

Dec 2008



~Your gifts in action:~

Your Christmas wish gifts are starting to come true early for the children of St. Mary's Bethesda Children's Home!

Highlights: Ecoleadership camp for all the kids of the orphanage ~ The kids actively participated in learning about taking care of our environment, how to work as a team, how to swim, boat, & surf plus how to prepare healthy meals.

A HUGE thanks to Brit for coordinating the camp, Bethesda for the transport and food support & Eden Campus for letting us use their amazing campus here in South Africa..... & of course all of YOU who donated to make the last two weeks a reality for the children!

This week, the amazing Allison Plum arrives from Canada/Indonesia to do self-esteem and leadership workshops with our older teen girls for an intensive week! "Allison, welcome to the COLORS random world of organized chaos, where everything that can, will happen at point in time!.See you at the airport...love sunny"

!!!!IT IS NOT TOO LATE!!!!

Only 2 gifts left



In lieu of a present for your loved ones...

*Sponsor a Christmas Wish
for a child in need oversea's*

~Only \$25 to sponsor one month of basic needs~

We would like to invite you once again, to have the chance to give your loved ones an opportunity to be apart of an impoverished child's Christmas wish...



*.....be apart of a child's wish,
for those basic things that you and I take for granted everyday.*

*We guarantee that every gift you purchase,
Will work in 2 wonderful ways: Funds will be used to enhance and improve a child's life
ASAP. Funds generated will provide you and your card recipient with the magnificent
feeling of helping a child that is ONLY receiving assistance because you cared.*

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*You or your gift recipient will receive:  
A real photo, beautiful Christmas card & information highlights  
your sponsorship.*

**Only 2 gifts left available: For just \$25, you are giving:**

**1. One month of Food and Clothing for a child in need in SOUTH AFRICA.**

This gift will assist with illness preventing nourishment to toddlers in South Africa.

A South African community pre-school will receive an industrial-sized, bucket full of life saving, vitamin packed, COLORS Nutty Buddy peanut butter, as part of a new daily feeding program. This program is based at three very impoverished children's care sites where the children are considered lucky if they have a meal even every 2 or 3 days. We also help with basic clothing and aid. Help prevent suffering!

**2. Sponsor a child for one month with the gift of Diapers & Milk formula in the DOMINICAN;**

Diapers and milk are expensive when you have lots of babies and disabled children to take care of. With your gift, COLORS will provide a child at Jackie's children's home with one month of disposable and eco-reusable diapers plus life saving babies milk formula. With this sponsorship, we are also expanding to address the needs of street kids.



**\*DID YOU WAITE TO LONG TO ORDER?\*\*\***

Please call to pick up your cards personally from one of our volunteers. If you live in Nova Scotia please contact Amy to order your sponsorship: 440-4990

**\*\*\*OR\*\*\***If you don't mind late cards...**OR** if you would like to buy them as NEW Years or Birthday gifts:

Cheques payable to:  
**Project COLORS**  
Cheques may be sent to:  
Project COLORS- c/o Amy Brannen  
115 Shore Rd  
West Chezzetcook, Nova Scotia  
BOJ 1N0 Canada

**E-mail your orders and questions to: [christmas@projectcolors.com](mailto:christmas@projectcolors.com)**  
Cell # : **1-902-440-4990**

*Meet our new member of the **COLORS** Team.*

*Brittany McConeghy :*

*“Ujani Everyone! I just wanted to express my sincerest gratitude for all of your support within the last 6 months. Without you and your belief in my volunteer project with COLORS, this would not be a reality;*

*I spend the majority of my days implementing recreation and play therapy programs for the children in the sick children's ward of the Hospice at Bethesda (caring for AIDS, TB, cancer and the terminally ill).*

*Last week, we had a chance to take some of the children on day trip to one of the local Beaches in George.*


*Thanks to Joanne's donations, we had very beautiful beach dresses to wear. Once we arrived to the parking lot I immediately noticed a big black and white sign that read “DON'T FEED THE CHILDREN”. So...of course Sunny and I fed the children. Only in Africa!*

*After spending the day swimming, building sand castles, shell collecting, and playing chuck the chicken, we treated ourselves to the most delicious ice cream and fresh strawberry sundaes. Once our tummies were full, and eyes*

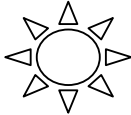


and heads became heavy, we headed back to Bethesda for afternoon meds and naps. After returning the children to the hospice, I was notified that it was the first time the children had EVER been allowed on a day trip, and perhaps the first time these particular children experienced a day at the beach! Now everyday, when I greet the children in the mornings I hear "Brit-ta-ny Swim???"

I hope you choose to sponsor a Christmas wish through the COLORS card campaign. I'm really excited to have the opportunity to be here in South Africa to help organize all your food, water, education and activity sponsorships for the children on your behalf. Thank you again for supporting us!".... **Brittany McConeghy**



*"...hello...we are the children of the world ☺  
We don't get a chance to talk to you often...but we wanted to tell you how happy we are that you care for us. Our Aunties, Tunnies and Tias Sunny, Brit & Charlene from COLORS tell us everyday that our gifts of food, clothing, and fun things we do are all gifts from you. Our Aunties, Tunnies & Tias are our voice and we are very lucky that they can share our stories with you, so you can help us grow to be happy and healthy.....  
Love & bless you, the children of the world"*





## *Children's Overseas Learning Opportunities & Resource Strategies*

*Create Hope...Create Change...Create Opportunity... for a child in need, Right now!*



**Love,  
Sunyata Choyce, Charlene Marcinkoski,  
Brittany McConeghy & Amy Honey Brannen**

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**COLORS International** is a youth led charity that strives to assist local overseas projects through the extension of effective, hands on initiatives helping children in need. Our international projects are based on educational activities & basic health with the goal of inspiring children and youth to make the world a better place, one step at a time.

**Thank you to everyone who just joined our e-mail list:.....if you were not on the last e-mail list....here's our last highlight from a very special project...**

**A project that is GROWING each day through each donation.**

# ~ A wheelchair friendly home for Christmas!~



What a great day! Meet Kate,

Kate is a sweet old women in her 70's who has spent most of her life disabled due to malnutrition & diabetes. Kate has no legs and spends her time sitting in an old chair in a makeshift little shack. Her daughter and grand son also live in this small two room cardboard and driftwood home.

Luckily Kate has been given a wheelchair, however, it impossible to use it in her home due to the rocky unlevel dirt and patchy concrete floor.

(Photo: Mario, Kate in blue, Brit, Cathy, Buda, Jappie)



COLORS South African partner charity Bethesda has created an outreach program to help their home care patents like Kate, with basic but very important projects and home improvements such as wheelchair accessibility.

So here's the great day part,.... Yeh!!!!

Bethesda's Mario and Jappie to the rescue! Britney and I were fortunate enough to be invited to meet Kate and get to be apart of making her life a little bit brighter. When we arrived we were greeted with big toothless smiles. The smell of propane was

overwhelming, but the excitement of the pending home improvements overpowered the room even more.

Smash went Jappies sludge hammer!...out went the dirt and old concrete....in came Mario with the wheelbarrow... Kate's grandson Buda runs around the outside of the house in total excitement that total strangers are now throwing dirt around his house.



Maybe he's a bit jealous that he's not allow throwing dirt around the house too.

**Before long Kate, has the gift of a whole new reality...accessibility of her own home!**

After assessing the need of Kate's home, COLORS followed up with providing antifungal cream to help treat the little boys ringworm infection, a good home 1<sup>st</sup> aid kit, dental supplies plus a warm blanket leftover from last years project warm nights.

Thanks to a donation of Diabetic supplies recently collected by our staff in Canada, we were able to pass these supplies onto Bethesda doctors and nurses who attend to patients with diabetes like Kate.

**(COLORS HAS JUST SUPPORTED \$1000 can**

towards additional projects like these thanks to your collective response.....PS....&  
don't forget about your last minute christmas gifts!)