

BRING JOY TO A CHILD'S WORLD



THE FORGOTTEN CHILDREN'S FUND

MISSION STATEMENT

MINDFUL OF THOSE CHILDREN WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HARDSHIP DUE TO INCOME LEVEL, ILLNESS, INJURY OR DISABILITY: IT IS OUR MISSION TO DO WHAT WE CAN TO MAKE THEIR LIVES HAPPIER AND MORE MEANINGFUL

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TELL ME MORE...

Christmas, they say, is for kids. But for many children, Christmas is the saddest time of the year. So it was with a boy named Craig who wrote a letter to Santa Claus in December 1976. That letter never reached Santa, but it did reach peoples hearts!

From that night, the Forgotten Children's Fund has grown into a group of dedicated people who enhance the true spirit of Christmas through the gift of sharing.

Every year, FCF volunteers work together to purchase, wrap and deliver gifts to needy children and their families. There are some small administrative costs, but help is primarily volunteer. All money collected goes directly to needy children and because of supplier relationships, each dollar contributed is stretched to it's fullest.



All children receive gifts, clothing and warm winter coats. The gifts are delivered by volunteer Santas and elves on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.



Families are selected on the basis of need. Typically, the families we help are not assisted by other public or charitable organizations. Each family is contacted to determine special needs along with names and ages of each child. In some cases, help extends beyond presents to include grocery, fuel or utility expenses.



A FORGOTTEN CHILDREN'S FUND CHRISTMAS

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The Forgotten Children's Fund is a non-profit, IRS approved 501(c)3 tax deductible charity (#91-1009445) that began in 1976 and has, over the years, provided a memorable Christmas with new toys, new winter jackets, and food to over 80,000 youngsters and their families.

The summer Ranch and Riding program at the M-C Ranch on Whidbey Island serves a wide array of disadvantaged children and is operated by the Forgotten Children's Fund. It has benefited thousands of youngsters over the years. Visit www.m-bar-c.org for more info.

Your donation to the Forgotten Children's Fund is deeply appreciated and will be wisely and prudently used.



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A CHILD WROTE A LETTER AND A CITY RESPONDED

Craig, the boy who wrote this letter, has never been identified, in spite of an extensive effort to locate him. But the accidental delivery of the letter to a Seattle restaurant resulted in the formation of the Forgotten Children's Fund, which continues helping children like Craig every Christmas.



Christmas is Real...

On the night before Christmas, standing in his bare feet on the cold floor of a modest North End apartment, 6-year-old Colin hugged Santa Claus and said: "I just *knew* you'd be here."

"It was at that moment that I really understood the true meaning of Christmas. A lot of things I saw that night broke my heart, but something about bringing Santa Claus to these children made it all worth while. I have never had a Christmas like this in my life."

- *Santa's Helper*; age 25

Dear Santa
got lost last year and
couldn't find your way
to our house we wrilly
mist you asphely my little
sisters please come
this year Santa we
are beaing very good
momma sai's you'll
get lost agian mybe
so hear is a map
love, crig ps. dont
leav any thig for
dady becuse he isht
hear anymore

Making a Difference...

In 1976, the Forgotten Children's Fund helped 85 children in 21 families. We're currently serving more than 2,800 children in over 800 families. For more information, please visit our website.

...and now we need **YOUR** help!

Donation Card Forgotten Children's Fund

I am enclosing my donation in the amount of \$ _____

Donors Name: _____

Address: _____

Special Instructions _____

My gift will be matched by _____

CREDIT CARD DONATIONS ARE AVAILABLE

Please bill my donation to:

Visa Mastercard

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Name on Card: _____

Address of Cardholder: _____

Signature: _____

Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent provided by law.



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