

Christmas  
2009



# The Agape Orphanage Foundation

## Thank You To All Our Friends and Supporters

We are so blessed and grateful for the continued support we get from our loyal donors and supporters. This year, like all the others, has had it's challenges and rewards but with your generous donations we have been able to feed and house 43 children this past year and 10 Malawian staff.

NuSkin held a fundraising event September 25th, 2009. The money raised was used to pay our rent into 2010. We are grateful to Roz Hobbs, Deidrie MacAngus and Ken Purschke for their fundraising efforts on our behalf. Also, thanks to Carell Windgrave, Joe and Charisse for getting up early on a Saturday morning and driving to Red Deer to help out with the event.

The Soroptimist Club has generously underwritten tuition costs so that our children may attend a Christian private school nearby. There the children will receive a

better quality of education and will not have to walk the 7 km to the public school. We continue to employ a teacher at the orphanage who provides them English lessons.

Also, we would be remiss if we did not thank Urban Spirit Rotary Club of Edmonton, one of our regular supporters. Their continued support helps cover the necessities of living such as food, water, fuel, etc.

And last, but not least, are those of you who donate monthly, or via PayPal on our website and at the various churches and groups where Dianne speaks, and those who donate their valuable time to help us with our ongoing fundraising efforts by using their talents and gifts in whatever capacity they see fit.

Without all the 'little people' who care so much for the work

of Agape we could do nothing for these precious young children. With your money and prayers, we have been able to provide them with a home, a family, food, clothing and an education. They have been given a gift, the gift of HOPE.

We pray at this time of year, that you and your family are blessed with love, peace, health and prosperity for the year to come and many more.

Thank you and God bless you for your continued gifts and support.

*Dianne Block and the  
Board of The Agape  
Orphanage Foundation*

[www.agapeorphans.com](http://www.agapeorphans.com)

This summer The Agape Orphanage Foundation launched a new website. The website contains new updated photos of Dianne, the children and staff in Malawi.

Along with the new website we have made it easier to donate to us using PayPal. Pay Pal is a secure and efficient way of donating, using your VISA or MasterCard or

directly from your account. Of course you can always continue to send your cheques or make arrangements to do a pre-authorized monthly payment. All is appreciated.

We also have a new e-mail address:

[Dianne@agapeorphans.com](mailto:Dianne@agapeorphans.com)

Want to be added to our mail list? Send us an e-mail and put in the subject line "add me to the mail list".

Check the website regularly for any upcoming fundraising events.

Our special thanks to Kelly Eros for his help in maintaining the website.



*From  
Our Agape Orphanage Family  
to Yours  
Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year!*

## Good News!

As of March of this year, The Agape Orphanage Foundation attained its Federal Charitable License.

This is a big step for us.

We can now issue Income Tax receipts for donations made in 2009. So if you made a donation this year you will be issued an official tax receipt. These will be mailed out by the end of February 2010 at the latest. If you have not received your receipt by March 5th, 2010, please e-mail me, Deborah Miville c/o [Dianne@agapeorphans.com](mailto:Dianne@agapeorphans.com) or phone me at 780-457-1294.

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**Dianne is available for speaking engagements to your church or group.**

**Please phone Dianne directly at 780-963-6337 for her availability and to make arrangements.**

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## Fundraising

One of our regular donors celebrated her 80th Birthday and asked family and friends to save the price of those expensive greeting cards and donate the money instead to The Agape Orphanage Foundation. She was surprised at the outcome and sent us a cheque from the money raised.

Happy 80th Birthday and thank you for thinking of us on your Special Day.

In the past we have had yard sales, dinners, etc. We need volunteers to help with various fundraising activities.

We rely mostly on Dianne's talks with various churches and groups. Other service and fundraising groups also help us raise money for the children and the running of the orphanage.

If you have skills in fundraising or have some unique ideas to share and/or a few hours to volunteer, e-mail us at

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and let us know what you'd like to do to help.

**Do you have a unique idea for raising funds for The Agape Orphanage Foundation?**

The children are excited to be going back to school this week. They have requested uniforms, shoes, fees, books and book bags. School uniforms cost \$30 per child and each child needs two uniforms a year. Shoes cost \$10.

While supplies and goods are always appreciated, it is easier and cheaper to buy the supplies locally and support the local economy. As such, cash donations would be preferred.

## Dianne's Story in Mosaic Magazine

Dianne Block, the President and Founder of The Agape Orphanage Foundation, was featured in Winter 2009 issue of Mosaic Mind, Body and Spirit Magazine.

Her article, "My Dream of a Better World for Children" tells of why she started the orphanage in Malawi in 2002 with only \$75.

Dianne has come a long way from that time and the orphanage has grown to house 43 children and 10 staff.

To read Dianne's story or find out where you can get your copy of the Mosaic Magazine go to their website at:

[www.ilovemosaicmagazine.com](http://www.ilovemosaicmagazine.com)

