

BE A HERO

The Ark Children's Home Update – October 2007

Glenda and Ron Allan is a couple from Kelowna BC, Canada that has 10 children of their own. They went to Ecuador, in October of 1996 and gave their lives to children in need. Each day is a struggle as they battle the environment and conditions of the country.



The Ark Children's Home was founded to meet a need in the province of Chimborazo, Ecuador to care for homeless children. Homeless children include orphans, lost kids, abused and neglected kids and children that have been abandoned. Some of the babies are found in cardboard boxes at the side of a road, in parks or outside public buildings.



This couple works exceedingly hard to provide a safe and healthy life for children that are abandoned. Children are often found in the garbage and the police deliver them to the Ark.



The new addition to the building started this spring (six bedrooms and two more bathrooms) is not finished and funds ran out before the roof was put on. Corners have been cut on everything: no more disposable diapers, no extra purchases and staff that leave are not being replaced.

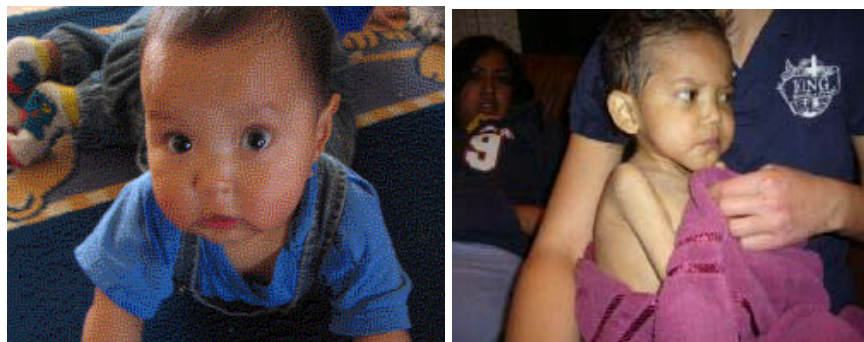


There is a need for another \$20,000.00 to be able to complete this project.

There are a total of 58 kids in a small area right now and many are very ill. All the monthly income is going to hospital and medication costs leaving nothing for wages. The Allans long for more space to separate the ill from the healthy little ones. In October, whooping cough traveled quickly through the home.



There are 10 to 12 children in each room, and more than eight babies living in the little apartment along with the Allan family. Twenty one (21) of the children have special needs and require as much love as can be poured out on them.



Some of the children had a game they played called sardines; this meant they crammed as many of themselves as they could into a small space. The game of sardines has become a way of life.

Living in a sardine environment is not good especially during the seasons when sickness travels from one to another.



As well as the bedroom/bathroom addition there is hope that a second section can be done that will hold a laundry room and food storage. The laundry room is the priority.



There is great need for a van that runs and will be reliable. Ideally, what is required is a vehicle with a standard transmission for mountain road driving that could hold 15 children. If anyone has contacts in the Rotary please call or email Ron Allan as it is understood that perhaps a program is available to supply a car or van for this type of situation.



Be A Hero is happy to report that the kitchenette upstairs is done and lots of plumbing for the kitchen downstairs has been completed. The Hobart dishwasher has been installed and with the new transformer they will have the use of this great appliance.

A group called I-TEC has generously provided funds for the new transformer that will enable the use of the new industrial washing machine. As well, this will run the water pump and all the heavy duty equipment and machinery

We have many Heroes that take it on their hearts to help. A lady named Rose decided to take on fundraising for this kitchen project after reading the Be A Hero book. She had a desire to help out but did not know how. When she read the book and she started to cry, she was determined to not permit the tears to flow unless doing something about it. It started with a Polar Dip then lead to selling organic chocolate and coffee along with donated knitted items. The church family at Grace Harvest of Greater Saint John, NB, was a BIG support; as well as the staff at the school where she works.





More news:

Macas is a quiet town located on the edge of the jungle and surrounded by villages of indigenous people. Due to an increasing need the Allans met with the Ecuadorian board to confirm plans to move into Macas to rescue children. The board backed them completely and blessed the move.



Isaac Allan is in charge of the new home and has a quality team of help lined up to get started. The mayor's wife said she had 10 homeless children just from one of the 103 sectors there waiting for this move. Isaac left October 17th with furniture to set up in a rented location and already he has children waiting for him.



With the opening of another home in Macas, there is a greater need for sponsors. All of these children need sponsors. A sponsor is not just a financial help to cover the children's needs, but a support to the kids themselves. They love knowing that there is someone out there who is actually interested in their lives.

Partial Sponsorship – contributes towards the cost of food, housing, and clothing for a child, for \$33.00 per month (or \$396.00 for a year) This includes a \$3.00 handling fee.

Full Sponsorship – contributes towards the cost of food, housing, clothing, schooling and medical care for a child, for \$63.00 per month (or \$756.00 for a year) This includes a \$3.00 handling fee.

After we receive your payment, Be A HERO will send you a photograph, a short biography, and instructions on how to communicate with your sponsored child.

Payment options include:

Monthly payments by pre-authorized debit or by Visa or MasterCard

Annual payment by cheque, Visa, or MasterCard.

For a look at all the good work being done through The Ark check out their website for newsletters at www.arkchildrenshomes.com

Participation:

If you would like to contribute to these proposed projects, or any other needs of The Ark Children's Homes, or if you would like to sponsor one of their children, please contact Be A HERO by email to admin@beahero.org; by phone (250) 717-1003 Head Office Kelowna, BC; or by mail to:

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Please make any cheques payable to "Be A HERO". You will be issued a tax receipt early in the next year. Be A HERO will send 100% of your donation directly to the project. Our administrative costs are covered by designated donations.

For further information on Be A HERO, and other opportunities for you to get involved in assisting children at risk, please visit our website at www.beahero.org.

100% of all funds donated for this project will be applied directly to the project. Be A HERO does not keep anything for administration. Be A HERO is able to do this because the Hero Partnership and Pillar Program participants designate their donations specifically for administration. If you would like to invest in this project, we accept donations by cheque or by credit card.

You will be sent a receipt for income tax purposes early in the following year.

To view more photos of the Home see our website at www.beahero.org

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Be A Hero Gift Form

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov _____ Zip/P. code _____

Country _____ Phone Number (____) _____

E-mail Address _____ Occupation _____

I would like to:

<input type="checkbox"/> Child Sponsor (partial \$33.00/mo or \$396.00/yr (inc \$3.00 handling fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> Micro-business sponsorship \$ _____ for _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Order Be A Hero message DVD \$15.95 USD + S&H + taxes (contact us for amount)
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Sponsorship (full) \$63.00/mo or \$756.00/yr (inc. \$3.00 handling fee)	<input type="checkbox"/> Be A Hero Administration \$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Order book "Be A Hero: the Battle for Mercy and Social Justice" \$21.95 USD + S&H + taxes (contact us for amount)
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Home Project \$ _____ country: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Donation \$ _____	

I would like to pay by:

Cheque: include 12 post-dated cheques for \$33.00 or \$63.00 each, or one cheque for \$396.00 or \$756.00 for the year. **Make cheques payable to "Be A Hero"**

Automatic Withdrawal: include a VOID cheque with the amount to be withdrawn each month and the date of the transaction. Options are 5th, 20th or 30th

Visa or **MasterCard** Card # _____ Expiry Date: _____

Name on Card _____ Amount to charge \$ _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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