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MERCY HOSPITAL



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Providing **HOPE** to impoverished children, their families, and their communities.

NEW VISIONS FOR HELPING CHILDREN WORLDWIDE

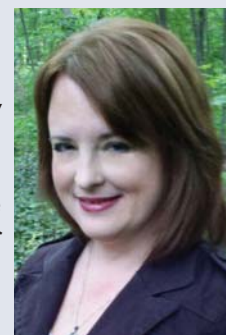
It is with great excitement and through true partnership that we introduce new five year visions for the Child Rescue Centre, Mercy Hospital and Connections for Hope. Many thanks to the participation of the Helping Children Worldwide Board of Directors and the African Programs Partnership strategic planning committee for their time and thoughtful consideration of the impact of these visions. HCW's revised mission is "to transform the lives of impoverished children through partnerships and programs of excellence," with which these new visions are well aligned. Through successful implementation, HCW's programs will have significant impact on the greatest need populations in Sierra Leone and Northern Virginia.

Mercy Hospital's vision is to achieve a measurable decrease in the infant and maternal mortality rates in Sierra Leone by providing holistic, community-focused care regardless of ability to pay. To accomplish this, we will transform Mercy Hospital into a world class center of medical excellence supported by intensive community outreach, a new surgical center, health worker training, and research in maternal and child health.

The Child Rescue Centre vision is to transform the existing CRC programs into a replicable and sustainable program of excellence designed to gradually reintegrate the child survivors of forced labor into nurturing families in local communities.

HCW Welcomes New African Programs Director

Helping Children Worldwide is pleased to announce Mary Beth Sams as our new African Programs Director. She brings with her a wealth of experience in managing programs and teams in a non-profit environment. Mary Beth has her BS in Family and Child Development/ Human Services from Virginia Tech, a Masters of Divinity from Wesley Seminary and a double Masters in International Development and Non-Profit Management. We are pleased to have Mary Beth on the HCW Staff Team, and look forward to her starting on Tuesday, May 31st. Mary Beth will be with us at the African Programs Celebration Dinner and the Quarterly Partnership meeting, both this weekend.



*Mary Beth Sams,
African Programs Director*

PLEASE JOIN US!

WHAT: AP Celebration Dinner
WHEN: Saturday May 14th at 6PM
WHERE: Floris UMC, Herndon, VA
YOU MUST RSVP TO ATTEND!

Please register online at:
www.helpingchildrenworldwide.org
We hope to see you there!



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Task forces have been formed to focus on each of the programs in Sierra Leone and develop a comprehensive plan for achieving these visions. The CRC and Mercy task forces have been diligently working to develop these plans by conducting research, consulting with specialists and identifying potential partners.



Children remain the primary focus for HCW programs.

Connections for Hope's vision is to create a successful, sustainable model for replicating two additional "Connections for Hope" centers in Northern Virginia. Connections for Hope has been very successful in helping struggling families in a holistic way. After just one year of operation, it is now clear that this collaborative model is one that can be used in multiple locations. The current partner organizations are working to develop a five year plan for the current center.

You can help us achieve the new visions for Mercy Hospital, the Child Rescue Centre and Connections for Hope. Many different skills are needed. **Most importantly, we need people with a passion for helping children and getting involved.** Please contact any of the chairs and let us know how you would like to be involved.

- Mercy Hospital: Cynthia Horner, dncorner@verizon.net
- Child Rescue Centre: Lara Brittain, singingbruin@gmail.com
- Connections for Hope: Sarah Newman, sarahnewman@helpingchildrenworldwide.org

Dave Stenger sent the following from Mercy Hospital about the recovery of a little boy from a health emergency:

"On a Friday night 3 weeks ago, I witnessed the admission of an 18-month old boy to Mercy Hospital at about 00:35 hrs. He was fevered and hyperventilating, likely the result of sepsis. The next day he was lifeless and the parents thought that they would lose him. We were praying a lot. The lab diagnosis was positive for malaria and typhoid. His breathing continued to be very heavy but the days passed and he was still alive. Eventually the antimalarials, antibiotics and fluids took effect and his situation stabilized. He was able to start to urinate on his own about 10 days after admission. When I stopped by the hospital this evening to check on him after being in Freetown all week, I discovered that the boy had been discharged. Please be advised that the CHO, Dr. Tejan and the MH staff did a remarkable, professional job in pulling the boy out of what was clearly a life-threatening situation. **Keep up the work to support Mercy Hospital. It makes a big difference.**"

Walk For Hope~Sat May 21st!

Don't miss the first annual Walk for Hope! The day promises to be a wonderful celebration of community, family and the power of working together. We'll have food, a deejay, kids art project, Zumba and much more! The "Walk for Hope" is a combined fundraising event among the six organizations that comprise Connections for Hope, and registrants and donors are welcome to support the cause of their choice. To support the walk, please go to: <https://hcw.myetap.org/walkforhope>.

You can register to walk, join a team, start your own team, or donate to someone else's walk. Please join us for what promises to be a fun day for a wonderful cause!



5K BENEFIT RUNS IN VIRGINIA & TEXAS RAISE FUNDS FOR CRC



On a rainy morning in early April, Galilee UMC held its sixth annual 5K Run/1 Mile Walk to benefit the Child Rescue Centre, while 1400 miles away in sunny Texas, First UMC of Colleyville held a similar event. The Galilee UMC event raised more than \$12,000 for the support of the CRC, while Colleyville UMC raised nearly \$10,000, thanks to the dedicated support of hundreds of volunteers, runners, walkers, donors and sponsors.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **African Programs Celebration Dinner** at Floris UMC, May 14th at 6PM
- **African Programs Partnership Quarterly Meeting** at Ebenezer UMC, Sunday, May 15th, 2PM-4PM
- **First annual "Walk for Hope"** May 21st, 9AM at Connections for Hope, Herndon
- **Awakening Music Festival**, Middleburg, VA, Sept 23rd-24th
- **10th Annual CRC Benefit Golf Tournament**, Monday, Sept 26th at 1757 Golf Club

SOW-A-SEED SUNDAYS: Visit Stone's Cove Kit-Bar on Sundays during May and 10% of your bill goes to support Connections for Hope! Stone's Cove is in the Clocktower Center, 2403 Centreville Road in Herndon. www.stonescove.com