



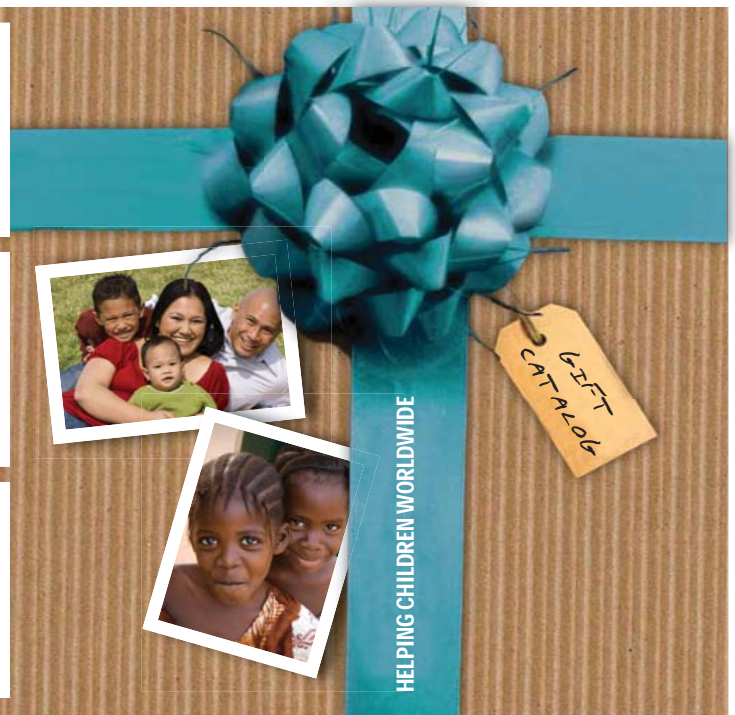
**CONNECTIONS FOR HOPE**



**THE CHILD RESCUE CENTRE**



**MERCY HOSPITAL**



**HELPING CHILDREN WORLDWIDE**

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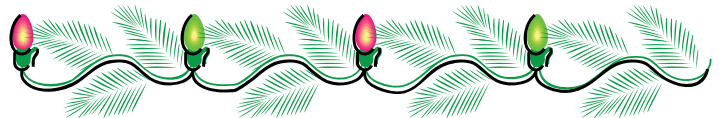
Providing **HOPE** to impoverished children, their families, and their communities.

## Connections for Hope Services Continue to Expand

Ten months into our partnership, our collaborations are strengthening and services to the community are expanding. In addition to our health clinic services, immigration legal services, homelessness prevention, foreclosure prevention, homework assistance, English language training, and mental health counseling, Connections for Hope is now offering programs relating to job training and employment. December 13th will be our first Job Search Workshop. Starting in January, we will have the county's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program for low income individuals/families. The VITA program is provided by volunteers and will be available at Connections for Hope each Wednesday evening and Saturday, January through April 15. Looking to 2011, we are working on a monthly Pro Bono Financial Counseling Clinic that we hope will lead more people into in-depth budgeting classes. Thanks to the interest and commitment of Optimized Systems and Solutions, a Division of Rolls Royce, we will have a basic computer training class starting in early 2011. All of these services are available at Connections for Hope because of the willingness of the non-profits, county agencies and the corporate community to take a collaborative and creative approach to helping those in need.

## HCW Alternative Gift Catalog Now Available--Give Two Gifts In One!

The Helping Children Worldwide Gift Catalog provides you with the opportunity to give the gift of life saving supplies or services for some of the poorest people in the world. These items are perfect to celebrate the holidays! In response to your generous gift, we will send you a gift acknowledgement card that you can personalize and give to someone you care about. To view the catalog, please visit us online at [www.helpingchildrenworldwide.org](http://www.helpingchildrenworldwide.org) and order your unique gifts today.



## Thank You and Happy Holidays!

This time of year helps us focus on the many blessings we enjoy. At Helping Children Worldwide we are thankful for each of our partners and their strong commitment to serving the needs of the community together, both in Fairfax County and in Sierra Leone; we are thankful for ALL the volunteers that help provide the services, and we are thankful for all of the corporate and community support given in ways that many do not even see, but the affects are felt here and around the world. The work that we are doing together is important. Thank you and we wish you all a beautiful and joyous holiday season. ---The HCW Staff



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## Dentist Visits Mercy Hospital

This month Mercy Hospital was fortunate to have a dentist, Rob Neighbors, who traveled to Sierra Leone for two weeks with the November Medical Team. Here is a small snapshot of his experience working at Mercy Hospital from their team's blog.

*"Rob was very busy today, and probably will be for the rest of this trip. People have discovered there is a dentist here. You have to understand that in this country of 5.1 million people, he is now the 7th dentist. And he was not able to bring the kind of equipment we are used to having in a dentist's office. He is looking at patients who have never seen a dentist before and determining if there are teeth that need to be removed to alleviate pain and/or prevent infection. So he removed about 50 teeth today, without the benefit of x-ray and some other tools. But for the people here, they are greatly relieved."*



*Dr. Rob Neighbors examines a young patient at the Child Rescue Centre*

## A SPECIAL THANKS to the Jack DeLoss Taylor Charitable Trust

Helping Children Worldwide would like to thank the Jack DeLoss Taylor Charitable Trust for their continued support for the Child Rescue Centre. This month we were able to provide two essential childhood vaccines, polio and MMR, to the CRC residents and those students attending University and Technical Vocational school. Thank you for helping us keep the CRC children healthy.



*Right: Volunteers administer polio and MMR vaccine to the Child Rescue Centre residents.*

## Eight CRC Residents To Pursue Higher Education Opportunities

In Sierra Leone, only 10% of the boys and 6% of the girls who take the entrance exam for Post Secondary Education qualify to pursue a higher education. We are very excited to announce that eight CRC residents will be continuing their education and have been accepted to University or Vocational Training. They will be earning certificates or degrees in Teaching, Public Health, Development Studies, Nursing, and Peace and Conflict Studies. At the CRC, nearly 100% of the students who have finished their secondary education have continued to post-secondary studies.

**Did you know?**  
**In Sierra Leone,**  
**only 8% of the**  
**population**  
**move onto**  
**Post Secondary**  
**Education.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **"Through Students Eyes" Photo and Essay Exhibit** will continue through Jan 29th, 2011 at Connections for Hope, 13525 Dulles Technology Drive, Suite 103, Herndon, VA 20171. If you haven't had a chance to see these remarkable and thoughtful photo essays created by students in the US and Sierra Leone, please make plans to stop in. We are open Mon through Fri, from 9AM to 5PM.
- **African Programs Quarterly Partnership Meeting:** Sunday, December 5th from 2PM-4PM. The primary host site will be Braddock Street UMC in Winchester. Other sites will join the conference via WebEx. For other sites or more information, please call African Programs Director Jennifer Hamilton at 703-793-9521.

## Connections for Hope to Hold First Annual "Walk For Hope"

Combined with Connections for Hope partners, we will hold a Walk for Hope event on May 14, 2010. This event will help support the services provided at Connections for Hope. We are looking for individuals who have a passion for event planning to help serve on the planning committee. Please contact robinmcglothlin@helpingchildrenworldwide.org for more information, or call Robin at 703-793-9521.

*Lace up your walking shoes for the First Annual "Walk For Hope" scheduled for May 14, 2010 in Herndon.*



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