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Help Us Spread the Word

Please forward a copy of this newsletter to your friends and colleagues and make them aware of the WFCF mission.

What really matters is helping others win

The late Fred Rogers, Mister Rogers, to generations of children and their parents, had a simple, yet deeply profound way of teaching about life's most important and vital lessons. On his classic television show, *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood*, he commonly spoke and taught about respect, grace, kindness, generosity, forgiveness, compassion and love. His writing and public speaking reflect a special concern for those children who found themselves at life's margins – those who are lonely, afraid, abused, abandoned, different, heartbroken and impoverished of spirit. He had a singular concern for those children, in particular, wanting them to understand and believe that they were important no matter what their circumstances.

In the book, *Life's Journeys According to Mister Rogers: Things to Remember Along the Way*, Fred Rogers writes this:

There was a story going around about the Special Olympics. For the hundred-yard dash, there were nine contestants, all of them so-called physically or mentally disabled. All nine of them assembled at the starting line and, at the sound of the gun, they took off. But one little boy didn't get very far. He stumbled and fell and hurt his knee and began to cry.

The other eight children heard the boy crying. They slowed down, turned around, and ran back to him – every one of them ran back to him. The little boy got up, and he and the rest of the runners linked their arms together and joyfully walked to the finish line.

They all finished the race at the same time. And when they did, everyone in the stadium stood up and clapped and whistled and cheered for a long time. And you know why? Because deep down we know that what matters in this life is more than winning for ourselves. What really matters is helping others win, too, even if it means slowing down and changing our course now and then.

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That is the essence of our mission at the World Forgotten Children's Foundation. It is our goal and our task to stop ourselves and reach out to those who have stumbled, have fallen and are in grave danger of losing the race for their lives.

There are too many children in this world who have been left behind, tragically, cruelly and even intentionally at times. But we believe they have a right to be picked up and helped to get in the race once again or even for the very first time. Wherever we can be a source of hope and help to a child who has been abandoned or disabled or impoverished or given up upon, we try to send a message that they are worthy of grace and love, compassion and commitment, concern and care.

It is a privilege to be part of the solution for a better world, one child, no longer forgotten, at a time.

Rev. Michael Gingerich

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Providing Helping Hands to Less Fortunate Children of the World

WFCF MISSIONS

WFCF supports existing or new projects that support the following missions:

- To support new healthcare clinics or supporting existing healthcare through providing supplies or grants to the provision of healthcare services of these children.
- To provide rehabilitation services as well as educational programs in support of these children.
- To provide nutritional and predation programs to provide adequate diets for these children.
- To provide healthcare related programs that indirectly contributes to the healthcare and welfare of these children, such as air and water purification systems and adequate heat.
- To provide these children with needed support equipment such as wheelchairs and hearing aides.
- To sponsor volunteer healthcare professionals who will provide healthcare services in third world countries in support these children.
- To Sponsor healthcare professionals to make periodic trips to select locations in third world countries in support of these children



Child using the electric tricycle

Handicapes en Avant Project (Part II)

Recently WFCF in cooperation with Messiah College (USA) provided the French charity group Handicapes en Avant in West Africa for the amount of US\$1000. The funding was in support of the development of the first electric tricycle for the handicapped children of the Handicapes Avant facility in Burkina Faso. Many thanks to Professor Vader at the Messiah College for developing this motorized tricycle at the college facility and then delivering it to West Africa.

A few ways that *you* can help WFCF:

- * Let your friends and associates know about WFCF
- * Forward a copy of the WFCF Newsletter to friends and associates
- * Encourage friends and associates to inform WFCF about appropriate projects to fund
- * Consider including WFCF as a beneficiary in personal wills



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