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Women Helping Women

A Call to Catholic Action

In Galatians 5:13 we are told to “serve one another in love.” Over and over again in God’s word we see courageous women doing just that. Women such as Esther and Ruth give us a perfect picture of what can be accomplished when a strong woman of God answers the call to help those in need, especially her fellow sisters in Christ. Through Cross International Catholic Outreach’s Women Helping Women program you have a chance to exercise your Catholic faith to help destitute women and their children in Vietnam, Ethiopia, and Kenya. As you read about the following ways to help, we hope you’ll prayerfully consider joining us in spreading the love of Christ to those who need it most.

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Breaking the Bondage of Human Trafficking in Vietnam

PROJECT 1: EDUCATION

Each year many Asian women and children are removed from their homes and enslaved by the sex trade. Human trafficking rings prey upon the innocent in rural Vietnamese communities where little opportunity exists for uneducated women. Traffickers come disguised as businessmen, offering promises of employment in factories or other lucrative jobs. In some cases, poor Vietnamese girls may be lured into brokered overseas marriages where they are forced to become domestic slaves or prostitutes.

The Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul are helping poor rural girls of southern Vietnam avoid and escape such exploitation through education. The Daughters of Charity founded the Advancement of the Human Rights of Rural Women and Girls in Vietnam 10 years ago to advocate and provide for the education of girls from elementary school through college or vocational school.

The Women Helping Women Project can...

Help poor young girls living in rural areas develop literacy and employment skills, thus reducing their vulnerability to human trafficking. The Women Helping Women Project can also rebuild the lives of those who have fallen victim to human trafficking. Through vocational training and emotional support, the Daughters of Charity can restore their dignity, independence, and faith in God.

Won't you help us protect the innocent and shine the light of Christ in the lives of the "poorest of the poor"?



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Building Homes and a Future for Homeless Mothers and Their Children in Ethiopia

PROJECT 2: HOUSING

Women in Ethiopia face many hardships. Often abandoned by their husbands or families, they struggle to survive and find jobs. Some have deep psychological wounds from physical or sexual abuse that render them unable to work. Most of these women cannot secure the basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, and education for their families. Women in Ethiopia have on average more than six children and 75 percent are illiterate. Facing discriminatory political, economic, and social rules, these women lag far behind men in all areas of self-advancement. Single poor women remain vulnerable and in the shadows with their children, who also face a future life of abject poverty without education.

The Daughters of Charity are changing the lives of many poor single mothers and their children by building houses in the desperately poor cities of Mekelle, Alitena, and Adigrat. Since 1973, the sisters have built 500 such homes but currently lack the funds to continue. Although the sisters are addressing other needs of these poor families, they know that first and foremost these children of God need a secure place to rest their heads.

The Women Helping Women Project can...

Build houses for poor and disabled single mothers and their families in Ethiopia so that they can have a clean and safe place to live. With your help, women and their children in northern Ethiopia can have the security of a roof over their heads and a place to sleep without fear.

Please join with Cross International Catholic Outreach to make the dreams of homeless mothers and their children come true!



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Protecting the Lives of Babies and Mothers in Kenya

PROJECT 3: MEDICAL CARE

The people of Matisi Village in Kenya are extremely poor and live in a slum with substandard housing, open waste in the streets, and an unsafe water supply. Because of unsanitary living conditions, malaria, tuberculosis, pneumonia, and chronic diarrhea run rampant. The nearest government hospital is six miles away and few can afford transportation. Those who can access transportation often find the government hospital overcrowded, understaffed and undersupplied. In the past, pregnant women have gone without critical prenatal care and delivered their babies at home. Unfortunately, many infants and mothers died as a result of unsanitary conditions, premature labor, and complications in delivery.

The Diocese of Kitale established St. Raphael Dispensary in 2006 and appointed the Assumption Sisters of Eldoret to care for those living in the slums of Matisi Village. Over the last several years, Cross International Catholic Outreach has provided the funds to add a maternity wing to the St. Raphael Dispensary. Although the new maternity wing offers a place to protect the health and safety of hundreds of mothers and babies each year, the clinic needs ongoing medical supplies and equipment for its operation.

The Women Helping Women Project can...

Help poor Kenyan mothers safely deliver healthy babies and care for them, before and after birth, with adequate medical services at the new maternity ward of the St. Raphael Dispensary. The Women Helping Women Project can help reduce the number of senseless deaths among women and infants due to a lack of accessible prenatal care and medically-supervised childbirth in the Matisi Village.

Please give the gift of life and help the women of Kenya know the love of Christ.

*The National Council of Catholic Women
can lift up and rescue poor women
living in the most desperate of situations.*

*United with Cross International Catholic Outreach,
NCCW members can take action
and empower the poorest of the poor.*

Won't You Join Us Today!

Cross International Catholic Outreach makes a difference in the world...

By providing relief and development to the “poorest of the poor.” Currently, our organization serves the destitute in 28 countries throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean.

We are dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty through community development and educational opportunities, leading to self-sufficiency and real change in the lives of the poor.

We find and support existing ministries and churches that are serving those with the greatest needs across the globe. By assisting Catholic missions that have existing infrastructures, we operate in the most cost-effective manner to help the poor and spread the love of Christ.

Uniting God's children across the nations...

Cross International Catholic Outreach creates a unique way for Catholics living in the U.S. to touch the daily lives of those struggling to survive in the poorest countries. We offer specific projects that individuals and parishes can sponsor that allow overseas churches to construct and operate food centers, orphanages, medical clinics, schools, and other vital service facilities.



We link caring Catholics to priests, nuns, and lay people diligently working to make a difference. With your help, Cross International Catholic Outreach supplies food, safe drinking water, housing, medical services, clothing, educational supplies, and other material resources to those in need through established missions... One Body united in Christ.

“I am excited that NCCW will offer council members the opportunity to change lives through this important social justice project. The Women Helping Women campaign will make a significant impact on the poor.”

MONSIGNOR ROBERT SERVATIUS Chairman of the Board of Moderators

CROSS INTERNATIONAL CATHOLIC OUTREACH

2009 Financial Statement

Income

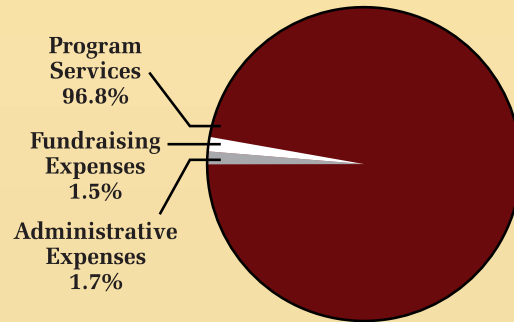
All Sources **\$167,784,372.00**

Expenses

Fundraising \$2,565,521.00

Administrative \$2,879,959.00

Program Services \$162,338,892.00



Through prayer and obedience, we seek to be good stewards of God's gifts...

By maximizing the amount of aid given to those in need and stringently limiting organizational overhead costs Cross International Catholic Outreach multiplies each dollar donated by partnering with caring corporations that donate millions of dollars in medicines, food and other goods for the poor.

Our field staff regularly visits sponsored programs to ensure that mission churches have the specific resources they need to best serve their communities. We diligently strive to eliminate waste, achieve measurable success and ensure all donations reach their intended use within the mission programs.

We make an Accountability Assurance Pledge to donor partners, promising to provide transparency and clear documentation concerning the use of all donated funds. Our mission is to be good stewards in serving the "poorest of the poor" with the gifts God provides through his people.



Cross International Catholic Outreach is truly a Catholic organization...

Operating with distinguished bishops serving on our board of directors. Catholic parishes all over the United States are partnering with Cross International Catholic Outreach and rely on our projects to assist missionaries throughout the world.

Our organization has a special alliance with the Pontifical Council Cor Unum, the Vatican's relief agency. Through this collaboration, hundreds of thousands of dollars in grants have funded projects in the Middle East, Haiti and areas of Southeast Asia that have experienced catastrophic emergencies and natural disasters.

Our Promise to You!

100 percent of the proceeds of this appeal will be used for these projects. In the rare event that we receive more than needed to fund them, additional gifts will be used for other urgent needs for the poor.

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