

THE SACRED PORTION CHILDREN'S OUTREACH

A Child Caring Ministry

*"And you . . . shall rejoice in all the good which the Lord your God has given you and your household. And you . . . shall say before the Lord your God, I have removed the sacred portion from my house, and have given it to . . . the orphan according to all thy commandments which thou hast commanded me . . . I have listened to the voice of the Lord my God."
Deuteronomy 26: 11, 12 & 14*

Our Mission



The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing for the needy children of the world who are without homes or families.

Formerly known in our community as Southwood Child and Family Education Center, the organization was directly involved for 22 years in the development and operation of an early childhood program. In 1997 the organization passed the care and continuation of that program into another's hands and the founders, Craig and Jan Druckenmiller, turned their hearts towards serving a more needy population of the world's children.

The organization, as part of its new mission seeks to assist facilities that care for orphaned and abandoned children in providing healthy, secure environments in which these children can grow and develop as normally as possible.

A Portion of Learning: The Children of Hope Preschool Project

In October, 1998, a first door of opportunity was opened to travel to Cebu City in the Philippines to visit the Children's Shelter of Cebu. The Children's Shelter of Cebu was founded in 1979 by four Minnesotans who left for Cebu to join a group of Filipinos who shared their vision for a ministry to homeless children. Over the years, God has greatly blessed their efforts and they currently care for 72 children ranging from infants to teenagers, including some with special needs. Their facilities consist of two beautiful homes where the children reside and, most recently, a new school, all provided through the generous gifts of friends from around the world.



The children at CSC come from many different circumstances. Some were abandoned - others were surrendered by their birth par-

ent(s). Still others were orphaned. Some were found living on the street. Some may stay for only a few



months, while for others CSC will become their permanent home. Many of the children are sick and malnourished when they first come to the shelter. Through proper nutrition and medical care they begin to thrive in an environment where they feel safe and are given a chance to be healthy and happy. They are surrounded by the love of the staff and workers and taught about a loving God who cares for them.

In addition to providing the basic necessities of food, clothing, and shelter, the Children's Shelter of Cebu is committed to meeting the educational needs of the children in their care. They recognize the importance of providing learning

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A Portion of Learning

opportunities for even the youngest children in order to prevent developmental delays and to lay a good foundation for future learning. It is in this area that our organization, The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach, has proposed to assist the Children's Shelter of Cebu. Because of our past involvement in early childhood programs, we bring a wealth of experience, knowledge and expertise to offer CSC in implementing an early learning program as a component of the care they provide for their children.

Our Visit To Cebu

During our stay in Cebu we had the opportunity to spend much time interacting with the children. Each morning we collected the preschoolers from the homes and walked up to the new Children of Hope School to do some activities with them. Language did not seem to be much of a barrier as the children delighted in baking cookies, finger painting with



shaving cream, marching to music and listening to stories. We certainly did have fun. At the end of our time each morning with the children, we would hear their little voices chime together asking, "Balik me?" Puzzled as to what they were saying, Alex, one of the five year olds, acted as interpreter and explained that the children were asking, "Will we come back?"

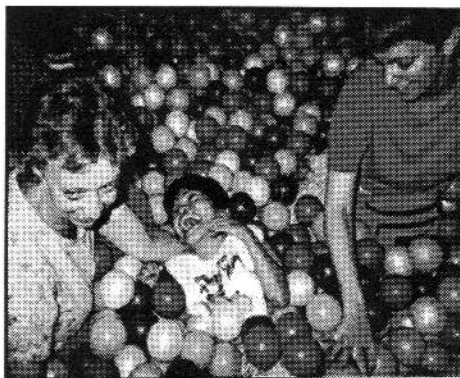
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Some additional highlights included an American style hot dog and marshmallow roast over a bon fire, a field trip to a Butterfly Museum with the school age children, and an outing to the mall with the preschoolers.



Nine little Filipino children, including one in a wheel chair, parading through the mall with five American adults drew some puzzled stares from people wondering who we were and what we were doing there. We explored the toy department, had rides on the token operated animals, played in a maze and ball pit and ended our trip with French fries at Jolly B's.

In addition to spending time with the children, while we were there we also demonstrated some hands on learning activities for the staff and introduced a training program for the child care workers. Overall, it was a very meaningful experience and our time was well spent in becoming familiar with the culture as well as the services provided by CSC.



Our Goals For This Project

- To raise funds to purchase equipment and materials needed to develop learning environments for the infants, toddlers and preschoolers at CSC.
- To develop a preschool curriculum and teaching materials that can be used effectively by the CSC staff.
- To adapt child development training modules to the language, culture and setting of CSC. Through this training program the child care workers will develop a basic understanding of how children learn and will increase their skills in interacting with and providing a stimulating environment for the infants and toddlers.

Once our tasks on this end are completed our plan is to return to Cebu in February and spend approximately one month setting up the early learning program and implementing the training curriculum for the workers.

Ways You Can Be Involved

We invite your participation in this exciting project to provide a "portion of learning" for the children at CSC. Your involvement might include contributing towards the cost of one or more items on the list of needed equipment and materials, assisting in making teaching materials for the preschool program, or simply praying for this project and the children at CSC. Whatever your level of involvement, God is honored as you give your "sacred portion" to those whom the Bible calls the "fatherless". It is through you that God's heart is poured out and His hand extended to the needy children of the world.



THE CHILDREN OF HOPE PRESCHOOL & EARLY LEARNING PROJECT



Thoughtful consideration has been given to the equipment and materials for this project in regards to durability and learning value. If you are interested in contributing towards the cost of one or more of the needs on this list, please check the item(s) you wish to provide, fill in the information on the reverse side and return this page to our address. For multiples needed of the same item, please indicate how many you would like to provide.

We will furnish you with a tax deductible receipt.

FURNITURE

- ___ Classroom Table \$131
- ___ Block Play Shelf \$167
- ___ Manipulatives Shelf \$191

IMAGINATIVE PLAY

- ___ Kitchen Set \$191
- ___ Small Table \$ 83
- ___ Play Dishes \$ 30
- ___ Dolls (5) \$ 30 ea.
- ___ Doll house/furniture \$ 50
- ___ Dress-Up Unit \$ 97
- ___ Puppet Stage \$ 83
- ___ Rocking Boat \$107

BLOCK PLAY

- ___ Plastic Bricks \$ 90
- ___ Vinyl Animals (4 sets) \$ 23 ea.
- ___ Cars & Trucks \$ 60
- ___ Traffic Signs \$ 25
- ___ Play Mat \$ 25
- ___ Play Scenes (2) \$ 28 ea.



SAND & WATER PLAY

- ___ Sand/Water Table \$100
- ___ Waterworks Set \$ 60

SKILL DEVELOPMENT

- ___ Puzzles (many) \$ 9 ea.
- ___ Pegboards & Pegs (5) \$ 12 ea.
- ___ Stringing Beads \$ 31
- ___ Attribute Buttons \$ 17
- ___ Dressing Frames (5) \$ 13 ea.
- ___ Match/Sort (4 sets) \$ 26 ea.
- ___ Simple Games (4) \$ 10 ea.

LANGUAGE/MATH

- ___ Books (many) \$ 5 ea.
- ___ Felt Board \$ 25
- ___ Felt Sets (5) \$ 20 ea.
- ___ Computer Games (3) \$ 20 ea.

ART



- ___ Painting Easels (2) \$ 45 ea.
- ___ Paint Sets (2) \$ 15 ea.
- ___ Painting Aprons (5) \$ 5 ea.

MUSIC

- ___ Rhythm Instruments \$ 55
- ___ Cassette Tapes (5) \$ 12 ea.

ACTIVE PLAY

- ___ Balls (set of 8) \$ 20
- ___ Bean Bags \$ 16
- ___ Riding Toys (5) \$ 25 ea.

INFANT/TODDLER TOYS

- ___ Crib Mobiles (4) \$ 20 ea.
- ___ Grasping Toys (15) \$ 6 ea.
- ___ Soft Animals Set \$ 18
- ___ Activity Gym (2) \$ 30 ea.
- ___ Activity Walker (2) \$ 20 ea.
- ___ Busy Boxes (2) \$ 13 ea.
- ___ Bead Ball (2) \$ 9 ea.
- ___ Stacking Rings (2) \$ 4 ea.
- ___ Sorting Boxes (2) \$ 7 ea.
- ___ Nesting Boxes (2) \$ 13 ea.
- ___ Clutch Balls (6) \$ 6 ea.
- ___ Sturdy Books (many) \$ 7 ea.
- ___ Push/Pull Toys (4) \$ 10 ea.
- ___ Simple Cars/Trucks (6) \$ 8 ea.
- ___ Simple Builders (2 sets) \$ 10 ea.
- ___ Soft Blocks (2 sets) \$ 65 ea.
- ___ Mirrors (2) \$ 50 ea.
- ___ Climbing Platform (2) \$350 ea.
- ___ Tunnel (2) \$100 ea.



TEACHING MATERIALS

- ___ Resource Books (5) \$ 20 ea.
- ___ Theme Boxes (12) \$ 30 ea.
- ___ Training Curriculum \$ 94

OTHER NEEDS

___ I would like to contribute \$ _____ towards the salary of a preschool teacher/trainer to be hired by the Children's Shelter of Cebu in consultation with The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach.

___ I would like to contribute \$ _____ towards the cost of shipping, travel, and other expenses of this project.

___ I am interested in helping to make teaching materials for the preschool program.

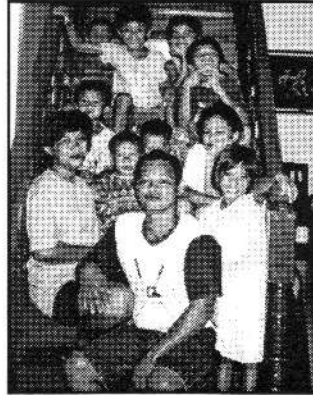
___ I will commit to praying for this project and for the children of Cebu.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____

I have enclosed a check in the amount of \$ _____ for the needs I have indicated.

Please make check payable and return to: **The Sacred Portion Children's Outreach**
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