

“Making a Global Difference” 5th Annual Dinner to Be Held October 24th

Children of Abraham will hold its annual celebration and fundraising dinner on Saturday, October 24th at the Northwest Indiana Islamic Center in Crown Point, Indiana. The event will start at 6 p.m.

Our guest speaker is Jim Fleming, EdD, known for weaving archaeology, history, geography and theology into discussions to help us understand Biblical times better.

Individual tickets are \$35, family tickets are \$100 and a table for eight is \$240. Please contact us at 219.381.6233 or 219.742.6485 to purchase tickets or for more information.



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11 More Countries Receive Assistance!

Despite tough economic times, this year has been productive for Children of Abraham. We have shipped eight containers of medical supplies and equipment to 11 countries. This now makes 29 regions of the world where we have worked!

Central America and Caribbean
We had two containers sent Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras and Nicaragua.



The Central American and Caribbean shipments were sent out in July and funded by Friends of the Orphans.

The shipment to Haiti was for a 100-bed pediatric hospital [pictured above this story's headline] built by Friends of the Orphans, an organization that works to end the vicious cycle of poverty by giving safe and loving care to children in Latin America and the Caribbean.

"I want to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation for Children of Abraham's support and extra efforts in donating two 53-foot-high trailers of medical supplies and equipment for our mission and work in the Caribbean and Latin America," said Donna Fischer-Williams, Regional Director of Friends of the Orphans.

The shipment to the Dominican Republic was delivered to an orphanage under construction by Friends of the Orphans. It currently houses 150 orphans and is designed to ultimately accommodate 500 orphans. We have previously aided in furnishing the dental clinic for this orphanage.

"I can assure you that these supplies will greatly support our children's medical needs and help with their physical and mental development," said Fischer-Williams.

Iraq
This container went to the Maternity and Children's Hospital in Basrah. The shipment was funded by Life for Relief and Development, a nonprofit that has become the largest Muslim-American humanitarian relief and development organization.

New Warehouse Space Donated

Thanks to the Town of Munster, Indiana, and to Children of Abraham Board Members Ray Anderson and Russ Snyder leading the charge, Children of Abraham moved into a new warehouse space in July.

The new space, located at 9450 Calumet Avenue in Munster, is 10,000 square feet and has a dock for loading shipments directly into containers.

It is owned by the Town of Munster and is being leased complimentary to our organization.

If you have spare time to help us organize material in our new space, please contact us at (219) 513-0003 or info@coa-worldwide.org.

As we continue growing, Children of Abraham would like to extend a big thanks to Simborg Corporation for graciously providing a free warehouse space for the past four years.



Volunteering Opportunities

A large part of our efforts is focused on acquiring medical equipment and supplies locally through communicating with area hospitals, physicians and pharmaceutical companies. But did you know you can help in other capacities—locally or remotely?

Here is a short list of other volunteering opportunities:

- Sort through inventory and package them for shipping
- Assist in regional fundraising efforts
- Help load materials for shipping
- Refurbish medical equipment
- Promote the organization regionally, nationally and internationally
- Optimize and maintain our inventory database
- Assist our student volunteers in school chapters
- Conduct media relations activities

Shipping days are announced as early as we can get the word out. Other activities are ongoing so we can work with your schedule.

Contact us at 219-513-0003 or volunteer@coa-worldwide.org to start any volunteer activity with us.

\$40 Million Worth of Medical Supplies Sent to 29 Regions Around the World

Somalia

Thanks to our volunteers' and donors' support, we have sent two containers to Somalia thus far in 2009. One shipment went to Abudwaq Hospital. This newly constructed hospital serves a community that has no medical facility in the city, with the nearest hospital being 120 miles away.



The Somalia shipments were funded by Life for Relief and Development.

Our shipment will begin furnishing and supplying this hospital, which was largely unequipped. American Relief Association for the Horn of Africa (ARAH) assisted in the difficult shipping/transportation process. ARAHA is a nonprofit focused on alleviating suffering from hunger, illiteracy, diseases and poverty in East African nations. Children of Abraham, hopefully with ARAHA's assistance, is planning for another shipment to this facility.

The second shipment to Somalia was also arranged by ARAHA and funded by Life for Relief and Development. This shipment, sent in June, will be distributed to several medical facilities around the country.



Our first shipment to Somalia was sent in March, followed by a second one in June.

Nigeria

The shipment to Nigeria, which went out in July, was directed to Heroes of Faith Ministries International and will be distributed to several medical facilities and clinics throughout the country. Abel Dafiaghor, a Children Board Member, will oversee distribution in Nigeria and keep us posted on progress.

Ghana

The shipment to Ghana went to the Komfo Anokye Teaching Hospital, located in Kumasi. The container was funded by the Zakat Foundation, which

supports the immediate needs of long-term development projects that ensure individual and community growth.



The Ghana shipment was loaded in July.

Bangladesh

This shipment, sent in June, aids three organizations, including Chittagong

Medical College and Hospital, Chattagram Ma Shishu O General Hospital and the Hope Foundation for Women and Children of Bangladesh.

“Chittagong Medical College and Hospital greatly appreciates the gifts of much needed medical equipment, beds and supplies. These will be of great help in treating people in this part of Bangladesh,” said Brig. Gen. Fariduzzaman, Director of the medical college and hospital.



If you know of an organization or group of people that can use our help, please contact us so we can connect with them to offer our assistance.

Q&A – Champ Merrick, Director

Q: How do recipients find out about Children of Abraham?

A. We connect to groups in regions across the globe in various ways, including volunteers introducing us to others, people finding our website and contacting us to provide aid, other nonprofits approaching us and just reading the headlines. Hospitals, doctors and medical students also have provided us great input. We connect face-to-face, through phone calls and through emails—sometimes in a language other than English.

Please send any questions that you have about Children of Abraham to info@coa-worldwide.org and we will answer them directly and possibly in future newsletters.



Shipments take weeks or months to get to their final destinations. Children of Abraham staff communicates throughout the process until we have confirmation of receipt.



Mission Statement

Children of Abraham, Inc., a 100% volunteer-driven nonprofit organization, was formed in 2004 with the principal mission of helping relieve suffering around the world through providing free medical supplies and equipment to areas in need.

– A 501(c)(3) Organization –

Donate to Heal the World

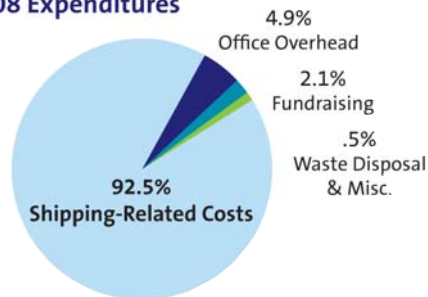
Our shipments go around the world at no cost to the receiving hospitals and clinics, which is made possible by financial contributions from donors like you. Please make a difference to those who need our help.

I, _____, want to support Children of Abraham's mission of helping relieve suffering around the world by providing free medical supplies and equipment to areas in need.

Here is my donation for:

\$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other \$ _____

2008 Expenditures



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