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From Whom All Blessings Flow ...

The Thanksgiving Holiday is a good time to reflect on how God blesses us with the people in our lives. Help One Child has been blessed this year with many who have showered their love on children, and on foster and adoptive families. At the top of the list are the folks who have provided temporary homes for more than 150 children in the Help One Child network, and those who have provided permanent homes for children through adoption.

Many of you remember Mary Beth Orr who worked for Help One Child in its beginning years. Mary Beth has completed the adoption of Sara (Adelina) and expects to finalize Jessica's adoption before year's end. My how life has changed for Mary Beth! Vicky Townsend adopted Jasmine and Frankie in February. At last count, Vicky had 14 children in her home. Many children over the years are thankful that nobody ever taught Vicky to say no. Dorothy McGee adopted Rojilio and Herlinda in June. Both children are blossoming at school. The Linsley-Arndts adopted Maddisun and Angeleena in April. This family specializes in the care of children with special needs. In September, Marie and Ferdinand Torres adopted Lillian and Robert, and Mark and Anne Ebel adopted Jonathan.

Adoptive families have often turned to Kristi Clarke this year when they have needed respite. Kristi has arranged her life to be available to meet many of these requests for help. One way that she blesses families and children is by helping turn the children's hearts toward their parents.

When foster children "emancipate" from the system and are able to make a go at life on their own, we rejoice. Shawn is currently training for the Marines at Camp Pendleton, and Kimberly is working in administration at Los Gatos Hospital. Way to go!

Other blessings come in the form of professionals who have donated their time to provide medical clearances for those seeking to become foster parents and those who spend hours training parents to address every imaginable parenting problem. Special thanks go to therapists Dr. Don Williams, Dr. Carol Kelly, and Linda Ikeda, and to doctors Joel Richert, Chris Litwin, Rita Leard, Wally Wenner, Charlie Tucker, Steve Belton, and Hudd Targart. The following nurses provided free TB tests for foster parents: Kathy Lawless, Lori DiRiccio, Melinda Porter, Sharon Langmead, Chris Tucker, Rose Marie McMillan, PJ Meys, Selbie Phillip, John Ranallo, Lana Johnson, and Daisy Lee.

The ministry itself is blessed by many volunteers. We are very grateful to George Cover and Ann Williams who retired from the Board this year after many years of dedicated service. Bill Nickels, who has cheerfully assembled computer systems for foster families, and Cheryl Sharpley, who helped develop and maintain www.helponechild.org, both deserve thanks for endless hours of selfless work. (Maintenance of our site has now passed to Julie Gannaway, Help One Child's IT manager.) Thank you, too, to Ruth Wyckoff who continues to be the Help One Child storyteller for our Kids' Club and to Deborah Grace who organizes the children's crafts for all Help One Child events.



**Please consider Help One Child
in your year-end giving!**

See back page for details.

**Year
End
Report**



Events 2003

Growing Together

Strengthening our family of families

Harvest Festival

Christmas Party - 130 children came!

Valentines Party

Easter Eggstravaganza

Volunteer Brunch

Annual Picnic and Walkathon -
Over a hundred walkers and 94 volunteers

Parent Trainings:

Mending the Heart, Strengthening the Bond

By **Dr. Dan Hughes**

A day of Learning and Fun for Dads and Kids

Helping Children Make Significant Attachments

Parenting with Pizzazz

By **Dr. Don Williams**

15 CPR/1st Aid Classes

Water Safety Class

Monthly **Attachment/Adoption
Support Group** meetings

18 families attended the Help One Child **Mt. Cross Camp**, spending 5 morning sessions with trainer **Nancy Thomas**.



Family bonding at Mt. Cross Camp



Faithful Help One Child volunteers make all the events fun for the kids.

Year End Report



Statistics 2003

Church Participation

The following are some of the churches directly involved in recruiting foster parents and supporting the ministry over the past year.

- Burlingame**
Good Shepherd Lutheran
- Cupertino**
Bethel Lutheran Church
Peninsula Bible Church
- Gilroy**
St Mary Parish
- Half Moon Bay**
Coastside Lutheran Church
- Los Altos**
First Baptist Los Altos
Foothills Congregational
Los Altos United Methodist Church
St Nicholas Parish
St Simon Parish
Union Presbyterian Church
- Menlo Park**
Menlo Park Presbyterian Church
- Morgan Hill**
Advent Lutheran
St Catherine Parish
West Hills Community
- Mountain View**
Community Bible Church
First Presbyterian
- Pacifica**
Holy Cross Lutheran
- Palo Alto**
Grace Lutheran
Grace Presbyterian
Peninsula Bible Church
The Highway
University Lutheran

- San Carlos**
Holy Trinity Lutheran
Trinity Presbyterian
- San Jose**
Bethel Church
Christ the Good Shepherd Lutheran
Family Community Church
Foursquare Generations Church
Gloria Dei Lutheran
Holy Family Parish
Holy Redeemer Lutheran
Holy Spirit Parish
Queen of Apostles
South Valley Christian Church
St Andrew Lutheran
St John Vianney Parish
St Leo the Great Parish
St Timothy's Lutheran
St Victor Parish
The River Church Community
Westgate Community Bible
Zion Lutheran
- San Mateo**
Hope Evangelical Lutheran
St Andrew Lutheran
- Santa Clara**
St Lawrence Parish
- Saratoga**
Prince of Peace Lutheran
Saratoga Presbyterian
- Sunnyvale**
Crosswalk Community

Foster and Adoptive Care

Families Currently in Network	89
Children Currently in Network	180
Children Adopted Last Year	9
Foster Families Connected with Help One Child	236
Families Served by Attachment Support Group	130

Volunteers

Foster Care Support Network	2242
Active Volunteers and Donors	550+
Volunteer Hours	8000+

Church Recruitment

Individual Church Presentations	82
Churches involved in "Specific Child Efforts"	200+

Recruitment Results

Orientation and Screening Events	20
Orientation Workshop Attendees	99
Foster Homes that Completed Processing	22
Homes in Clearance Process	51
Respite Volunteers in Clearance Process	76

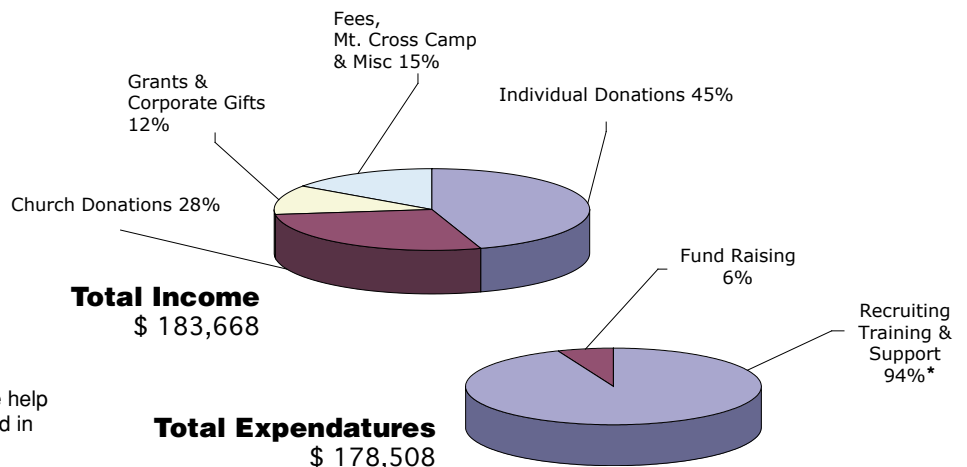
Year End Report



Finances 2003

Income Comparison

Total Income 2001-2002	\$190,765
Total Income 2002-2003	\$183,668
Budget 2004	\$225,000



* Because the ministry's office space and administrative help are donated, 94% of each contributed dollar is expended in programs to recruit and support foster families.



Christmas Party Planning Starts Now!

Can you help with the annual Help One Child Christmas party? Help One Child is looking for volunteers and gift-givers who would like to be part of this happy celebration of Christ's birth. There are three ways you can help.

1. Become a gift-giver by purchasing a modest gift for a foster child or family of foster children. (\$20 is the suggested gift cost.) To do this, call Judy at Help One Child (650-917-1210) for the name of a child or family and a list of items that would be appropriate.
2. Join the fun and help with the party by working with the set-up, the food, crafts, games, the nativity and music program, or the clean-up.
3. Send a party check to Help One Child to help underwrite the expenses of the Christmas party. Be sure to indicate on your check that the donation is for the party. (All donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.)

Thank you!

Give the gift of "belonging" to a homeless child

Help One Child is a non-profit ministry that relies primarily on individual donations for its existence. Because office space is donated by Union Presbyterian Church, ministry overhead is very low. The efforts of staff (two full-time people and one three-quarter person) are multiplied significantly by volunteers. Please partner with us in this valuable work of finding families to provide homes for children in foster care by making a year-end donation in the enclosed envelope.

Is 2004 the Year?

Is this coming year the year that you may be able to provide a home for one child or a set of siblings in foster care? If this is a personal ministry that God is calling you to, please contact Help One Child with your questions or come to one of the monthly orientations (dates listed below).

Upcoming events

Orientations & CPR / 1st Aid

	Orientations		CPR & First Aid
	7 PM Wednesday	9 AM Saturdays	8:30 AM Saturdays
November	19	22	22
December	17	-	-
January	21	24	24
February	18	21	21
March	24	27	27
April	21	24	24
May	19	22	22
June	23	26	26

Orientations 2 hours • CPR & First Aid 5 hours • Call for Childcare: 650-917-1210

RAD Support Group

The support group meets the third Thursday of every month from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM



November 8

Legal Seminar
9 AM - 12:30 PM

December 6

Christmas Party
4 PM - 7 PM



January 3

Attachment Campers Jumpstart
All Day Saturday



January 9

Prayer & Pie Night
7 PM- 8:30 PM
Bethel Church