



The AFO Newsletter!!!!

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WELCOME

Our newsletter will help us keep all our friends and supporters up to date with the latest AFO news, project updates, great opportunities to help kids in developing countries and who's helping us.

But....we need a name for our monthly communication. If you have any ideas on what we can call it please send us an email. You could have the thrill of seeing your idea appear in your mailbox each month.

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What Makes Aussies for Orphans unique?

♥ *Our aim is to provide supportive living environments for orphaned and vulnerable children and their communities, around the world. Instead of us "re-creating the wheel" the committee of AFO has made a commitment to support 'in country' organisations to do what they do best; support the needs of orphaned and vulnerable children. Our goals are to thoroughly assess each project prior to funding and to guarantee that 100% of all tax deductible donations go directly to our nominated projects.*
[Read our story on how it all began & more about what makes AFO unique.](#)

Aussies for Orphans Existing Projects

♥ *A representative from AFO will personally assess each project (they self fund their trips) before funding is allocated. Our projects have a strong Australian connection which aids in the successful monitoring of each project.*

Sri Lanka – 2005 - Home Of Hope, Kandy, Sri Lanka

AFO provided the funding for a home for 24 boys within an existing orphanage.

Kenya - 2006-2007 - Mbagathi Farm School, Mbagathi, Kenya

AFO provided funding for a boarding home at the farm school for 35 girls.

Malawi – 2006- Ongoing - Adziwa Orphan Project, Kauma Village, Malawi

AFO provided funding for two houses for families of 10, and 4 new class rooms.

Kenya – 2008- Ongoing - Nakuru Baby Orphanage, Nakuru, Kenya

AFO provided funding for 3 class rooms in their brand new school

Tanzania – 2008 – current - Kesho Leo Children's Village, Arusha, Tanzania

AFO funded 6 sleeping 'bomas' at a new village for mamas and children.

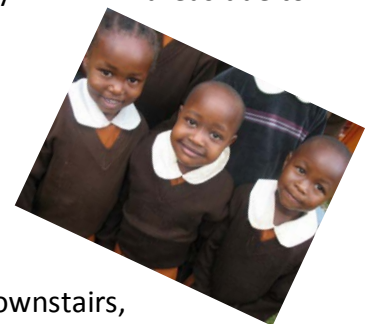
Feedback from our supported projects...

♥ *Part of an update letter received from Mbagathi Farm School in Kenya in March...*

"Here in Kenya we are eagerly waiting for the rains that are due at the end of March, the air tells us they are very close. Last season's crops failed in many areas due to poor rains, many people are hungry in the country.

Only recently the eldest of two brothers in Class One said to a teacher on a Monday, 'Do you know the last meal I had was the one I had at school last week?'. Some families can reach a point where they cannot get enough food to give to their children, this is difficult to imagine.

Our school continues to grow, our girls boarding is overfull with some extra girls in each room and some in the common room downstairs, despite this the area is spacious and they are happy to have a safe and secure place to be. The children are bubbling with health. The children that benefit from the girl's boarding house are thirty-four; they come from a wide variety of backgrounds. We send our greeting to you all from our School here in Mbagathi Kenya and thank you for your support and hard work...." J Brown – School Co-ordinator.



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What is Coffee For Life?

Coffee for Life is a fundraising project unique to Aussies for Orphans. AFO is encouraging people to donate the cost of one cup of coffee, \$3 a week, to help improve the lives of orphaned and vulnerable children around the world. Our goal is to raise enough money each year to enable us to fund at least two projects annually.

By joining coffee for life and telling your friends about it we will quickly reach this goal. \$3.00pw; the price of one cup of coffee; it's that simple.

[For more information about how to get involved with Coffee For Life Visit the website.](#) Or [Download the brochure.](#)



Fundraising for the Kids

Here is an opportunity for you and your friends to have your own fundraiser so that you can contribute to improving the lives of children who need assistance. You will be able to see how the money you have raised has been spent and how it has benefited the children. We can help you with fundraising ideas and the logistics of holding a fundraiser. Make it fun.

♥ *Big or small, every dollar makes a difference. AFO personally ensures that every tax deductible donation goes directly to our chosen projects.*



What's coming up

Coffee for life function – Lennox Head

July 09 - Janelle, Sue & Deanna from AFO are holding a coffee and chocolate indulgence get-together with their friends (and new friends), with the money raised going directly to AFO's projects (and you get to eat really yum chocolate). An event not to be missed...

Wanna come?

Email us on info@aussiesfororphans.org or PH: 1300 887403

Coffee for life day

A great way for coffee shops to promote their business

Invitations to local coffee shops are currently being delivered outlining the benefits of participating in our first CFL day (July 09).

This will be a unique community event where a percentage of cups of coffee sold on the day are generously donated to Aussies for Orphans projects. In return we will promote your business and help you sell coffees. If you would like to be part of AFO's inaugural Coffee for Life day please contact Jennica

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Photographic exhibition - Ballina

Later in the year, Aussies for Orphans are organising a photographic exhibition to showcase the unique images captured by volunteers on our visits to projects worldwide. This is a great way of seeing how we are making a difference; catching up with friends over a glass of something and having the opportunity of marketing your business. Stay tuned for more information. If you would like to know more about this fundraiser or you are able to assist us in any way we would love to hear from you.

Please contact Janelle

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For more information on any of these fundraising activities, or if you have an idea of your own we would love to hear from you. You can find us at info@aussiesfororphans.org or PH: 1300 887403



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Who's helping us

Aussies for Orphans would like to acknowledge the support of so many wonderful people involved in helping us make AFO a success.

Featured in this issue are new volunteers, Kim and David Randle from Manly NSW.

How did you hear about us? magazine article

Why did you get involved with AFO? We met Sue and Steve from AFO and were inspired by the passion that AFO has for helping children in developing countries. We knew that by becoming involved with AFO we could help make a difference and improve children's lives.

What things are you doing to help AFO? After recently volunteering at an Orphanage in Mexico, we returned with a commitment to helping this organisation support the children. With the support of AFO and our friends Tara and Ellice, we will be raising funds and promoting AFO within Manly and in the Sydney area. We are excited about how we will be able to help the project in Tijuana.

A special thanks also goes to Kim & David for giving us the exciting news that the prestigious law firm **Clayton Utz** in Sydney will be providing Aussies for Orphans with pro bono legal advice. We would like to say a HUGE thank you to them all for their generosity and support.

<http://www.claytonutz.com/>

If you have a project that you support and that is close to your heart we would love to hear about it.

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How you can help

We are always thinking about new ways to financially support our chosen projects. So we don't overwhelm you we will put a few in each newsletter.

Volunteering

Not everyone can make the huge move of volunteering in a third world country but there are so many other ways you can help improve the life of a disadvantaged child. A major part of what AFO does to help children in developing countries is to raise funds. We know where the money raised goes and we keep you informed.

♥ *AFO's "Ten Friends" concept- Aussies for Orphans was formed through friendship. Ten friends with the same passion for helping children. Our goal is to expand our groups of 'Ten Friends' throughout Australia and overseas in order to maintain and increase the fabulous achievements of AFO.*

We would like to welcome our new volunteers in Lennox Head, Lismore, Coffs Harbour, Brisbane and Sydney (watch this space for their stories). If you would like to volunteer for AFO contact Sue and have a chat. Maybe you would like to get together with a group of friends, family, work colleagues or even with an existing community group to help us fundraise; we would be pretty excited about hearing from you



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Wish List

Can you help with something on our wish list?

We have so many wishes we would like to fulfil for the children but we will give you just a few each issue. Please contact us if you would like to know more. Every contribution makes a difference.

LARGER OVERSEAS AID PROJECTS:

Kesho Leo Children's Village – Tanzania

We would like to fund the fit out of their new health clinic

Nakuru Baby Orphanage – Kenya

We would like to pay for the 1st stage of their school to be completed.

SMALLER OVERSEAS AID PROJECTS:

Kesho Leo Children's Village

We would like to help fit out the sleeping bomas (home for a mama & 5 children) and here are just a few of the costs;

- ♥ **\$120** to buy blankets for one kesho family (house mama and five children), or \$20 to buy one blanket for one kesho resident
- ♥ **\$25** to buy mozzie nets for one kesho family (house mama and five children), or \$5 to buy one mozzie net for one kesho resident
- ♥ **\$60** to buy pillow cushions for one kesho family (house mama and five children), or \$10 to buy one pillow cushion for one kesho resident
- ♥ **\$40** to buy material and pay a mama to make curtains for her own kesho family (house mama and five children)

Also if you have some time on your hands, lots of energy and a great sense of humour and would like to directly contribute to help us running our fabulous organisation please see our [Positions Vacant section on our website](#).

Contact Us

If you have anything you would like to tell us, any suggestions to make, any praise to give, anything really, just drop us a line on info@aussiesfororphans.org or PH: 1300 887403

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