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# Forty Days

## For The Fatherless

# Diaper Drive



## PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR DIAPER DRIVE!

### SEPT. 26 - NOV. 6

Can you imagine going through nearly 30,000 diapers a month? That's how many diapers are needed for our domestic and international childcare needs. The Children's Malnutrition Center in San Juan, Guatemala goes through more than 15,000 diapers a month, and our foster care homes in Florida go through more than 12,000 diapers a month -- *and the numbers are increasing!*

For this reason we will be collecting diapers as part of our annual *40 Days for the Fatherless* campaign, which is the time when we work to raise awareness of the plight of orphaned and disadvantaged children around the world. The *40 Days for the Fatherless* campaign starts on Monday, September 26, 2011 and concludes on Sunday, November 6, 2011 (Orphan Sunday). For more information on Orphan Sunday contact Julie Boyd at Julie.Boyd@FBCHomes.org or (863) 687-8811.

### DIAPERS FOR CHILDREN IN FLORIDA AND IN THE DEVELOPING WORLD

Our goal is to be able to help defray significant childcare costs for our foster parents and for the Children's Malnutrition Center in Guatemala by providing them with a large quantity of disposable diapers for use throughout the year.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Diapers can be delivered to any of our campus locations from Monday, September 26th to Friday, November 4th. We can use all sizes of diapers, but the greatest need is for size 1-2 and size 3. In addition, you can donate diapers online at FBCHomes.org.

### ENTER TO WIN A FREE MISSION TRIP

Everyone who makes an online contribution to the diaper drive or delivers diapers to one of our campus locations can register for a chance to win a free mission trip to the Children's Malnutrition Center.

In addition, each organization that collects diapers can register to win mission trips as well. The winning organization will receive two free mission trips. An organization will be entered in the drawing for each 500 diapers they collect. *Donate diapers online at FBCHomes.org!*

*Sharing* is published three times a year by the Florida Baptist Children's Homes as a way to provide updates on our ministry. It is provided free of charge to our donors, volunteers, and other friends. Please contact our editor, Brian Gilpin at Brian.Gilpin@FBCHomes.org or (863) 687-8811 if you have any questions or would like to start receiving your free subscription to *Sharing* in your home.

# GETTING READY FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL **you can help**

The Florida Baptist Children's Homes has been providing Christ-centered services for abused, neglected, and orphaned children since 1904.

Services include residential care, emergency shelter care, adult developmental services, foster care, adoption services, Safe Families, the Sanctity of Human Life Program, and Orphan's Heart, our international childcare program.

The Florida Baptist Children's Homes is accredited by the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, and is governed by a board of 24 trustees appointed by the Florida Baptist Convention. For more information contact the Children's Homes at (863) 687-8811 or online at [www.FBCHomes.org](http://www.FBCHomes.org).



House parent Don Slaughter waves goodbye to some of our kids as they left for the first day of school last year.



WE WILL SOON BE WORKING TO OUTFIT ALL OF OUR CHILDREN WITH NEW CLOTHES, SHOES, BACKPACKS, NOTEBOOKS, AND VARIOUS SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

## YOUR SUPPORT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

New clothes and other supplies create excitement in our kids for the coming school year. We work very hard to instill in them the importance of education and the need to work hard in order to do their very best in school.

In addition to having the love of Jesus in their heart, we believe that education is a critical pathway to a life beyond the cycle of destructive lifestyles that have victimized so many of the kids in our care. Thank you so much for all you can do. Your faithful support is making a difference in the lives and eternities of so many orphaned and disadvantaged children!

You can use the enclosed envelope to send your gift in support of our back-to-school needs, or you can make your gift online at [FBCHomes.org](http://FBCHomes.org). Please contact Julie Boyd at [Julie.Boyd@FBCHomes.org](mailto:Julie.Boyd@FBCHomes.org) if you have any questions.

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# saved lives, changed lives

*Tommy McElroy, MD is pictured outside the University of South Florida's Center for Advanced Healthcare where he works in the Division of Sports and Family Medicine. He tells how the Children's Homes shaped his life.*



Dr. Tommy McElroy walks hurriedly down the hall as he comes to greet me in the waiting room of the Center for Advanced Healthcare on the campus of the University of South Florida in Tampa. He is obviously very busy, but he is also very gracious and willing to talk about the time when he and his brother came to live at the Florida Baptist Children's Homes in Lakeland.

In the 1980's Dr. McElroy's family was experiencing increasing difficulties. His parents divorced, and his mother suffered from mental illness, which prevented her from being able to care for them. His father worked as a truck driver to make ends meet, but the long hours kept him on the road and unable to be at home to take care of his family.

In 1988, at the age of nine, Dr. McElroy and his younger brother Kevin moved to the Florida Baptist Children's Homes where they lived for the next two years.

His brother Kevin died unexpectedly last year from an undiagnosed heart problem, which prompted him to reconnect with the Children's Homes. He is currently working to set up a Legacy Fund in his brother's name in order to benefit the Children's Homes. (See page 5 for more information on Legacy Funds.)

"After Kevin died I started thinking more about our lives together and what the Children's Homes meant to us growing up and how it shaped us."

"I definitely remember our house parents, Chuck and Ellen. They showed us God's love and cared for us like we were their own children. They did more than just take care of our physical needs, but also understood what we needed as kids whose hearts longed to be back with our own families."

McElroy's father eventually remarried, and they were all reunited. Soon afterward, McElroy began to distinguish himself in his studies, making excellent grades throughout the rest of his school years.

"Life isn't perfect. It never is. However, God's grace is clearly evident in my life and in lives of those in my family. God restored us, and we ended up being closer than ever before," McElroy said.

"I firmly believe that the Christ-centered environment at the Children's Homes made all the difference in our lives. I thank God for the Florida Baptist Children's Homes!"

*Left to Right:* Pictured is Dr. Tommy McElroy (left) and his younger brother Kevin while living at the Florida Baptist Children's Homes in Lakeland around 1989; Dr. McElroy is a busy, but much beloved physician; Dr. McElroy with his wife Kristi.



# & eight kids, three dogs going strong

## SHANE AND LORIE BAXLEY FOUND THEIR CHRISTIAN MISSION AS FOSTER PARENTS

It's a Saturday morning and Shane and Lorie Baxley are getting their family ready for a day at the beach. Their house, which sits on a quiet street in Bradenton, is home to eight kids and three dogs. Their home is busy, but it's also a place of love and acceptance.



Pictured are Shane & Lorie Baxley. They currently care for a total of eight children, which includes five foster children.

Out of their eight kids five are foster children. It was originally just going to be two foster children, but their capabilities and the desires of their heart soon went beyond that.

"It's a mission for us. It's hectic at times. I drive to four different schools every morning, but it's also peaceful clearly knowing that this is what God has called us to do," Lorie said.

Early on Lorie had a very strong conviction about being a foster parent. However, Shane is the first to admit that he did not initially feel called to this role.

"Over time God worked on my heart, but during that time He also prepared both of us to be foster parents," Shane said.

"Several years ago we had a relative that needed our help, and we cared for their child for a couple of years. That experience gave us the preparation we needed before jumping into foster parenting," Shane said.

Lorie says that it is God that gives them the ability to care for their large and diverse family. "Whether you have one child or eight, you have to walk with God or you won't be able to do it. We are only able to do it by the grace and strength that God gives us each and every day."

## LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MINISTRY OF foster parenting

We need caring, Christian adults who will open up their home to a foster child in order to provide them with the love, safety, and security that all children deserve. For more information on foster parenting go to [FBCHomes.org](http://FBCHomes.org) or contact us at (863) 687-8811.



## START YOUR OWN LEGACY FUND

A Legacy Fund is a named fund that is part of the Children's Homes' endowment. For example, if your family name is Jones you can set up a Legacy Fund to be called the Jones Family Fund. You can also start a Legacy Fund in the name of your business or other entity.

You can contribute to your fund periodically and watch it grow over time. All the while you will know that your fund will be generating much needed financial support for the Children's Homes year after year.

The endowment funds are invested conservatively among a variety of securities and other investment vehicles designed to preserve capital and at the same time generate earnings for the Children's Homes' ministry year after year.

For more information on starting a Legacy Fund, contact Julie Boyd at (863) 687-8811 or [Julie.Boyd@FBCHomes.org](mailto:Julie.Boyd@FBCHomes.org).

# Orphan's heart reaches street children in Nicaragua



CHILDREN ARE BEGGING IN THE STREETS OF MANAGUA, NICARAGUA JUST TO GET FOOD AND OTHER NECESSITIES. WHO WILL HELP AND SHARE THE LOVE OF JESUS WITH THEM?

Volunteers with Orphan's Heart and members of the local Bethel Baptist Church are working alongside each other to reach out to these children to provide them food and a safe place to be a kid and to learn about our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Nicaragua is one of the poorest countries in the Americas, and sadly, approximately one-third of all children there never enrolls in school or drops out by the sixth grade. This situation is contributing greatly to the growing problem of children working and sometimes living on the streets.

It is estimated that in the capital city of Managua that there could be upwards of 15,000 school-aged children on the streets. Many of these children live in and around the sprawling public markets where it is easier to scavenge for food. Some work shining shoes or cleaning windshields, but many simply beg or steal in order to get food and other necessities.



Top: The boys often act tough, but they enjoy having fun & fellowship at the Vacation Bible School program.

Above: A volunteer with some of the street children ministered to by Orphan's Heart & Bethel Baptist Church.

These are some of the neediest children in the world. They lack education, financial means, and adequate family support. Unfortunately illness, disease, and teen pregnancy are far too common among these children.

Orphan's Heart has forged a unique partnership with Bethel Baptist Church in order to help minister to the physical and spiritual needs of some of these children. Bethel Baptist, a local congregation in Managua, started the ministry a few years ago which currently reaches 190 children every week.

Every week the Bethel Baptist ministry team loads up children on buses from various sections of Managua and transports them to their church where they receive a hot meal and participate in a Vacation Bible School type of program that includes Bible stories, music, and games.

"This is a great opportunity to bring some children out of their street environment and into the church environment where they can safely enjoy a hot meal and learn about the love of Jesus," said Howard Hooper, regional director for Orphan's Heart.

"Of course, at first, many of the children come in order to get the free food and the clothing that we provide. However, it is clear that many hearts are being softened by the message they are hearing about the love of Jesus. In fact, more than 75 of these children yielded their lives to Christ in an evangelistic crusade recently held at the church," Hooper said.

Our week long mission teams to Nicaragua work alongside Bethel Baptist. Our goal is to help expand the reach of this ministry over the next year from 190 children to more than 300. The Bethel ministry team works to maintain regular contact with them after our mission teams leave.

"Our partnership with Bethel started as a result of a connection one of their staff made with us last year. As we learned more, we knew that we had to get involved with this critically important ministry," Hooper said.

Consider going with us on one of our mission trips to Nicaragua. Anyone ten years of age or older can go and be the hands and feet of Jesus Christ in this place of desperate need (anyone younger than 18 must be accompanied by an adult).

**Go to our website [OrphansHeart.org](http://OrphansHeart.org) to learn more about our week long mission trips or contact us at 305-271-4121.**



*Above, the children enjoy crafts and games during the Vacation Bible School style program.*

*Below, the kids board the bus in various areas around Managua and are transported to Bethel Baptist Church where they receive a hot meal and participate in games, music, and learn Bible stories.*



*A hearty meal of chicken, rice, vegetables, and bread are provided to the all the children that come to the Vacation Bible School program.*

*A hot meal, music and games, and the love of Jesus bring smiles to the faces of the children.*



# volunteers MAKE A DIFFERENCE!



*Our kids got to check out race cars and meet some of the drivers during their behind the scenes tour of the Daytona International Speedway.*

## KIDS GET BEHIND THE SCENES TOUR AT DAYTONA INTERNATIONAL SPEEDWAY



*Carl McCormick is a former ARCA race car driver who provides an annual tour of the Daytona International Speedway for kids on the Jacksonville campus.*



*Brothers Ryan (left) and Brian take a turn in the race car simulator.*

There is great anticipation and excitement as kids from our Jacksonville campus pile out of vans and run to the entrance of the Daytona International Speedway for a personal guided tour by former ARCA (Automobile Racing Club of America) race car driver Carl McCormick.

Every year for the past five years McCormick has provided the kids on the Jacksonville campus with a rare behind the scenes look at stock car racing during the annual ARCA test sessions at the Daytona International Speedway. The Speedway is the site of the annual Daytona 500 NASCAR race.

Although McCormick no longer races, he still maintains close personal ties with the race community including NASCAR and the staff at the Daytona International Speedway.

The kids tour the exhibit area and then head out to the track where they have lunch and get to meet

some race car drivers who are test driving their cars in preparation for a future stock car race. Before leaving the kids receive souvenirs, such as hats, t-shirts, and other memorabilia.

It was quite by happenstance that McCormick got involved in providing the annual tour for the kids.

“I have a window installation company in Jacksonville, and about five years ago I had a job at the Children’s Homes. After being around the kids I just felt compelled to do something,” McCormick said.

“I had connections at the Speedway and thought the kids might enjoy the experience. Well, they loved it, and I am more than happy to keep providing them with the experience every year. I guess you could say that this is my one thing. I believe that everyone has at least one thing they can do to make the life of a disadvantaged child a little brighter.”

## WHAT'S YOUR ONE THING?

What's your one thing? Everyone has something they can do to help enrich the lives of disadvantaged children. Individuals, churches, and other groups provide very meaningful activities for our kids that they wouldn't be able to enjoy otherwise. Contact us at [Children@FBCHomes.org](mailto:Children@FBCHomes.org) or the campus nearest you if you can volunteer to help our kids.

# CELEBRATION EVENT HELD FOR *victor's dream*

Television cameras were rolling and reporters were asking questions at the celebration event that was held in Tallahassee during Children's Week last spring to announce that we would be providing each of the nearly 18,000 children in the Florida foster care system with a new book titled *Victor's Dream*.

The hardbound book, which is colorfully illustrated on every page, tells the fictitious story about a boy named Victor who lives at a children's home with his younger brother and sister. He faces a number of challenges, but finds hope in God's goodness and faithfulness. Victor never gives up hope and is eventually adopted along with his brother and sister.

The press conference, held on the 22nd floor of the Florida Capitol Building, also served as a platform to encourage more people to consider adopting older children as well as to send a message of hope to all children in foster care.

David Wilkins, secretary of the Florida Department of Children and Families led the press conference by congratulating the partnership among the Children's Homes, Deborah Polston (the author), and the Trawick Foundation which provided the funding for the project.

Emma Lee Trawick, who represented the Trawick Foundation at the press conference, said that helping children is one of the primary objectives of their

foundation, which is why they agreed to fund this project.

Trawick also noted that the book was dedicated to the memory of her mother, Bera Owens, who was devoted to serving the needs of children throughout her life. Owens was a lifetime member of Shiloh Baptist Church in Chipley. The Trawick family has been involved with the Florida Baptist Children's Homes since the 1970s.

Deborah Polston, who lives in Tallahassee and is a strong advocate for adoption, is the author of *Victor's Dream*. "The *Victor's Dream* project started more than two years ago as a dream and today it is a dream that has been realized," Polston said. Polston and her husband adopted six boys after raising their four biological daughters.

Polston explained that, in addition to the free books that will be distributed to all children in the Florida foster care system, when someone purchases a copy of the book, a free copy will be made available to a new child in foster care.

"Our dream is to get this book in the hands of as many foster children as possible, not just in Florida, but throughout the nation as well," Polston said.



## *Victor's Dream*

PURCHASE AT  
[www.FBCHomes.org](http://www.FBCHomes.org)

COST \$16.99

When someone purchases a copy of the book, a FREE COPY will be made available to a new child in foster care.



*Pictured from left are Deborah Polston, the author of Victor's Dream; Katie Swett, Children's Homes' social worker; Brianna Thomas, who lives on our Tallahassee campus; Emma Lee Trawick, Jim Trawick, and Jenee Trawick Floyd.*

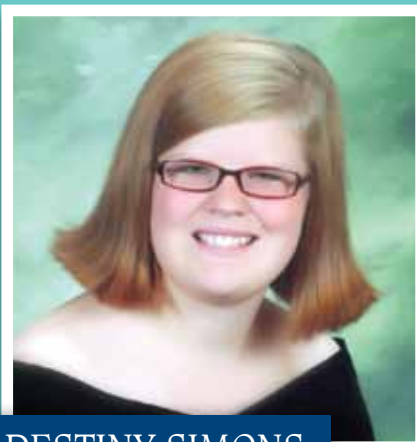
*Deborah Polston, the author of Victor's Dream, speaks at a press conference in Tallahassee to announce that the Children's Homes will be providing each of the more than 18,000 children in the Florida foster care system with their own copy of Victor's Dream.*



# OUR KIDS succeed

## 2011 seniors

This year two of our great students graduated high school and are moving forward to a new and exciting part of their life. We wish to extend our congratulations to each one of these amazing individuals for what they have accomplished and for what they have overcome. We are very proud of you!



DESTINY SIMONS

Destiny Simons has lived on our Pensacola campus for the past four years. She graduated from Tate High School and attends Olive Baptist Church. She has been on mission trips to Tampa, New Orleans, and Guatemala, and is a past recipient of the Children's Homes' Heart of Gold award.

She loves to read and sing and is involved with choir, church, and spends a lot of time working with children. Destiny will be attending the Baptist College of Florida in Graceville where she plans to study education and music.

"It has been my pleasure to watch the joyful transformation of this once quiet and pensive young lady. She now greets me with a smile and looks me in the eye. The Jesus ministry of the Children's Home has made a profound impact on Destiny, said Dr. Ted Traylor, pastor of Olive Baptist Church in Pensacola.



BILLY THOMPSON

Billy Thompson has lived on our Jacksonville campus for the past six years. He graduated from the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind and attends First Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

When he was a freshman he asked his church to order tracts in Braille so he could share the Gospel with his classmates in school. He has been very involved with the Florida Division of Blind Services where he served as a youth leader for their various programs.

Billy plans to transfer to an independent living community where he will have his own apartment. He loves the Florida Gators and playing video games. He will be attending the Florida State College of Jacksonville where he will study automotive mechanics.

"Billy is hard-working and industrious and was a model student!" said Danny Hutto, president of the Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind.

# kids helping kids

## SIXTH GRADER SELLS COTTON CANDY FOR ORPHAN'S HEART



Holt Russell pictured with his mother and father, Mark and Tracey Russell. He is holding some of the gourmet cotton candy that he sells to raise money for Orphan's Heart.

Twelve year old Holt Russell from Lakeland is preparing to make another batch of vanilla pink cotton candy for a big sale at a neighborhood home to benefit Orphan's Heart.

He sells his canisters of gourmet cotton candy for three dollars each or two for five dollars. He sells three different flavors, pink vanilla, green apple, and bubble gum. All of the proceeds go to benefit Orphan's Heart.

Holt's fundraising efforts started a couple of years ago after he returned with his family from a week long mission trip with Orphan's Heart. The needs of the children made a strong impression on him, and he felt that he needed to do something more.

Holt's father, Mark, said that he has been very impressed with his son's passion and enthusiasm for his fundraising work. "This was all his idea. We have encouraged him, but he does all the work himself."

*Congratulations Destiny & Billy!*

# pointing kids to the cross

TEACH CHILDREN TO REACH CHILDREN –  
THE EVANGELISM LIFESTYLE  
BY HARLENE HILL

HE SAID TO THEM, "GO INTO ALL THE WORLD AND  
PREACH THE GOSPEL TO ALL CREATION. (MARK 16:15 NIV)

Children love to show off! When they learn something new, their immediate response is, "Hey, watch this!" When they make something with their own hands, they want to show everyone. When children make a decision for Christ, many are ready and willing to share Jesus with their friends.

As adults, we need to remember that evangelism is not just for grown-ups. God will use a child's experiences and boldness to turn hearts toward Jesus! In our role with children, whether as a parent, teacher, mentor, or childcare worker, it is our job to cultivate a child's natural desire to evangelize their world. This means we should be teaching them early, often, and by example.

## TEACH THEM EARLY

As children start to develop relationships in their neighborhood and school, encourage them to invite friends to church. A very young child may not be able to verbalize the gospel to others, but inviting others to church is something they can do. Bringing their friends to church is often a first step in teaching children how to share the knowledge of Jesus with others.

## TEACH THEM OFTEN

Don't just leave all the teaching to the church. Listening to Christian music and watching Christian movies will saturate a

child's heart and mind with God's word. Pray with them every day and have them take turns praying out loud.

Participate in ministry projects in your community. By doing so, your child will soon come to understand that evangelism is a lifestyle, not just something you do once in a while.

## TEACH THEM BY EXAMPLE

As the saying goes, more is caught than taught. In other words, children will do what they see more often than what they hear. When your child sees the joy and confidence you have in sharing the gospel with others, they will often look for opportunities to imitate that same experience.

Leave gospel tracts at restaurants, wear Christian T-shirts that proclaim God's love, and say "God bless you" to the grocery store cashier. Show your child how even the smallest acts of kindness can help spread the gospel. Help them understand that their own experiences and background, even though they are still young, can be used to help others understand God's love and forgiveness.

Teach your child now, while they are young, to share the gospel of Christ. It will become an invaluable tool as they grow up to serve the Lord in all they do!



Keith & Harlene Hill

*Keith & Harlene Hill currently serve as division lead house parents on our Jacksonville campus. They have been married for 30 years and have been blessed with two sons, Brian (25) and Curtis (21). They have spent their entire married lives serving together in full-time Christian ministry. Keith has served as a teacher, principal, pastor, and admin-*

*istrator. Harlene has served by his side in both church and school ministries.*

*They have also toured the country speaking at teacher conventions and directing international student conventions. The Lord led them to the Florida Baptist Children's Homes in 2007.*



# our campus & volunteer needs

**basic needs for all campuses:** Please contact a campus near you if you can help.

**Cleaning Supplies**  
Dish Sponges W/Scratchers  
Kitchen Garbage Bags  
(Tall Drawstring -13 & 55 Gallon)  
Laundry Detergent  
Dishwasher Soap (Liquid Cascade)  
Laundry Soap  
(For High Efficiency Washers)

**Sandwich And Freezer Bags**  
(1 Qt & 1 Gallon)  
**Paper Products**  
(Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Etc.)  
**Deodorant** (For Male & Female)  
**Shampoo & Conditioner**  
**Hair Mousse/Gel**  
**Toothpaste**

**Q-Tips**  
**Liquid Body Soap & Hand Soap**  
**Socks**  
(Male & Female, All Sizes Except Infant)  
**Underwear**  
**Diapers, Pull-Ups & Baby Wipes**  
**Luggage & Duffle Bags**  
**Sun Screen & After Sun Lotion**

**Towels** (Bath & Kitchen)  
**Vacuum Cleaners** (Heavy Duty)  
**Gift Cards For Walmart, Target, Books-A-Million**  
**Gift Cards For Activities**  
(Bowling, Movies, Restaurants, Etc.)

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(Preferably Someone Who Is Certified In This Area)  
Tutoring  
Volunteer Coordinator

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Teen Devotional Books  
Water Shoes

Spanish Bibles & Books  
Sports Equipment  
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Tractor (18+ HP)  
Vertical File Cabinet (w/Lock)  
White Vinegar

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Swim Goggles

**MIAMI VOLUNTEER NEEDS**  
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Clothing 2t-5t (Underwear And Socks Included)  
Cribs (Stationary)  
Honda 5.5 Pressure Washer  
Pack And Play (2)  
Rock Gravel For Road  
Stihl Pole Saw (Telescope)  
Stihl 20" Hedge Trimmer  
Stihl Heavy Duty String Trimmer  
Strollers

**JACKSONVILLE VOLUNTEER NEEDS**  
Cleaning (Stripping & Waxing Floors)  
Maintenance (Grounds Work, Painting, Small Construction Items)

**LAKELAND VOLUNTEER NEEDS**  
Coordinate Recreational Activities  
Grounds & Maintenance  
Office/Clerical  
Organize And Sort Donated Items

**MIAMI CAMPUS**  
**(305) 271-4121**  
Cameras (Disposable)  
Flip Flops  
Gift Cards For Water Rapids & Lion Country Safari  
Patio Furniture  
Patio Storage Bin (X-Large)

**ORPHAN'S HEART (MIAMI) (INTERNATIONAL CHILDCARE)**  
**(305) 271-4121**  
A&D Ointment  
Baby Shampoo, Lotion & Wash  
Crib Sheets  
Children's Shoes & Clothing  
Diapers And Wipes  
Gloves For Changing Diapers  
School Supplies

**TALLAHASSEE VOLUNTEER NEEDS**  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Volunteer For Commissary  
Volunteer For Library

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