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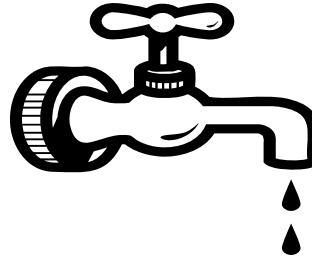
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*Working wonders with
our world's water!*



100% = 100%

Remember: 100% of your donation goes directly to the projects OFI serves, thanks to a special group of donors that includes our board members. You can even name the project you want your money to support.

HAITI WATER PROJECT APPROVED; FUNDS SOUGHT!

The Board of Directors of One Family International (OFI) has approved a water proposal received from the At Risk Children Foundation (ARCF), a charity serving children without parents in Haiti. OFI is currently seeking donations to cover the US\$9,000 cost of the project.

Marlene Mathurin, Executive Director, ARCF, submitted the proposal in March, indicating an urgency for funding, as the agency hopes to have a water cistern in place before the end of the rainy season. Rains come to Haiti typically from mid-May until July or August of each year, after which there is little opportunity to capture water until the following year.

Mathurin founded the orphanage in Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, several years ago. When armed bandits ransacked the facility, the children and staff fled to

the rural area of Cape-rouge, where a local citizen donated land for the dormitories and school. An existing building is being used as the school house, with plans to complete dormitories by the end of 2007.

Some forty children fled to Cape-rouge, where another 26 orphaned children from the area joined the program. Currently the children are temporarily housed with local residents. The condition for accepting the children was that the 26 local, orphaned children also be included in the program.

Haiti is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, with a per capita income of less than US\$400 annually and a life expectancy of 53, as per a USAID report. It is estimated that there are 240,000 orphans in this nation of approximately eight million. AIDS is a huge problem among the orphaned children; it is estimated that 163,000 of

these children are infected.

In addition to this grant, OFI has been asked to assist ARCF with organizational development. OFI's CEO visited the headquarters of ARCF in Florida May 21-24 and began providing this assistance, to include helping with board recruitment and development, fundraising, and program development.

Health is a major concern for the children at the orphanage. Polluted water has been responsible for

serious health problems, especially gastro-intestinal distress and worms, leading to malnutrition. Last year ARCF lost two children to malnutrition. The 700 miles that separate Haiti from the USA often makes the difference between life and death.

OFI admires the work of ARCF and is honored to be a partner in this water project. Readers are encouraged to send in their contributions for the Haiti Water Project to OFI home offices in Cedar Park, TX.

DONORS TO HAITI PROJECT STEP FORWARD

Within hours of OFI's approval of the US\$9,000 grant to the At Risk Children's Foundation of Haiti to install a cistern water collection system, some four donors have made their pledges of \$3,500. One donor, David Winkley, in addition to his own major contribution to the project, has taken it upon himself to solicit friends and family to help raise the balance. "There is no excuse for children anywhere in the world not to have plentiful and clean water. Anything less is an outrage! I earnestly call on all who are believers in the work of OFI to join me with as generous a gift as possible. Your gift might very well save a life." Winkley stated. Donors can send their checks to OFI at the postal box address at the top of this page. All donations are tax-deductible as allowed by the law.

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13th Annual Senior Prom Draws Record Crowd

Almost thirteen years ago, OFI's founder Pat Winkley conceived a Senior Prom for seniors and people with disabilities living in residential centers in the Austin, Texas area. Winkley had been volunteering in a nursing home and was concerned about the quality of life for the residents. Many had been virtually abandoned by their families and all had little by way of outside recreation, nothing to look forward to and dress up for. Hence the beginning of the Annual Senior Prom, now held in Llano, Texas, each year.

With perfect weather, 485 seniors came to Inman's Kitchen in Llano, Texas, the 16th of May to dance, eat a sumptuous banquet of barbecue, and show off their fine attire. Live music was provided by repeat performers Bode Barker, Donald Ricketson and Buck Martin, who donate their time and talent. As always the king, queen, princess and prince were announced. Respectively, Jerry Brasuel, Emma Poe, Ruby Ahrlett, Kenneth Hansen wore the crowns. OFI volunteers included Scooter Simpson, Risa and Brad Jackson, Renee and Joe Sen-

ner, Charles Warford, Wanda Harris, Sharon Leach, Ruth Horvath, Ray Simpson and Diane Carothers. Additionally, many volunteers from the Llano area gave their time and hearts to the party-goers.

With generous, designated donations from OFI supporters, OFI is able to provide the major underwriting for the event. The balance was raised by the local volunteers and came from businesses in the Llano area.

"It was a perfect day, perfect music and dance, perfect food, beautiful weather," commented one senior. "Folks cannot imagine what this means to us!"

UMAWA UPDATE FROM TANZANIA

UMAWA is a grassroots organization based in a large settlement across the harbor from Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanzania. OFI has assisted UMAWA with organizational development services, as well as funding for large, municipal wells, office equipment, a motorcycle, and most recently a well-drilling rig.

As a result of OFI's providing organizational development services, UMAWA is coming into its own as a stable and sustainable organization. In addition to the **Well Drilling Program**, one that is becoming an incoming generating source for the agency, UMAWA takes pride in these other successes:

Vocational Training Centre:

UMAWA operates a vocational training centre, providing your men and women the skills to earn a living. Currently there are 37 students enrolled in

courses: 17 in tailoring, 10 in computer operations, and 13 in the art of batik. Currently US\$12,000 is being sought to build a permanent training centre and office space.

Fundraising: Since OFI assisted UMAWA with training in fundraising and in addition to OFI support, the agency has received support from the following organizations:

- Water for the Third World Association
- Concern Worldwide, and
- United States Embassy, Tanzania

From its humble beginnings in the early 2000s and with the professional leadership of its board of directors, UMAWA is becoming a recognized and successful organization along the development agencies in Tanzania. OFI is proud to be a part of these successes and wishes UMAWA continued growth and stability.

There is a wonderful law of nature that three things we crave most in life—happiness, freedom and peace of mind—are always attained by giving them to someone else.

Peyton Conway March
(1864-1955), US Army General

Bright star, would I were
stedfast as thou art—
Not in lone splendour hung
aloft the night
And watching, with eternal
lids apart,
Like nature's patients,
sleepless Eremite,
The moving waters at their
priestlike task
Of pure ablution round
earth's human shores.

La Belle Dame San Merci
John Keats





Children of the At Risk Children Foundation (ARCF) orphanage in Cape-rouge, Haiti. OFI is currently raising funds to support the installation of a cistern water collection system for the school operated for these children by ARCF. OFI is also providing ARCF organizational development services.

ARCF Executive Director Thanks OFI and Donors for Approval of Grant Application

April 27, 2006

On behalf of the children, staff and the community, we thank you and applaud your dedication to the future of these children. The construction of that cistern would not only save the children, but also the entire community. Already last night I announced the good news in Port-au-Prince, to follow to the countryside, Jacmel, to let them know the generosity of OFI.

Please convey my gratitude to all of OFI members, who made it possible, where we can preserve the children's life, relieve their suffering, finally restore hope and dignity.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart. May the Lord bless you!

Marlene Mathurin
Executive Director



If the solution is simple, God is answering.

Albert Einstein

Thank you, OFI Donors:

OFI thanks the following donors, who have given since our last newsletter:

- Pat Winkley & Winkley's Trading Post
- Alice Winkley
- Libby & Ray Simpson
- David & Sandy Winkley
- Kathleen & Doug Blake
- Sue Manley
- Rita Winkley
- Sara Kaul
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- John & Martha Winkley
- Knopp Retirement Center
- Llano National Bank
- Village Pharmacy, Bill Almond
- Oma & Peggy Ogle
- Austin Community Foundation
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**Boy with visual disability practices orientation and mobility skills learned through Vision Juarez, Cd. Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico
(See related story, next page.)**



Haitian Volunteers work hard to install water cistern before the rainy season in Jacmel area of Haiti. OFI approved funding for this clean water collection system the 26th of April! The water will be used for the 66 orphaned children studying in the white school house, upper left. (See related stories, Page 1)

VISION JUAREZ (VJ) SUBMITS 2005 REPORT

(Editor's note: OFI has been instrumental in establishing Vision Juarez, a program to serve persons with incurable blindness and to prevent blindness in the large city of Juarez, Mexico, The report below was submitted by Hector Ronquillo, VJ's Executive Director.)

Vision Juárez provides services to blind and low vision persons and their families in Juárez area. Those services are provided directly in their homes, schools or community facilities. Priority is given people who don't have any kind of services and live with little or no economic resources. Vision Juarez provides specific trainee for parents, teachers and children and adults with visual impairments to assist in improving their quality of life in the community. Currently, 17 persons with visual impairments are being served. Each person represents at least 5 more people to work with, counting parents, teachers or family members.

During VJ's first years of services, in addition to establishing an office in the community and building relations with existing agencies, the following were served:

o Persons Totally Blind	10
o Persons with Low Vision	7
o Parents of children with vision problems	29
o Regular and specialist teachers	76
o New referrals contacted	27

Total receiving services 149

We have professional team of volunteers to provide the services. These volunteers are professionals in different areas: we have specialist teachers, regular teachers and psychologists.

We are also working on prevention of blindness caused by cataracts, detecting potential patients for surgery through volunteers and organizations working in poor areas of Juárez. We are working in partnership with Dr. Ricardo Ramos (local ophthalmologist) and his project.

We have partnership with deferent's NGOs in the community and government departments as education department.

We are working together for integration. Thought this relationship with the special education department, we are able to offer our users Braille materials.

Also we work with three other NGOs for blind people in the city, providing materials and supporting users they can not attend. They each have ten clients.

Our work is basically on the community; we have a visit schedule for our users. We visit each one twice a week to provide training. We also schedule school visits to work with teachers. Parents work with their kids during these visits.

Our main goal is to teach parents the work to do with their children and to offer them psychologist support during all the process.

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- Matthew & Rosemary Lara
 - Frances Mezzetti
 - Shashi & Kay Patel
 - Charles & Patsy Warford
 - Brad & Risa Jackson
 - Lena Simpson
 - Texas Senior Strategies

- Stan Coleman & Bill Winkley
 - Hill Country Senior Prom Donation Jar
- In thanking these donors, OFI's Vice President, Pat Winkley, stated, "We especially thank those supporters who have

helped reach our targets for funding for the Haiti Water Project and the 13th Hill Country Prom! Equally important are our regular donors whose continued confidence keeps OFI active in realizing our mission."

PROJECTS CURRENTLY SERVED BY *ONE FAMILY INTERNATIONAL*:

- Hill Country Senior Prom for Nursing Home and Disability Program Residents, USA
- Shelters for Homeless of Central Texas, USA
- Tutor and Ellis Veterans Home of Temple, Texas, USA
- Bangladesh Welfare Program for Persons with Disabilities (BPKS), Bangladesh
- Uhai Wa Mazingira Na Watu (UMAWA, A Water Project for Settlement Dwellers), Tanzania
- Vision Juarez (A program to prevent blindness and serve incurably blind persons) Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico
- At Risk Children's Foundation (ARCF), Haiti

YOUR LEGACY TO ASSIST OFI IN ITS USA AND INTERNATIONAL WORK

You can leave a living memorial gift to advance OFI in its projects of today and the future. In your will you can leave a bequest to support this important work. The following statement is an example of how to include OFI:

I give, devise, bequeath to One Family International, a non-profit organization located at 909C North Bell Blvd., Cedar Park, Texas 78630-2260, USA, for its general purposes, the sum of US\$_____ (or a specific asset) or _____% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate.

Be sure to work with your attorney or feel free to contact OFI for more information in this and other methods



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