



Henriette's Relief Project

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I am pleased to write that we have had the good fortune of connecting with Dr. William Clemmer, M.D., from the IMA World Health Organization in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The sole benefactor of Henriette's Relief Project (HRP) at present is the Henriette Kutuka Memorial Fund (HKMF) in the DRC. A representative from IMA World Health was able and willing to check in with each of the three centers we assist to evaluate the effectiveness of our funding. It is with great joy I can assure you that what we are doing **DOES** make a difference in the lives of these children!

What follows are the main points made in the report.

Overview

HKMF assists three centers in the suburbs of Kinshasa in the area of assistance to deprived children. At the request of HRP, an evaluation was conducted on February 12, 2008. The visit consisted of meeting the persons responsible for these institutions to ensure that the funds are administered on the basis of the approved documentation provided.

- HKMF has identified centers in some of the poorest areas of Kinshasa, with a concentration on the poor and deprived population, where the needs to support children are felt strongly.
- HKMF has identified structured institutions with good, rigorous management.
- The identified institutions offer their charitable services to the urban poor.
- The institutions acknowledged they have a very good partnership with the HKMF.
- These institutions also receive support from other partners.
- A financial report of the funds received from HKMF, all funds had been distributed to the centers according to the reports from the donor; the accounting documentation for is consistent with the instructions and bears the stamp of the NGOs supported by HKMF and HRP.

Kimbondon Center

The Kimbondon Health Center is a foundation started by Sister Laura, an Italian who has worked extensively for the protection of children in the Congo. Free paediatric care is offered there. All children live in the center where they are fed and completely taken care of as far as needed medications. The head nurse acknowledges help from the HKMF is of great importance.

Sainte Bernadette Nutritional Center

The second institution visited was St Bernadette. This center is managed by a Catholic priest. It is located in a ravine, with much erosion. The slope is steep and a small street leads to the building. The St Bernadette parish priest praises the support from the Henriette Kutuka Memorial Fund and is very grateful for their assistance.



Mission Statement—"Henriette's Relief Project is a non-profit organization with a mission to save lives, relieve human suffering and bring hope for a brighter future to people in developing countries. We provide food, medicine, and education to children and their families living in extreme poverty. By working as directly as possible with individuals and communities, we believe our small efforts bring positive change to the lives of the people we serve."

Elimosantu Center

The third center visited was Elimosantu. The staff knows the Henriette Kutuka Memorial Fund well and appreciates the partnership and their work to protect undernourished children. This center is managed by nuns.

Written in Kinshasa on 2 February 2008-04-16

Patty Hallam



Financial Help Needed

Henriette's Relief Project is committed to raising \$12,000 in 2008 and we are only 47% there, having collected \$5,675.00 through June. We need your help now if we are to meet our 2008 goals.

- \$10 11 lbs of powdered milk
- \$25 110 lbs of maize (corn; a dietary staple)
- \$50 1-year of education for a child
- \$100 2 micro-loans to begin a business helping parents support their families.

HRP needs your support, and we remain grateful for your concern and help in assisting these children.

School Children Raise \$1,200

The students and faculty at Robert Marcotte Central School in South Burlington, Vermont decided to raise funds for Henriette's Relief Project in honor of Rusty Jacob's, father of a former student and devoted supporter of HRP. The school invited Patty and David Hallam, Co-founders, to speak to the students in September. Throughout the school year a large jar was available for people to drop spare change. At the end of the school year, Bobbe Pennington, teacher and organizer for the effort, presented Donna Jacobs and Patty Hallam (left to right) with a check for \$1,150.00 and a second check for \$50.00 from the Knights of Columbus.



New Website - www.henriettesrelief.org

We would like to thank Keith Williams and Barbi McDonald for volunteering their creative skills. You can find the latest news, past newsletters, contact information and the ability to donate on-line. If you prefer to receive the Newsletter via e-mail, send us your e-mail address.

E-mail

If you are interested in receiving our newsletters directly via e-mail, please send your e-mail address to david@henriettesrelief.org.

Would you like to learn more about us or make a donation? We would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Patty or David Hallam at (802) 388-1561 (D_Hallam@msn.com), 170 Chipman Park, Middlebury, VT 05753. www.henriettesrelief.org

Back to School Program

“Each child is the light of a potential world but it can also be its darkness. For this reason, a child's education must be the most important thing in the world.”

At Henriette's Relief Project, we understand that children are the most precious treasure of a community, because they are the promise and hope of the future. They carry the seeds of our societies future, which is by and large determined by what the adults in the community do for them.

We set up the “Back to School” program to give children of less fortunate families a chance. By giving them this opportunity, we contribute to the creation of tomorrow.

Each child receives a school bag containing a white/blue uniform, writing books, pencils, and pens, as well as other supplies to allow them to start the school year.

Your contribution of \$50 will allow a children to attend school for 1-year. Please send your donation today!

Than you for your support.

David & Patty Hallam



Our Resources

HRP, a United States non-governmental organization, has been funded by private individuals and the Wood's Tea Company-a Vermont based, national touring band. True humanitarians through their care, concern and generosity, Wood's Tea Company has raised thousands of dollars for HRP. At concerts around the country, they routinely took a few moments to tell the story of Henriette and give people the chance to make a donation.

WTC currently consists of regulars, Howard Wooden, Michael Lussen, Tom MacKenzie and in 2009, Patti Casey. For more information on the Wood's Tea Company and a schedule of their performances, visit their website at www.woodstea.net.