

A Vision of Hope

Connections for Hope



CONNECTIONS FOR HOPE IS A PARTNERSHIP of nonprofit organizations and other service providers that operate under one roof to provide individuals and

families in need with access to an integrated array of services. From medical care to job skills training, tutoring children to legal counseling, these and other services foster the self-sufficiency, good health, and education people of all ages and cultures need so that they can participate constructively in the life of their community. At the same time, these members of our community can begin to envision for themselves and their families a life filled with hope, a world where they have the opportunity to succeed. A focus of the center will be homelessness prevention.

A partnership of nonprofit health and human services providers strengthens support for the mission of each organization. The ability to work collaboratively with a range of other services enables each nonprofit to enhance delivery of its programs through an integration of services. By spreading operating expenses among several organizations, and taking advantage of the economics of resource sharing, each nonprofit will have more financial resources to invest in program development and the delivery of services to those whose lives depend on them. This partnership will also allow organizations to work together more easily on collaborative funding opportunities. Both clients and organizations benefit from having multiple services housed in one place and WORKING TOGETHER WITH ONE PURPOSE.

Planned Services Include:

- Medical Care
- Job Training Skills
- Mental Health Services
- Family Management
- Immigration Legal Services
- Mentoring
- English Language Education
- Financial Counseling
- Legal Counseling
- Services and Advocacy for Children

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Our Mission



The mission of Helping Children Worldwide (HCW), a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization, is to provide hope to impoverished children, the

most vulnerable people in the world, by alleviating their suffering, meeting their physical, emotional and spiritual needs, improving their living environment, general community and providing the opportunity for the children and their families to grow into contributing members of society.

Our Goal

Our goal is to transform the lives of impoverished children and their communities through partnerships that implement solutions and provide programs of excellence.



Child Rescue Centre

Located in Bo, Sierra Leone, the Child Rescue Centre (CRC) gives safety and housing to seventy children orphaned by the country's violent civil war. These children who once lived in fear on the streets, sleeping under tables in a deserted marketplace or with families who could not care for them, now live in a loving, nurturing environment. The children are divided into family groups, headed up by an adult "mother" and "father". These families provide a sense of acceptance, trust, and belonging; securities many of the CRC children are experiencing for the first time.

The CRC also provides for the education and health care needs of 150 children living with extended family or guardians in the community in addition to the children in residence. A foster care program has recently been established which places orphaned children into the homes of loving families in the Bo community.

Education is critical to breaking the cycle of poverty in Sierra Leone. All of the residential CRC children are enrolled in a private school with smaller class sizes. A scholarship fund has been established to provide for the university and vocational training education of the children once they graduate. We are building the next generation of leaders in Sierra Leone.



Mercy Hospital

Mercy Hospital, located adjacent to the CRC complex in Bo, Sierra Leone, is a 25 bed primary care hospital that provides care regardless of ability to pay. It opened in October, 2007 and now serves over 1,000 patients a month. Mercy Hospital employs a highly trained, local medical staff led by a licensed physician and a state registered nurse midwife. It has a fully stocked pharmacy supplied with pure, reliable medications a diagnostic laboratory and radiology services on premises.

Mercy Hospital also maintains a strong focus on community health education with programs in nutrition and disease prevention. These programs include: a national vaccine center through UNICEF and WHO; voluntary HIV testing, counseling, and case management program; maternity care with professionally attended deliveries and comprehensive prenatal care; malaria prevention and treatment programs with bed nets, medication, and education; a therapeutic feeding center to treat and prevent malnutrition; and annual medical education programs for community health professionals. Mercy Hospital provides services to many who would not have access to healthcare because of poverty.

Why Sierra Leone?

After being ravaged by an 11-year civil war, Sierra Leone is the poorest country in the world. A broken infrastructure and endemic poverty impact every area of their lives. Here's why the children of Sierra Leone need our help:

- Sierra Leone is ranked last on the UN Human Development Index
- Sierra Leone has both the highest child and maternal mortality rates in the world.
- Access to medical care is extremely limited because of high cost and shortages of medical professionals (200 doctors serve a population of 6 million)
- Of the 6 million population half are under the age of 18
- Average Annual Income - less than \$300/year
- Average Life Expectancy - 41 years



A young girl being treated at Mercy Hospital

