



R & C Jones Memorial Fund

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

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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.



The Baltimore City Winter Homeless Project

Newsletter Spotlight

Most Recent Fund Projects-2021

The Nazareth House Orphanage Cold Weather Project—Johannesburg, S.A.

Many people don't know it, but it gets very chilly in Johannesburg in the winter/cold season, especially at night. When we thought of the thirty+ children who live at Nazareth House, we decided to provide some warm pajamas, cozy sleeping slipper-socks, and sweatshirts/jumpers for the children.

At the behest of the caretaking team at Nazareth House, we also were able to donate nappies/diapers, baby wipes, and baby food/formula. We plan on providing support quarterly for diapers.



Project: Homeless in Baltimore (Winter 2021)

Homelessness has plagued the city of Baltimore for a very long time. Of course this is true for many urban areas not just in the U.S., but in many other places around the globe. However we look at it, whatever we may debate as to causes and remedies, we each must decide for ourselves our personal response to this sad situation.

The Fund has agreed to help out some of those without a home, living on the streets, sleeping in make-shift shelters. The dead of winter is especially hard, as we read of some "street person" frozen to death after a particularly cold night.

With this in mind, a small team, headed by the Baltimore contingency of The Fund (mostly youth), put together and distributed bags of necessities for people living on the streets of the city. They distributed warm hats, scarves, gloves, socks, as well as sturdy ponchos against the rain or against the hard, cold, ground.

A Phase II of the project is due to begin soon, focusing on the particular needs of homeless women.



(Editorial)

The Fund and Faith-Based-Organizations (FBOs):

Our Partnership and Collaboration with FBOs

The mission of the RCJONES Memorial Fund is to provide assistance in support of the efforts of people and organizations that seek to address the needs of the poorest members of society. As such, there is an obvious nexus between our goals and those of Faith-based organizations (FBOs).

An ever-present and tangible manifestation of voluntary community service and civic engagement in our society, these solid and trustworthy community organizations should be seen as an integral and vital part of every community rather than separate and apart from them. In sharp contrast to the deeply ingrained lessons on the separation of church and state which have been long codified by our founding fathers, R&C Jones supports a solid and necessary connection between both.

The advantages are both obvious and significant:

-FBOs have significant competence as well as knowledge to contribute. This advantage is born out of a history of providing charitable services and support as a biblical mandate.

-They provide access to the communities we seek to serve because they are trusted and well-known cornerstones of the community.

-By partnering and collaborating with churches and other community FBOs it becomes possible to double the outreach efforts of both organizations.

-As opposed to competing with other likeminded organizations for the target population with limited resources, we are able to increase our community outreach contribution by combining organizational resources and efforts.

-Personal resources are enhanced as well, as organizational committee members join and work together in accomplishing various aspects of projects sharing knowledge and expertise.

-Finally, a very significant advantage of R&C Jones partnership and collaboration with FBOs has been the seamless philosophical intersection provided by the faith aspect of both organizations. They share our deeply held core values and fundamental beliefs. -The reach out partnership to those in poverty provides both organizations opportunities to demonstrate God's love in action and see lives transformed and families restored. This is the very valuable and obvious nexus between our organizational mission and that of Faith-based organizations.

R & C Jones Memorial Fund continues to stand united with FBOs in the local, national and international communities in the fight against poverty and the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all people.

Dr. Janice M. Brooks

Fund Chaplain

The R & C Jones Fund Supports SAKILA

In an effort to provide hunger relief to the Children of Sakila Village in Tanzania, Africa, we were able to participate in Sakila's Annual food drive for their Primary and Secondary Schools.

Through their Sponsorship Program, we were able to donate one ton of beans and one ton of corn. As the Sakila organization notes: "It is nearly impossible to learn properly, while experiencing hunger..."

We agree, and hope and pray to be able to participate in the food drive in the coming years.

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Nazareth House, Johannesburg,
2018

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Thank You, and God Bless,

Dr. Avis T. Jones-Petlane, COO

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