos	Jared Luster	Matt Whaley
Lisa Edmondson	Tracy Luster	John White
Wes Edmondson	Teresa Madden	Ryan Zwicky
	Zack Mathis	

Abejas Boutique	James Delemos
Alison Higuera	Joe Kaye & David Jones
Alley Theatre	Kroger
Alvin Gee	Lakeway Resort and Spa
Angela Dagley, MD	Laurenzo's
Ann Armstrong	Les Ellard Jr. Insurance
Armando's	Leslie Lenert
Audrey Omenson	Lia Sophia
Baseball USA "The Yard"	Jill Lively
Bert's AC & Heating	Lyle and Ashlyn Hall
Bill Kiely	Magnolia Hotels -Houston
Bonnie Wolff	Mark's American Cuisine
Café Express	Melting Pot
Judith Caldwell	Mountasia
Canvas on Demand	Mr. Hotshine
Central Market	Natural Bridge Caverns
Chad Helms, OptCulture	Ocean Star Museum
Chardé Silversmith	Office of the First Lady
Chef Gabriel Aguilar	OK Paper
Comedy Sportz	PDQ Parts Delivered Quick
Coppa's	Phillips Entertainment, Inc
Corelli's Italian Café	Randall's
Dave Maggard, The Wine Man	Redstone Golf Club
Destiny Helms	Rhonda Baldry
Direct Energy	River Oaks Chamber Orchestra
Double Tree	Sam Houston Parkway
Dr. David & Helen Delemos	Sea World Adventure Park
Drury Hotels	Sensia Studio
Earth Color	South Shore Harbor Resort
EIS Office Supplies	Space Center Houston
El Tiempo Cantina	Spec's Liquor
Elizabeth Boehm-Miller	St. Andrew's School of Fine Arts
Fine Strings Quartet	Stages
Marcus Gausepohl	Sweet Tomatoes
Gift Market Café	Taste of Texas
Reg Brand Hairitage Salon	Peter and Carol Tesarek
Paula Hammon	Texas Star Pellet Grill Co.
Hilton Post Oak	The Clubs of Kingwood
Himalaya Restaurant	The Training Station
House of Diamonds Unlimited	Tres Chic
Houston Museum of Natural Science	Wal-Mart
Houston Symphony	Walter & Mimi Nelson
James Avery	Zale's Jewelry
James Coney Island	

Thanks to these friends of Homes with Hope; for their exceptional talent and donated time!

- **Auctioneers:** Wes Edmondson, James Burke and Robb Brunson
- **Stage Director & MC:** Lisa Edmondson
- **Photographer:** Julia Johnson
- **Sound:** Alfred Loya and Ed Villegas
- **Video:** Nathan Kvinge
- **The Global Movement:** Kirk Powers, Jerome Washington, Kareem Goode and Jason Mitchell (guest artist)