

For some children, every day is a nightmare.

What your gift will help us achieve...

Your donation today will make a real difference to an orphaned or abandoned child.



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VILLAGES - USA



\$35

will help buy warm clothing



\$50

will help buy school books



\$75

will help pay for basic medical check-ups
and vaccinations for children

SOS Honored With World's Largest Humanitarian Award

The prestigious Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize for 2002, the world's largest humanitarian award, has been presented to SOS Children's Villages and its parent organization, SOS-Kinderdorf International. The annual award honors the non-profit charitable non-governmental organization that is judged to have made "extraordinary contributions toward alleviating human suffering."



Please fill in the enclosed form or donate by calling toll free at
888-SOS-4-KIDS (767-4543) or visit **WWW.SOS-USA.ORG**

The orphans who have nothing and no one.

Time and time again, we see footage of innocent children injured by gunfire, pulled from rubble and lost on the streets. These are the thousands of children who are orphaned and abandoned every single day and desperately need our help. Here are just three of their stories.

ABANDONED



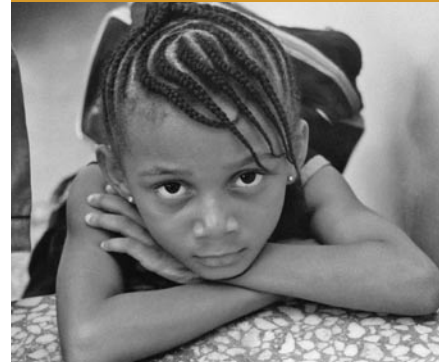
Like any normal five-year-old, Jose was excited when his mother promised to take him on a bus trip to Mexico City. Jose waited on a bench at the bus stop while his mother went to get the tickets. After an hour or so his mother still hadn't returned. Increasingly bewildered and scared, Jose continued to wait. But his mother never came back.

STARVING



After watching the bloody execution of their parents, Irwana and her little sister were forced to fend for themselves. Penniless, homeless and with no one to care for them, they scavenged for any bits of food they could find. A desperate hand-to-mouth existence found them living on scraps and garbage from the rubbish dump and sleeping on the street, scared every night that someone might attack them. By the time winter set in, the girls had become severely malnourished and were weak.

ABUSED



Lina was absolutely heartbroken when her mother died. But, two years later, when her father met and married another woman, she was pleased for him and hoped that they could all be a family again. Sadly, it wasn't to be. Shortly after the marriage, her new mother began to physically abuse Lina. Her brutality grew worse as the months went by. However bad this was for Lina, it was nothing to her terror and despair when she returned home one day to find that her father and stepmother had moved away – without her.



Thankfully, SOS Children's Villages reached these three orphaned and abandoned children in time.

Now they're learning to rebuild their lives. But there are still many more children out there who desperately need our help. Please help us to release them from sorrow and fear too, by completing the enclosed form or calling SOS Children's Villages – USA toll free at: 888-767-4543.

The pictures on this flyer are for representational purposes only. Names have been changed for reasons of confidentiality.

Yes, I want to help SOS give a child a second chance at life with my gift of:



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\$35 \$50 \$75 or \$_____

Please make your check payable to **SOS Children's Villages – USA** or fill in the following: Visa MasterCard Amex Discover

Account # _____

Exp. Date _____

Please print name as it appears on your credit card _____

Signature _____

Date _____

E-mail address (if you would like to receive your thank you and receipt by e-mail) _____

- Please send me information about sponsoring an SOS child
- I would like to know more about planned giving to support SOS

Thank you for your kind support.

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Please send this balloon
back with your gift...



...and we'll include it in a balloon release to celebrate the generosity of our supporters. Each balloon means we can help give an orphaned or abandoned child the chance of a new life.

Help us release a child from a life of sorrow...

For thousands of orphaned and abandoned children, the 'fun of childhood' is just a distant memory. War, poverty and personal losses have scarred their lives with bitter nightmares that leave no space for stories at bedtime.

But for some of these wounded children, SOS Children's Villages can offer a second chance at life. A permanent home where they can find love and help to rebuild their hope and trust.

...and your balloon into a world of hope.

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Will you give an orphan the chance of a childhood?