Family Connections

Joy to the World!
Support the CAS Annual Campaign

Our year-end campaign has been an annual tradition for Carolina Adoption Services for more than 20 years! That all adds up to a lot of support for our family services and orphan care initiatives. But, our work continues and we need your support now!

Our annual appeal helps us to carry our work forward in to each new year. Every gift helps Carolina Adoption Services to bring families together and serve children in need.

Here’s a look back at just some of our accomplishments in 2016:

- We’ve expanded our Orphan Care initiatives to the country of Burundi.
- We’re helping to bring supplies in to storm-affected crèches in Haiti following Hurricane Matthew.
- We visited the coordinator and students of our Moldova Student Sponsorship program, strengthening our commitment to our longest-running charitable initiative.
- We continue to work with orphanage partners in Uganda to support projects that improve the health, well-being, and educational opportunities for children in their care.

You can make your contribution at carolinaadoption.org. You can also call with your support at 800-632-9312, or send a gift by mail with your donation preferences.

Please note: We don’t actively solicit contributions from clients in the adoption process.

Merry Christmas!

Placement
Nyah          Uganda
Charles       China
Trevor        China
Bo            Uganda
Naicha & Judson    Haiti
Lorvens       Haiti
David         Mexico
Hope          China
Jackson       China
Dida          Bulgaria
Kizito        Uganda

Home Study
Elorie & Phineas    Taiwan
Chanin         China
Gunner         China
Matthew        India
Kate           China
Lennon         USA
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Little K.K. arrived at Agape House in October suffering burn wounds. Many of you answered the call for donations to her medical care! CAS received more than $680 dollars in donations earmarked for her recovery.

We continue to receive updates on KK’s progress. She is thriving in her new environment. Below, the photo on the right is from her intake day. On the left, she’s all dressed up for Thanksgiving.

Please continue to give to Orphan Care—your support is life-changing!

Ryland, 6
Ryland is helpful and kind. He was born with a limb difference; it does not affect his mobility. Because Ryland is considered Special Focus, families can submit an intent to adopt before completing a dossier.

Harper, 2
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As an agency with partners and friends residing in Haiti, along with numerous adoptive families with Haitian children, the news of the terrible devastation from Hurricane Matthew brings considerable sadness. According to relief organizations from around the world, the toll from the storm is significant. Hurricane Matthew caused nearly 600 deaths and displaced hundreds of thousands of people, especially throughout Western Haiti, when it hit the island in October.

CAS remained in contact with our in-country representatives throughout the storm, and we are thankful that they were not directly impacted by the worst weather conditions. On the Eastern side of the island, the capital Port-au-Prince experienced milder winds and rain.

IBESR, the central adoption authority in Haiti, is also based in Port-au-Prince. The hurricane did not cause significant delays to their workflow for adoption processing.

Adoptive families have continued to be able to travel to and from Haiti as required for their adoption processes.

All of the children currently referred to families are in secure, safe crèches with access to necessities.

Although the nation’s capital and surrounding areas were spared, orphanages located elsewhere were directly in the storm’s severe path.

IBESR sent out a request for donations for the various crèches (orphanages) across the country almost immediately after the storm. CAS spread the word that donations were needed, and our supporters stepped right away to fulfill the need. We raised more than $1,000 dollars to be sent to IBESR!

The donations were used to purchase items such as mattresses, first aid supplies, sanitary kits, food, and blankets.

The need for support will be ongoing as cleanup continues. CAS is always accepting donations to our reserved Haiti Fund.

Post-Adoption Resource Corner

File for your Certificate of Citizenship before the fee increases on December 23rd!

**Topic: Certificate of Citizenship**

USCIS has announced that some fees pertaining to international adoption will increase on December 23rd. The N-600, Certificate of Citizenship, will see the largest increase going from $550 dollars to $1,170 dollars. We are encouraging all families who are eligible to file before the deadline, if they haven’t already done so. Contact postadoption@carolinaadoption.org to get started! For more Q&A about the CoC, visit the National Council for Adoption blog at adoptioncouncil.org. Photo: USCIS.gov.

Shop for a Cause

Give a unique holiday gift that makes a difference for orphans!

As you finish up your holiday shopping, consider giving a special item from the **CAS Shop for a Cause** campaign. 100 percent of proceeds are donated to Agape Babies Home in Kampala, Uganda, for Orphan Care. Items include jewelry, T-shirts, and one-of-a-kind artwork by Joseph Walusimbi. Items can be viewed and purchased on the CAS website.
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