



R & C Jones Memorial Fund

"The light shines in darkness and darkness has not overcome it" Jn 1:5

Brief History of the Fund

The R & C Jones Memorial Fund in its latest incarnation was established in 2014. However, at its roots is a nonprofit formed in 2000 (Rosetta and Cornelius Jones Scholarship Fund) whose purpose was to provide educational aid to severely handicapped girls in Africa. Since then, our mandate has grown to *include support of orphanages, medical research, victims of natural disasters*, just to name a few. We hope and pray to be able to continue to help provide resources to address other issues affecting people in need.

HOMELESS STUDENTS

Unfortunately, there is the problem in far too many of our contemporary societies of homelessness. This deplorable situation has a devastating impact on many children and their families. In Florida, with its yearly warm weather, homelessness is very prevalent. In Hernando County, there is a homeless population of at least eight or nine hundred homeless children and youth. The Public School System has an initiative called "Students and Families in Transition", a program that deals with the needs of homeless students living with families or living alone.

For the past few years, The R and C Jones Memorial Fund has worked with the "Students and Families in Transition Program" to provide Thanksgiving Meals and groceries to these homeless students and their families. We not only use donor funds, but also solicit food donations through local partners, such as Publix Stores.



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Thanksgiving (2022) Meals for Homeless Students and Families in Hernando County FL

Newsletter Spotlight



PROJECT

Nazareth House /Orphaned Children

(Johannesburg, S.A.)



In the city of Johannesburg, South Africa, there is a facility that houses and cares for the aged and orphaned children. Caring for needy children has always been at the heart of the R and C Jones Fund. Actually, that was the initial impetus for starting the Fund back in the beginning. After visiting Nazareth House and meeting the children, we provide for some of the needs for the children a few times a year.

In the last quarter of 2022, the Fund was able to donate requested supplies and needs to help the orphanage provide for the children. We bought baby formula, diapers and wipes for infants and toddlers: soaps, shampoo, Petroleum Jelly, tooth paste and brushes, hair care products, cough syrup, etc. for the children. We plan on continuing to assist throughout the upcoming years.



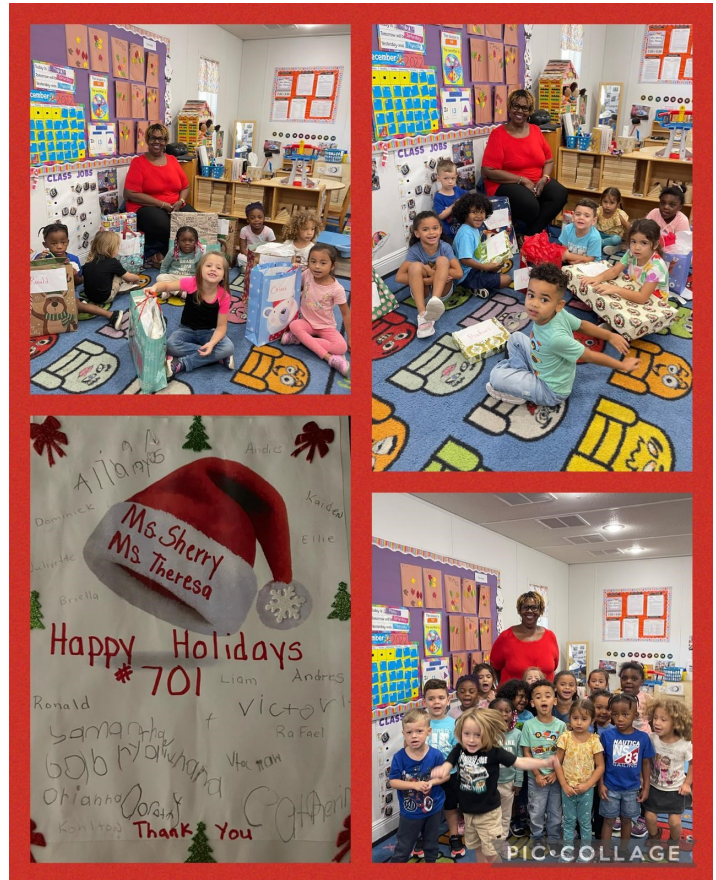
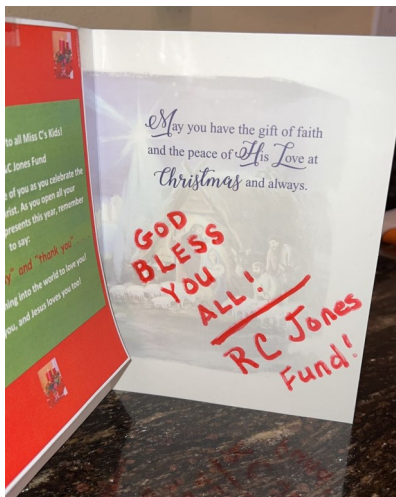
The Fund and Christmas 2022

2022 CHRISTMAS GIVING

As we do seasonally, The R and C Jones Memorial Fund gets into the Spirit of Christmas by gift giving and by spreading joy to those we can. This 2022, we participated in three projects.

Adopting A Classroom and A Local Childcare Center For Christmas

We have started a yearly tradition of providing Christmas presents to the children in a Head Start Program (in cooperation with The Family Advocate Program) in Hernando County, Florida. We also love to give gifts to Ms C's Childcare Center!



Support for the Residents of Noble Senior Living Facility, Brooksville, FL

Noble is a Senior Home that provides long term care and Hospice Care, with many of the residents needing financial support and assistance. Our Fund supported two programs this year at Noble. For one, we were happy to supply a requested Christmas Tree and holiday decorations to spread some holiday cheer to the lobby and public areas of the Home. The 12 ft. tree was decorated by Noble residents and staff, with many of the ornaments made by the residents.



Too many of the residents at Noble House are living far below the poverty line. After they pay their room and board, there's hardly anything left for daily living needs, like personal hygiene supplies. The Jones Fund provided a one-time gift to the facility to make the day-to-day lives of the needy residents easier. We bought shampoo, deodorant, lotions, tooth brushes and paste, soaps, etc. to be dispersed to those in need. We're hoping to make the donation more than just a one time a year donation.



Supporting Mission Work Both Home and Abroad!

ELDER AND PASTOR JANICE JORDAN MISSION

Sometimes we see people engaged in supporting needy causes and we want to provide what help we can. Last year, we were so impressed by the work that Elder and Pastor Janice Jordan were doing in the Florence South Carolina area. Their ministry work with the homeless, imprisoned, hungry, and displaced women shows so much compassion. The Fund made a one-time donation of \$300 to their church, Christian Love Tabernacle II. We say "Thanks" for the great work that you do.

UKRAINE CRISIS SUPPORT

The Fund wanted to help in the humanitarian crisis going on in Ukraine. We sent a \$350.00 charitable donation in support of those so severely affected by the Ukraine-Russia war.

Note From COO: *Thank you for reading our newsletter; we're committed to staying true to our Fund's mission, and we greatly appreciate any support you give. To donate a tax-deductible contribution in any amount, please tap the DONATE button at the bottom of any page on our website: rcjones.org or contact us using the Contact Page on our website. Our email address is: rcjonesmemorialfund@gmail.com*

Thank You, and God Bless,

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