



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.



Nazareth House Orphanage Support, Johannesburg S.A.

Newsletter Spotlight

RECENT PROJECTS

DISASTER RELIEF—We are seeing the beginning of a new year! 2021 brought great hardship to many people around the globe, with a world health pandemic, massive climate and earth upheavals and many natural disasters. Now, 2022 is upon us, and we here at the Fund are as determined as ever to continue our stated mission of aiding those who are less fortunate whenever and where ever we can. During the latter part of 2021, our generous Fund donors and members have done the following:

- Participated in donating over a thousand dollars in funds to natural disasters relief efforts. We've donated hundreds of dollars to help in the most recent tornado outbreak in December, 2021, in the Central, Southern, and Midwestern United States. We sent aid because this storm caused catastrophic damage and fatalities to many areas and affected many people.
- The Fund also donated substantial relief funds to devastation brought about by Hurricane Ida in August through September, 2021. This tropical cyclone caused record damage in Louisiana and much loss of life.
- Finally, in 2021, we made a donation of hundreds of dollars through World Relief to their Haiti Disaster Response effort. The devastating earthquake and then Tropical Storm Grace left unimaginable damage and loss of life, once again, in one of the poorest countries in the world.

PROJECT

The Dawn Center Shelter Support

The Dawn Center is a local (Spring Hill, FL) shelter for victims of domestic and sexual abuse. Its mission is stated as: *“To break the cycle of domestic and sexual violence by providing supportive services and leadership that promotes social change.”* They have a shelter for victims. Our Fund provided a donation of recurring needed supplies to this shelter. This donation included sets of new, hotel quality bed linens, children’s disposable diapers, institutional quantities of laundry detergent, and other cleaning supplies. We hope to be able to aid the Dawn Center in the future.



NAZARETH HOUSE ORPHANAGE—Donation and Visit

We are happy to report a continuation of donating requested recurring supply needs to help support the orphanage in Johannesburg S.A. Over the years, we have made numerous visits to spend some time with the children and their caregivers. We are fortunate this year that one of our Fund members (Phyllis Jones-Changa) and a group of her supportive friends could go there and personally greet the children and converse with their care-givers.

The visiting group were delighted to take supplies of fresh produce, as well as requested childcare supplies, baby formula, disposable diapers, wipes, and soaps, shampoo, and other personal hygiene needs. It was a good, successful visit. We hope to continue to help supply needs in the future.



Thanksgiving 2021—Season of Giving Food to the Hungry

Helping to provide food to those who find it a struggle to obtain it, we feel is something we all who are fortunate to have an abundance of food can do. Thanksgiving in the U.S. is a traditional season when we stop to give thanks for God’s generosity of provision and to respond by providing food to others.



In conjunction with our local (Hernando County, FL) school district Title IX program for “students and families in transition,” our Fund was happy to provide a nutritious Thanksgiving meal and bags of groceries and Gift Cards for 35-40 needy members of our community.

2021 CHRISTMAS GIVING

In keeping with the season of charitable giving this Christmas, 2021, The Fund participated in a number of charitable events/projects:

1. Donated funds for socks and thermal T-Shirts for the men incarcerated at the Florence County Detention Center in Florence, South Carolina. The Sheriff’s Office and the group of volunteer chaplains expressed great appreciation on behalf of the men.
2. Donated funds to The Whosoever Will Homeless Shelter in Florence, South Carolina, to aid in their food mission of providing meal vouchers for the hungry.
3. Supported Gift Giving initiatives in the local Hernando County, Florida, community: Head Start Program’s Christmas initiative by “adopting” a classroom to provide Christmas gifts to the children; Carter’s Family Home Care Center; local Pastors’ initiative to provide needy children in the community with Christmas gifts.



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Thank You, and God Bless,

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