

# Hannah's Treasure Chest



*To enrich the lives of children in need by providing clothing, furniture and toys.*

## **Spirit of Giving Charity Auction to Benefit Hannah's Treasure Chest**

Going once, going twice, SOLD!!!!

These are the words you'll hear when you attend the New Friends Club 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Charity Auction - Spirit of Giving. The auction is being held on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Moraine (Gerhardt) Civic Center. Admission to the auction is a new unwrapped toy for any age child. There will be delicious light refreshments, raffles and auctions.

An exciting time will be had by all again this year with Tim Lile of Innovative Auctions, Inc. as auctioneer. The pace is fast and furious as Tim keeps the action rolling during the auction. Beautiful themed baskets and creative items will be up for auction. Raffle tickets will be available for the chance to win a stunning fall quilt. For more information, contact Carol Moody at 937-434-2505. Sneak peeks for this event will be posted online at [www.hannahstreasure.org](http://www.hannahstreasure.org).

## **School Change for Children Challenge**

The school Change for Children Challenge will take place the first two weeks of October. Coordination with Centerville City Schools is underway to see which elementary school can collect the most funds.

The Change for Children Challenge is two-fold. Each classroom will be provided with a Change for Children canister. The children will bring in their coins and bills to fill the canisters. The canisters will be collected each week, and the results of each classroom's collection will be announced. The classroom at each school with the highest money collection over the two-week period will win a pizza party. Prizes will also be awarded to the second and third place classrooms. The second part of the Challenge is to see which school can collect the most money. The winning school will receive a trophy and bragging rights.

At the end of the last school year, Ida Weller and Normandy schools participated. The Alpha Clubs at both schools managed the program. A total of \$2,764.49 was collected, with Normandy winning the Challenge. Both schools had so much fun participating in the Challenge, they decided to participate again this year and invited additional schools to participate. The decision was also made to change the dates of the Challenge to the first two weeks of October.

The Change for Children Challenge is ON!!!!

## Giving Angels Set to Serve Over 1600 Children This Holiday Season

Summer is over, the children are back in school, the days are shorter and the temperatures are cooler. It must be time to start thinking about the holiday season!!! Giving Angels is a Hannah's Treasure Chest program where individuals, groups, organizations and corporations play a part in providing gifts for a child in need during the holiday season.

Last year 1,600 children received 9,190 gifts. This year the need is greater with an estimated 1,800 children to be helped and approximately 10,000 gifts to be distributed.

**Giving Angels sign-up begins October 1<sup>st</sup>. There are many ways to participate.**

**Sponsor a Giving Tree.** Groups, organizations, corporations and businesses are needed to sponsor a Giving Tree at their location. Angels are selected from the tree by your employees or customers, gifts purchased, wrapped and returned to your location. Hannah's Treasure Chest will coordinate pick-up of the gifts and delivery to Hannah's Treasure Chest location.

**Sign up to be a Giving Angel.** Call the Hannah's Treasure Chest office at (937) 438-5039 or email [givingangels@hannahstreasure.org](mailto:givingangels@hannahstreasure.org) to sign up to be a Giving Angel. Please let us know if you want to assist an individual child or family, and if you have a preference for a boy or girl, or a specific age. You will be matched with a child or family, and their profile will be mailed to you by Thanksgiving. The wrapped gifts should be dropped off at Hannah's in Centerville no later than December 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Hannah's Wish List - Now Online

The wish list for Hannah's Treasure Chest is now updated regularly online at [www.hannahstreasure.org](http://www.hannahstreasure.org)

### Astonishing Figures

Hannah's Treasure Chest operates on an annual budget of approximately \$45,000 a year and works with over 47 partner agencies in order to fulfill its mission. The figures are astonishing.

From January through July 2007 Hannah's Treasure Chest distributed 42,065 items.  
Some of these are highlighted below.

<u>Furniture and Equipment</u>	<u>Clothing</u>	<u>Toys and Books</u>
18 Bassinets	402 Coats	3,453 Books
76 Car Seats	1,702 One Piece Outfits	318 Games/Puzzles
51 Cribs and Mattresses	1,061 Onesies	696 School Supplies
31 High Chairs	1,769 Pajamas	2,224 Stuffed Animals
27 Pack-N-Plays	2,939 Pants	3,100 Small Toys
137 Strollers	7,613 Shirts	277 Videos
12 Toddler Beds	1,112 Pairs of Shoes	

The distribution growth rate is staggering. In July 2006 4,816 items were distributed.

During that same month this year, 10,261 items were distributed.

Hannah's Treasure Chest is funded through private and corporate donations and fundraisers.

The need is greater now more than ever!!!

## Volunteer Spotlight - Mary Jo Padderud

What do the Pillsbury Dough Boy, Betty Crocker and Mary Jo Padderud have in common? They all love to bake, and Mary Jo enjoys sharing her love of baking with the Hannah's Treasure Chest volunteers. Besides baking, Mary Jo also enjoys reading and gardening.

Mary Jo and her husband, Eric, who have been married for thirty-nine years, have three married children and six grandchildren. Mary Jo and Eric participate in many activities with their three grandchildren in Springboro. Much of their travel time is spent visiting with their one grandchild in Chicago and two grandchildren in Dallas.

Mary Jo had been looking for a place to volunteer for a while, but nothing seemed right. She saw a volunteer ad for Hannah's Treasure Chest in the newspaper, met with Angela Addington and was hooked. She knew Hannah's Treasure Chest was the place for her. Mary Jo has been a volunteer for over 4 years, volunteering two to three hours every Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. She works at the HTC facility filling orders and sorting, and also works on special projects at home, including monthly stats, Mom's Mart, Giving Angels and Diva's Day Out fundraiser.

Mary Jo loves the mission of HTC, the fact that HTC is an all-volunteer organization, and that Angela's whole family is involved. One of the best things is "working" with all the other volunteers. Mary Jo stated, "You really do meet the nicest people at HTC".

When asked what information Mary Jo would like to share with others, she said, "It's been so satisfying watching HTC grow from its beginning to what it is today AND we're not done yet! I receive more than I give through volunteering at HTC and feel blessed to be involved with such a great organization."

Thanks, Mary Jo, for all of the wonderful, delicious baked items, your energy, enthusiastic smile, and bubbly personality. We at Hannah's Treasure Chest are so fortunate to have you as one of our

## Thank You For Your Support

There are many ways to help Hannah's Treasure Chest. One way is to hold an event on behalf of Hannah's Treasure Chest.

Seventeen employees of the **Berry Company (Kettering)** participated in the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Extreme Community Makeover by volunteering an entire day at Hannah's Treasure Chest. The volunteers worked on special projects including warehouse clean up, winter clothes conversion, and preparation for Giving Angels.

**Children's Orchard (Springboro)**, held a Back-to-School fashion show at Heatherwoode Golf Club on behalf of Hannah's Treasure Chest. Admission to the fashion show was a donation of new school supplies. Three barrels of school supplies were collected which helped provide local children with the supplies they needed to start school.

Kids reigned at Kid's Day at **Grandma's Gardens (Waynesville)**. Events included fishing, games, crafts and horseback riding. Participants contributed their coins in Change for Children canisters. A total of \$326.00 was collected which will be used to help children in need in the Miami Valley.

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[www.hannahstreasure.org](http://www.hannahstreasure.org) is the first place to check for current information about our organization.

The website, maintained by web master Kim Harman, contains a plethora of information.

Information can be obtained concerning our location address, phone number and hours along with "Who We Are", and "How to Help".

Information is also available on "The Latest News" and "Calendar of Events."

If you are interested in donating or purchasing items for Hannah's Treasure Chest, the web site contains our Wish List as well.

You can also sign up for our e-mail updates via the website.