



## Setting Standards for Quality of Life, Getting Results!



### *A Word from the Founder, Mrs. Sharon L. Ruff*

As LO/HP, Inc. celebrates our 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the accomplishments of 2023, we give thanks to everyone who has helped us continue to respond to the cries for help from people seeking to escape poverty and hopelessness in the Republic of Liberia. Implementing our four core projects: Orphanage/Child Welfare Homes, Humanitarian, Educational, College/Higher Learning, and Special Initiatives for the Blind and Visually Impaired **has resulted in changed lives**. The transition from each life changed gives hope to many and sometimes, those impacted are in a position to help improve the quality of life for others. As we fund our projects, **we establish quality of life standards**: daily food, decent housing, clothing/shoes, personal hygiene, medical care, and skills for jobs to provide basic needs. Annual funding from donors ensures continuity and ensures **results**.

In this year-end Newsletter, I humbly speak on behalf of so many whose lives were changed in 2023 and the results speak loudly. The children, youth and young adults who were trapped in extreme poverty in rural villages and now live a good quality of life in The Salvation in Christ Orphanage and Humanitarian Refuge Home, Inc.(SIC) demonstrates volumes of results. The five graduates of the Monrovia Vocational Training Centre who received full scholarships for a 22 month program and the student whom we surprised with graduation fees received a life change beyond their reach. The Unwed Mother's Project recipients who received educational scholarships, medical assistance and New Business Start-up Grants undoubtedly witnessed a new reality in their lives. The Blind families, who received monthly stipends for 11 years also testify, yes! They were able to buy land and build homes. Some attended college, but all experienced a change in the quality of their lives. Needless to say, the rural frail seniors, the handicapped and the destitute who received food baskets or emergency medical assistance are grateful for the uplifting change to their quality of life in their times of need, **Results! Results! Results!**

We have sent three shipments of urgently needed items for our orphanage, school, humanitarian and rural village relief efforts in Liberia, West Africa. However, we are still seeking donors for our Operation Blessing Project to send and distribute a 40-foot container of humanitarian aid relief items including clothing, shoes, linen, personal hygiene, books/education materials and medicine/medical supplies free of charge to orphanages, child welfare home, unwed mothers clinics, seniors, and to the Blind in rural and urban areas of great need. Six thousand (\$6,000US) is needed for this effort.

#### **Will You Help?**

#### **Make Monthly Pledge**

**Bronze Pledge      \$35 US**

A child's basic needs -- food, shelter, clothing & medical.

**Silver Pledge      \$50US**

Humanitarian aid grants, emergency medical assistance, or agriculture seeds/equipment.

**Gold Pledge      \$100US**

Provides bathrooms; sanitation systems; clean water projects; or tuition /uniform/ school supplies for 12 elementary/middle children.

**Platinum Pledge      \$150US**

Provides basic sponsorship grants to orphanages: food, staffing, furnishings or agricultural/farming/husbandry projects.

**One Time Gift      \$500US**

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*Our Surprise Christmas Shipment  
Didn't Arrive; but Christmas Miracles Did!*



A surprise Christmas shipment was picked up on October 5<sup>th</sup> to arrive in Liberia before Christmas. Over three thousand dollars was raised to purchase items: generator, 6 ft. folding tables, medicine, PA systems, electrical supplies, computers, musical equipment, sewing machines, clothing, shoes, toys, etc. Donations from Costco Warehouse, Walmart Stores and Lowe's Home Improvement in Waldorf/Clinton, MD also guaranteed a happy Christmas. Then, on December 5<sup>th</sup> we learned our shipment would not arrive by the 25<sup>th</sup>. Once again, *donors responded* and *miracles happened!*



Bulk purchases of clothing and undergarments produced Christmas gift bags full of blessings for everyone!



With over 120 dresses in the bundle, students from the elementary school received free Sunday dresses of their choice.

Since shoes were in the shipment, all SIC residents shopped for new slippers.



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Bicycles were refurbished and having fun included bubbles galore, toys and hola hoops.

Staff, volunteers, unwed mothers, and the sponsored received cash



## Christmas Food Baskets for the Frail Elderly, The Handicapped & the Poor in Rural Villages

Among LO/HP, Inc.'s most heart-warming projects is providing food baskets to the frail elderly, the handicapped and the extreme poor in rural villages in Liberia, West Africa. Their quality of life is at the lower end of a scale which is evident by their daily struggle just to put food on the table, and their inability to pay for medical care, buy clothing/shoes and personal hygiene items, or pay for education for their children. This year our ability to provide Christmas food baskets to the poorest of the poor in several villages was in jeopardy because of the added expense of providing Christmas presents to beneficiaries in our other projects due to the delay in our Christmas shipment arriving after Christmas Day. Thankfully, at the last minute, one week before Christmas, eight hundred dollars (\$800US) was donated which was used for this very special project. The *results* speak for themselves!



Christmas food baskets were assembled at the SIC orphanage home to surprise 50 rural village families. As the distribution team traveled to the villages, the need was so great in the first 4 that the team decided to make smaller food baskets. When funding allows, the team will travel to the 3 villages that were not visited.



Rather than 1 bag of rice, buckets were distributed based upon family size as villagers patiently waited.

The handicapped and elderly above received their allotted portion, enough food for a month.



Candy for the children. No shoes, he walks 2 hours to work for \$1.50 US daily pay.

Thanks to donors, these rural villagers were overwhelmed with gratitude!

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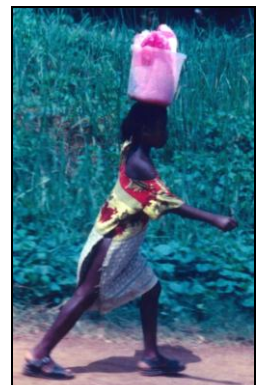
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**Our Mission**

Our mission is to significantly impact the lives of abandoned, abused, neglected and orphaned children in Liberia, West Africa and to engage in humanitarian projects that will improve the quality of life for disadvantaged Liberians, and other underserved individuals around the world.



Imagine living in this underdeveloped country with so many unmet needs. Then, imagine the joy of sponsorship which removes the stain of shame and gives them tools for success. A small donation can mean so much to the poorest of the poor: children living in orphanages/child welfare homes, educational opportunities, medical care, unwed mothers, stipends for the Blind & the disadvantaged at every age. **Together, we can improve their lives. Give today! They are waiting to receive!**



LO/HP, Inc. aims to continue sponsoring orphanages, child welfare homes, humanitarian, educational and operational blessing projects, as well as our special initiatives for the Blind. These projects have been successful due to the efforts of caring sponsors, partners and volunteers just like you. We welcome all who have a heart of compassion towards the poor. **GIVE FREELY to HELP US...HELP THEM!** Whatever assistance you, your organization or civic group provides will be greatly appreciated. Please consider becoming a monthly sponsor or a partner today. **Visit the website for priority needs!** Foreign made vehicles (cars, trucks, and school buses in good running condition) are urgently needed. [USA parts are hard to get in Liberia.] Volunteers are also needed! Make a **tax-deductible donation** payable to "**LIBERIAN ORPHANAGE / HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS, INC.**" or "**LO/HP, Inc.** at the above address." **Use PayPal on the website at [www.lohp-usa.org](http://www.lohp-usa.org) or Scan the QR code or CashApp - \$LiberianCare or the form below to mail in your donation.**



*Thank You for Your Consideration of Our Appeal.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge to donate monthly\$ \_\_\_\_\_ (sponsorship of orphan(s) \_\_\_\_\_; Specific child \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge to donate monthly to the Blind Initiatives\$ \_\_\_\_\_; specific project \_\_\_\_\_

I pledge to donate monthly for education projects\$ \_\_\_\_\_; Construction projects \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please call me (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ or e-mail me at \_\_\_\_\_

**I cannot make a monthly pledge but I will make a one-time contribution of --**

\$20 \_\_\_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$1, 000 \_\_\_\_\_ or more (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_