



ANNUAL REPORT 2004



COPTIC
ORPHANS

[*development with* **DIGNITY**]





Dear friends and supporters of Coptic Orphans

When we reflect over the past 17 years of Coptic Orphans' service in Egypt, we are humbled by the amazing growth we have experienced. We realize – but are undaunted by - the immense challenges that we still face ahead. What we learned this year is that with the little we have, Christ can multiply many fold. Today, Coptic Orphans has reached out and helped over 10,500 children since its creation.

In our travels throughout Egypt this past year, we were happy to see that we are meeting the basic needs of the children. However, we realized that there are deeper challenges that we are only beginning to see – that of their self esteem. Why do many of the children have a look of defeat about them? Why do they have no favorite color or even favorite food? Why is it like pulling teeth to get an answer of who is their favorite 'alem Simsim' (Sesame Street) muppet? And most shocking, why did one little girl tell me that she will strangle her little sister, asking "why does she get to go to school while I never had the chance?" How do you begin to build self confidence in children whose lives have been shattered because of poverty or deprivation?

We began with little things - words of encouragement, words of love, and believe it or not, simple items such as a mirror. All these boost their self esteem. We also expanded programs that focused on empowering children, like 1,001 Tales and the Valuable Girl Project. In other words, we stress development with dignity. Throughout this report you will see how each one of our programs is built on the idea that God has given each of His children value and each is worthy of dignity – worthy of personalized attention that is too often missing in their lives.

Such observations – and the steps that we are taking to address them – are examples of a broader transformation of Coptic Orphans from a simple charitable provider to an organization that is beginning to wrestle with larger developmental issues. Thanks to God, Coptic Orphans is now moving towards establishing and expanding more programs – such as the Valuable Girl Project – as well as beginning to provide grants to other organizations to address the fundamental problems of health and education in Egypt.

Coptic Orphans has also grown to reflect the global Egyptian Diaspora. With offices in the United States, Canada, and Australia, we are working to spread awareness of the needs of many in Egypt.

We thank all our supporters and donors for your continued support that enables us to serve God and minister to those among the poor and needy.



Robie Samanta Roy
Chairman of the Board



Nermien Riad
Executive Director



COPTIC ORPHANS *Privacy Policy*

The children being served by Coptic Orphans are held in the utmost regard, particularly when it comes to their dignity and their privacy.

What is Child Privacy?

The children being served and their families must be assured that Coptic Orphans is protecting the integrity of their information, including photographs that are shared about them with the public. We take potential abuse of child photographs on the web and in our publications very seriously. It is for this reason that we do not distribute any of our multimedia presentations to the public, unless they are in an inalterable format that protects their contents from being used out of context or abusively. Privacy also demands that children, their families and communities be shielded from any potential inappropriate contact from sponsors or others.

What is Child Dignity?

The lives of children, their families, and members of their community should be portrayed with accuracy and dignity. The children we work with are not objects to be pitied, but are partners with us in the process of bringing holistic (spiritual, physical, psychological and social) transformation to communities in poverty and in transforming the hearts of beneficiaries and donors alike. We are committed to portraying the life situation of the children, families and communities we serve with accuracy and dignity. We seek the full, informed consent of parents, guardians, and/or community leaders for a child's participation in our child sponsorship programs.





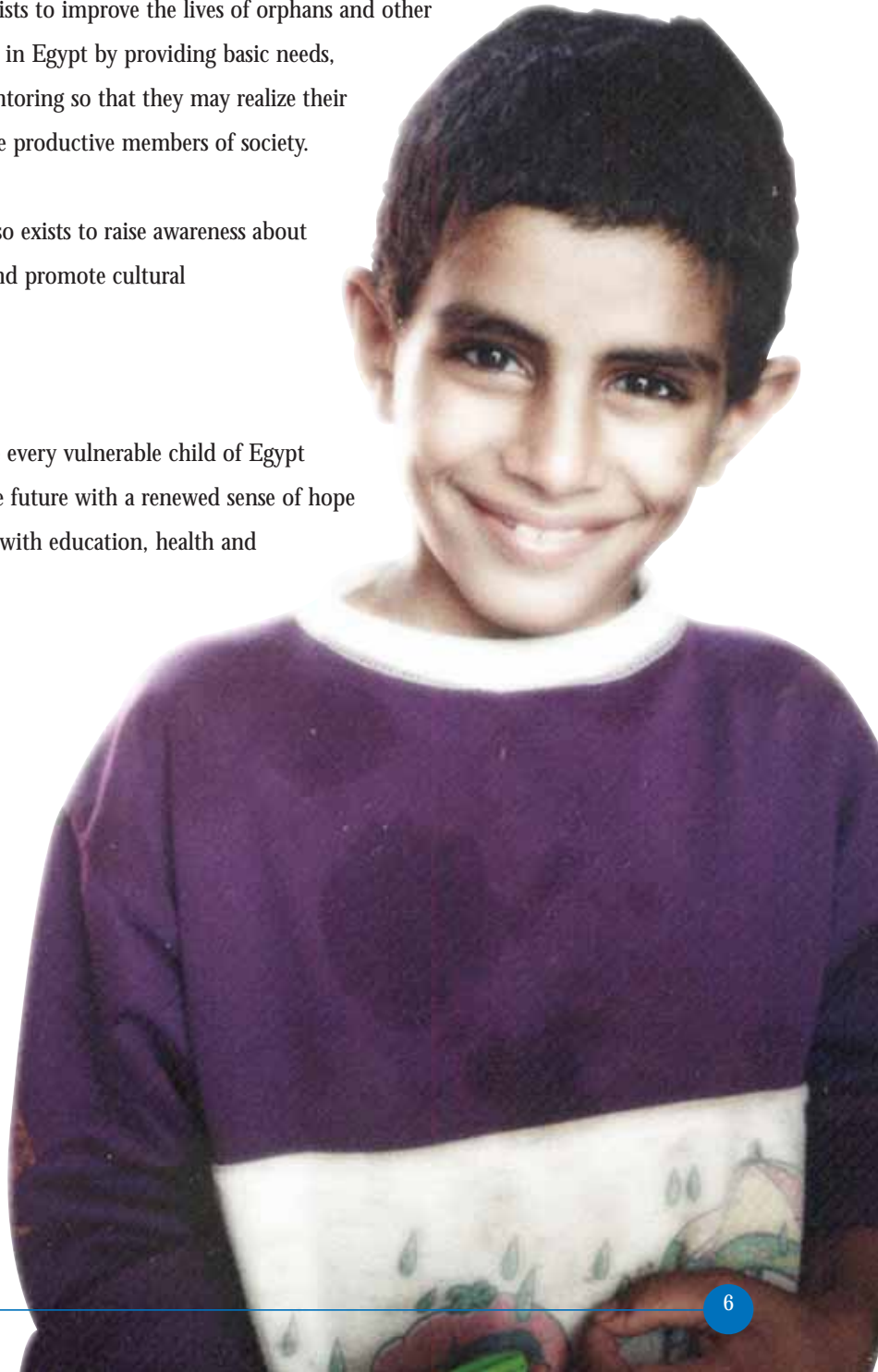
Mission

Coptic Orphans exists to improve the lives of orphans and other vulnerable children in Egypt by providing basic needs, education, and mentoring so that they may realize their potential to become productive members of society.

Coptic Orphans also exists to raise awareness about poverty in Egypt and promote cultural understanding.

Vision

Our vision is to see every vulnerable child of Egypt confidently face the future with a renewed sense of hope and a life enriched with education, health and equality.





The Rosetta Program

Just as the Rosetta Stone was the key to unlocking the mystery of the hieroglyphics, the Rosetta Program is the key to unlocking the future of illiterate children in Egypt.

Maria woke up every day, grabbed her school books and went to school. She sat in class, listened to the teacher, and tried to complete her lessons. Every year she passed from one grade to another. But there's one problem: Maria can't read. This is the challenge facing thousands of school children in Egypt who are functionally illiterate.



In response to this growing problem, Coptic Orphans officially launched the Rosetta Program in 2004. The Rosetta Program's objective is simple: to identify children who are illiterate, and in school, and give them the necessary resources to become literate.

The Rosetta Program began when the Coptic Orphans Representatives (Reps) noticed that some of the children they were helping were not actually reading, but rather they were memorizing stories and pretending to read. The Rosetta Program addresses this crisis through a combination of private lessons, tutors, and our Reps' guidance. The children's progress is strictly monitored to ensure literacy. With the support of the Reps and resources provided by the Rosetta Program, most children become literate in a matter of months.



In our inaugural year, we have 390 children enrolled in the Rosetta Program. We have already graduated 37 children from the Rosetta Program as literate. These children are now supported through Child Assistance.

Entering the Child Assistance program means that the children are now fully enrolled with Coptic Orphans and all their needs, including education and basic needs such as food and housing, are attended to.



Maria was already in the eighth grade by the time she began the Rosetta Program. After working with her teacher for two months, she began to read on her own. When she realized the impact of illiteracy on her education and day-to-day life, Maria was sorrowful. "How can I get back all of the time I've spent illiterate?" she asks. Maria and many other children like her will regain their future and their education through the Rosetta Program.



THE CHILDREN

Cairo: Salwa loves little children and was dying to participate in the Valuable Girl Project (VGP) as a “big sister.” There was one problem—to be a “big sister,” Salwa needed to be enrolled in school. But Salwa had only completed school to grade 7 before her parents pulled her out of school to help at home. She expressed her interest in VGP to the project local coordinators, who then helped her find a special high school that enrolls girls who are older than secondary school age. They convinced her parents to allow her to enroll. Coptic Orphans pays her school fees, and Salwa uses her VGP stipend to buy her books. She is now both happily enrolled in school and serving as a “big sister” to a young girl who sees her as a role model.

Cairo: Simon, Silvana, Marina, Ghada and Rathia became part of the Coptic Orphans family after their father died unexpectedly in an accident. They live with their mother and grandmother in a two-bedroom apartment in Cairo. Child Assistance ensures that the children are able to attend school -- from Rathia in kindergarten to Simon in his first year of Business College. Recently their mother Huda was diagnosed with heart problems. This has been a very difficult and trying time for the children, yet they all have managed to do well in school. After several months of treatment at a heart institute, Coptic Orphans sent Huda to a cardiologist who determined that Huda needed open heart surgery. Huda had the operation and is now on the road to good health. The children continue to do well in school and they now flourish under their mother’s guidance and care.

Al Qalyubiyah: At the age of seven, Atiya had to watch his father, the sole income provider, die of complications after undergoing surgery to treat paralysis. After the death of his father, Atiya lived with his mother, who began to suffer from severe allergies and asthma. Two years after the death of his father, Atiya’s mother suddenly died of a heart attack. With the death of both his mother and father, Atiya was taken in by his grandmother. Unfortunately his grandmother was unable to provide for all of Atiya’s needs. When the Coptic Orphans’s Rep first met Atiya, he was suffering from malnutrition and facial pallor. The Rep immediately arranged for Atiya to receive medical attention and the necessary nutrition. After two very difficult years, Atiya was comforted by the presence of the Rep, an adult who is capable of addressing his basic needs and who cared especially in the absence of both parents. On the road to good health, Atiya began to do well in school. With the Rep’s continuing presence and encouragement for spiritual and academic development, Atiya regularly receives high marks in school, is in good health, and is an active member of his church.

Minya: Hany is an exceptional thirteen-year-old who has been a part of Coptic Orphans for 10 years and is now just three. Although he has not had the best start in his young life, Hany is a leader in his school and an active member of Catalyst, a non-profit organization that promotes environmental awareness in Egypt. Hany teaches his fellow students about the negative effects of littering. He encourages them to stress the personal responsibility of each individual to keep the environment clean. Hany goes even further by promoting raising environmental awareness through his work. He balances his work as an environmental activist with his school work. He does well in school, is a member of his church, and is at the tender age of thirteen.





Qina: The Alaalah family was living in wretched circumstances when they were first brought to the attention of Coptic Orphans. Following the death of Mr. Alaalah, the mother was despondent and unable to face the daunting reality of supporting seven children with no means of income. The children responded to their predicament in kind with the older girls dropping out of school and the younger ones developing speech impediments. The family lived with eighteen other people in a home that measures 80 square meters. Coptic Orphans recognized the Alaalah family's unacceptable living conditions and decided to move them to a better home in a better neighborhood. Imagine the joy and excitement of the children when they walked into their new home furnished with a few essentials like a sofa, bed, table and chairs. With the Alaalah family in an improved living environment, the Rep began to focus on the children's development. Two of the children are in fourth grade, one in first grade, two are in kindergarten. The Coptic Orphans Rep takes time to teach the children about proper hygiene, giving them packages of goodies that include toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, and a mirror. This activity may seem small and mundane, but it actually helps children develop self-esteem.

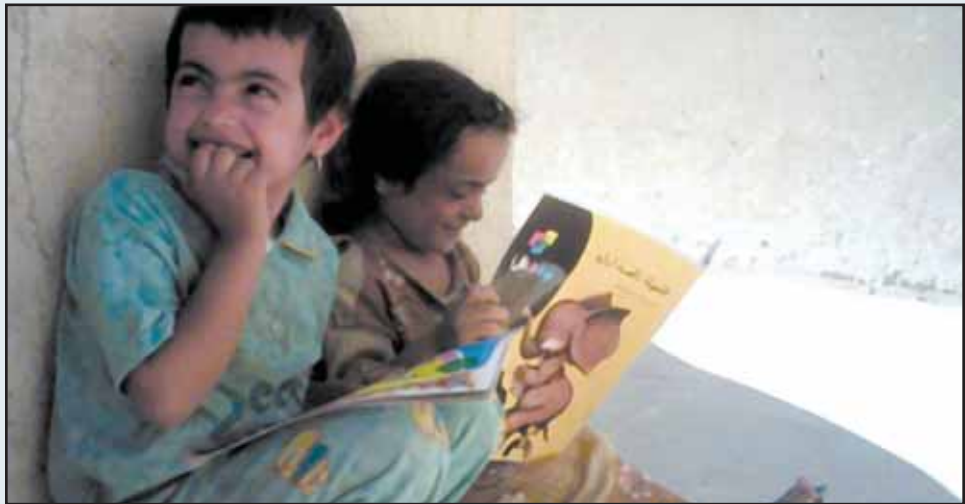
Sohag: Kamal and Sameh have experienced a great deal of difficulty since the death of their father. They live in a cramped home with their mother, two older sisters, and a nephew. Their two sisters have returned to live at home following marriages that both ended in divorce. One devastating day the roof of the house collapsed, taking with it the entire second floor of the family home. Kamal and Sameh were shocked to find the pile of rubble on their return home from school and frantically searched for the rest of their family members. The brothers were relieved to learn that no one was inside the home when the roof collapsed. The family gathered, thanking God that they had all survived unharmed. This family barely survives day-to-day. They have no savings account, no insurance, no government agency to turn to and no loan to help them rebuild their home. The Rep has since helped the family rebuild their home using concrete so as to ensure a sturdy foundation. Kamal and Sameh have successfully enrolled in the faculty of education. Their nephew Hany is now attending school regularly and enjoying his new bike, a gift from his sponsor.

Alexandria: The Girgis family was going through hard times when the Coptic Orphans Rep in Alexandria first got in touch with them. The oldest son Yonathan was in his third year of commerce school when he fell into a severe depression and failed his exams. Due to his depression, Yonathan would hurt himself by cutting his hands and arms. His mother was distraught; she didn't know what to do and became frantic with worry. The Coptic Orphans Rep began working with the family and alleviated some of the pressure that was on Yonathan. His younger sister was enrolled in secondary school and his mother's anxiety lessened. The Rep paid weekly visits to the family, and their emotional state began to improve. Yonathan broke out of his depression and was able to return to school. Yonathan is doing well both physically and psychologically, he expects to graduate from commerce school this year.

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1001 *Tales*



Coptic Orphans launched the 1,001 Tales program in 2003. To date, we have set up seven fairs and approximately 3,000 children now possess their very own book for the first time.

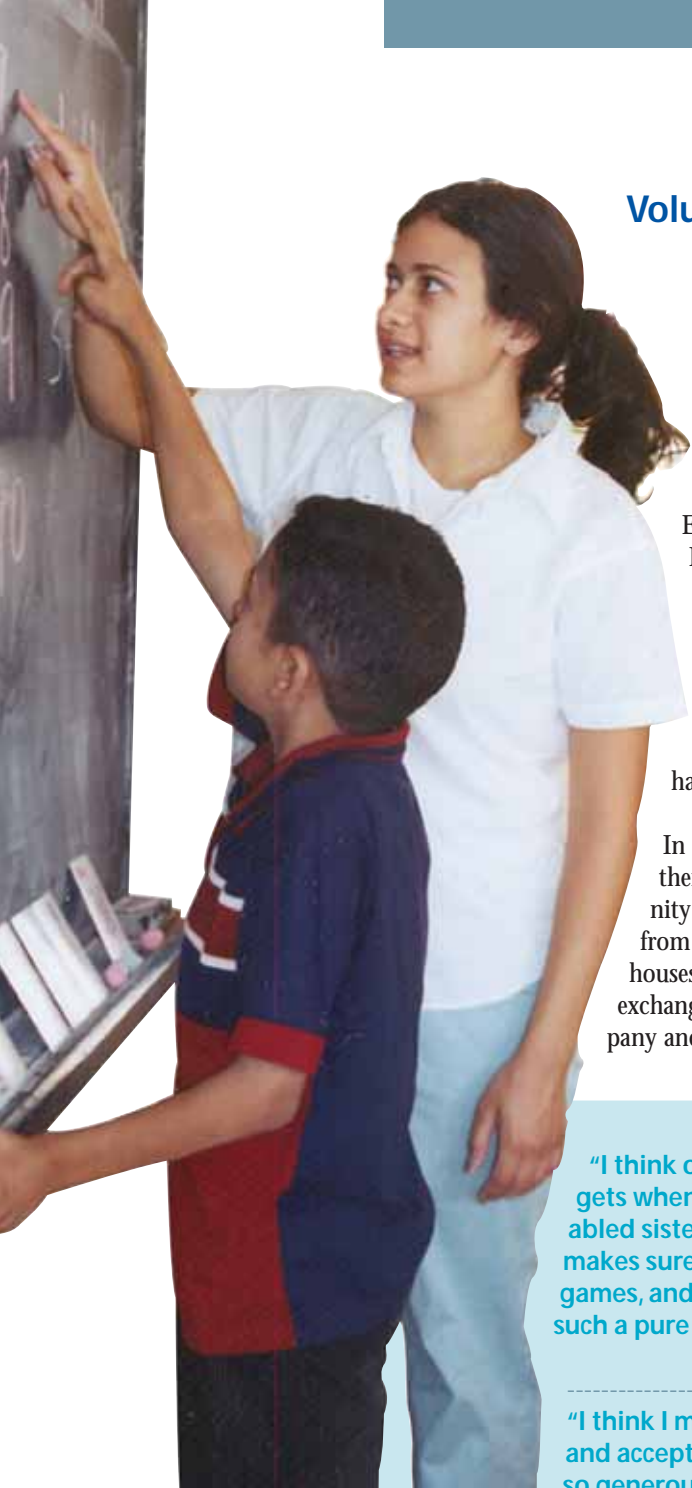
The main goal of the 1,001 Tales Program is to reinforce the importance of reading in children's lives by providing underprivileged children with free books. At our first book fair in Ezbit el-Hagana, over 155 children waited patiently in line to choose a book. Boys and girls from the third, fourth, and fifth grades couldn't believe their eyes as they walked into the book fair and saw books stacked high in all types of subjects from science and history to fairy tales and mysteries.

For many, this is probably the first book they have ever owned.

Since our first book fair in June 2003 in Ezbit el-Hagana, Coptic Orphans has held several more book fairs in various locations throughout Egypt. Typically, the book fairs attract more than 500 children in areas which are otherwise overlooked, but which have some of the most impoverished communities in Egypt.

By giving these children books of their own choosing, they will begin to see the wonderful benefits of reading and being literate. A single book can open up the mind of a child, awakening a passion for reading that can last a lifetime. Children who are readers do better in all academic subjects and tend to be better verbal and written communicators.





Volunteering *for* Coptic Orphans

In the lazy days of summer, most people go on vacation and pursue leisurely activity. Serve to Learn volunteers become English teachers to Egyptian students. For three intense weeks, volunteers from America, Canada and Australia give Egyptian students an opportunity to learn English from native English speakers, enhancing their standard curriculum. More than teaching English, Serve to Learn volunteers give the children attention, praise, and encouragement. The volunteers create an atmosphere where the children can express themselves, be creative, and learn to work in groups. Serve to Learn awakens the sense that there is joy in learning that stays with the children long after the three weeks of class have ended.

In addition to spending their day teaching, the volunteers spend their evenings visiting with the children. This is a great opportunity for teacher and student to bond. Volunteer Catherine Hanna from Chicago, USA says of the experience, "We move between houses offering gifts, smiles and informal English lessons in exchange for snapshots, a new pupil tomorrow morning, good company and a lot more than we came with."

"I think of her tiny frame, Jasmine-like eyes, and the dimple she gets when she smiles. I sit in wonder as she brings in her disabled sister Mary. Every day she sits down next to Mary and makes sure she has a pen and notebook, is participating in the games, and is getting everything the other kids are getting. It's such a pure and simple love."

—*Maria Andrawis from Virginia, USA— served in Damanhour*

"I think I met angels on earth. The kids we served are so loving and accepting of everyone, and despite their poverty they were so generous."

—*Angela Georgy from New Jersey, USA - served in Mattay*

"The classroom was a place not only to learn, but to have fun, play games, act, sing, listen to stories and work in groups. The children loved it, especially with the encouragement they received about their work through kind words, stickers, and little gifts. In the classroom you could feel an overwhelming atmosphere of friendship and joy."

—*Mary Salib from Ontario, Canada – served in Ezbit el Nakhl*



Highlights of 2004



Executive Director Nermien Riad talks to US Vice President Dick Cheney

An Evening with Shakespeare

Coptic Orphans held its second annual gala in April, 2004 on Capitol Hill in Washington D.C. during which it highlighted Coptic Orphans Valuable Girl Program. The gala honored Liz Cheney, principal deputy assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs and coordinator for Broader Middle East and North Africa Initiatives. Ms. Cheney's interest and specific focus on women's and girls' issues won her the Coptic Orphans Leading by Example Award. The gala attendees included Vice President Dick Cheney, H.E. Ambassador Karim Kawar of Jordan, and Consul Mahmoud Zayed from the Egyptian Embassy in Washington, D.C. The evening raised \$32,000 for the Valuable Girl Project.

Leading by Example Award recipient Ms. Liz Cheney, HE Ambassador Karim Kawar of Jordan and Executive Director Nermien Riad.

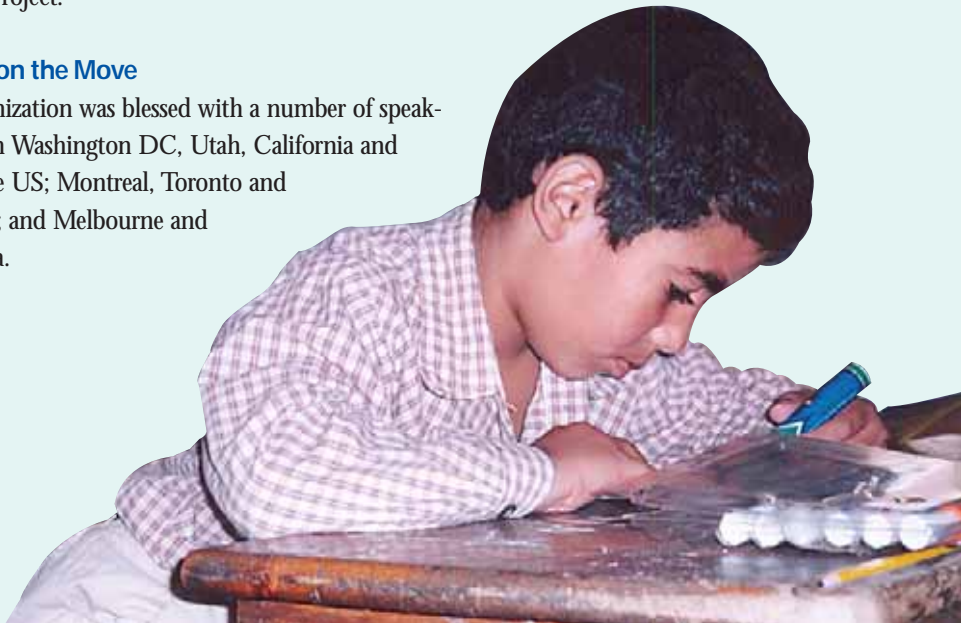


First Annual Coptic Orphans Gala in New Jersey

Approximately two hundred and thirty supporters attended the first ever Coptic Orphans New Jersey gala. The fundraiser was held in Iselin, New Jersey, in October of 2004 and was completely inspired and organized by dedicated volunteers. The evening featured a presentation by Serve to Learn volunteer Tony Soliman and live entertainment by Christian band Trinity. The event raised over \$10,000 for the Valuable Girl Project.

Coptic Orphans on the Move

This year the organization was blessed with a number of speaking engagements in Washington DC, Utah, California and Pennsylvania in the US; Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa in Canada; and Melbourne and Sydney in Australia.



ExxonMobil Summer Internship Grant

Coptic Orphans was awarded a summer internship grant from ExxonMobil. Thanks to the grant, Hendrik Opstelten interned for Coptic Orphans for two months during the summer. Hendrik played a great role in organizing and preparing the 2004 Serve to Learn volunteers for their trip to Egypt. He was such a great addition to the organization and has remained a faithful supporter even after his internship ended.

Grant for Valuable Girl Project Renewed

Coptic Orphans is proud to announce the continued grant funding of the Valuable Girl Project by the US Embassy in Cairo. The Embassy is a proud supporter of the project which now benefits over 200 girls and young women in Egypt.

Coptic Orphans is proud and delighted to have touched the lives of a total of 10,500 children. Also:

- ✍ 1383 children were entered into Child Assistance during 2004
- ✍ Over 3,000 children attended the 1,001 Tales book fairs
- ✍ A total of 180 girls was in enrolled in the Valuable girl Project in 2004
- ✍ A total of 216 children have graduated from college and university
- ✍ A total of 1044 children have graduated from high school
- ✍ A total of 943 children have been sponsored
- ✍ A total of 370 have been entered into the Rosetta Program

Corporate *Thank You*

Coptic Orphans would like to say thank you to all the companies that have contributed through their matching gift programs and other community giving efforts:

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| Chairman of the board | Robie Samanta Roy |
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Ashraf Hanna • Sherif Kaiser • Julie Meawad • Nermien Riad • Mary Sorial



Financial Information

Statement of Activities December 31, 2004

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| Public Support | |
| Contributions | |
| Individual | 1,485,801 |
| Gift-in-Kind | 5,000 |
| Total Contributions | 1,490,801 |
| Total Public Support | 1,490,801 |
| Revenue | |
| Investment and Interest | 48,067 |
| Total Revenue | 48,067 |
| Total Public Support and revenue | 1,538,868 |
| Operating Expenses | |
| Program Services | |
| Program Activities | 999,599 |
| Total Program Services | 999,599 |
| Supporting Services | |
| Management and General | 50,435 |
| Fundraising | 59,142 |
| Total Support Services | 109,577 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 1,109,174 |
| Operating Expenses | 429,694 |
| Non-operating revenues (expenses) | |
| Fund balance, beginning of year | 1,195,839 |
| Unrealized gain (loss) on investments | (5,182) |
| Fund Balance | 1,620,351 |

Statement of Financial Position December 31, 2004

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|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Current Assets | |
| Total Checking/Savings | 740,370 |
| Investments | 879,981 |
| Total Current Assets | 1,620,351 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | 1,620,351 |
| LIABILITIES & EQUITY | |
| Liabilities | |
| Current Liabilities | -2,467 |
| Total Liabilities | -2,467 |
| Equity | |
| Unrestricted Net Assets | 1,043,748 |
| Board Restricted Net Assets | 150,000 |
| Net Income | 429,070 |
| Total Equity | 1,622,818 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY | 1,620,351 |

Please note that all amounts are in US dollars.
Financial information audited by Napoleon Toma, CPA.

Statement of Functional Expenses For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

| Expense | Program Services | | | | Supporting Services | | | TOTAL | |
|---|------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------|----------------|---------------------------|
| | Child Assistance | Valuable Girl | Serve to Learn | Grants | Total Program Services | Management & General | Fundraising | | Total Supporting Services |
| Advertising & Public Education | 15,790 | 3,751 | 0 | 0 | 19,541 | 50 | 27,819 | 27,869 | 47,410 |
| Bank Charges | 1,376 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,376 | 2,440 | 0 | 2,440 | 3,816 |
| Materials | 2,117 | 110 | 0 | 0 | 2,227 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,227 |
| Meetings & Conferences | 7,694 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7,694 | 135 | 0 | 135 | 7,829 |
| Occupancy | 862 | 1,520 | 0 | 0 | 2,382 | 9,000 | 0 | 9,000 | 11,382 |
| Office Equipment | 19,966 | 48 | 41 | 0 | 20,055 | 704 | 0 | 704 | 20,759 |
| Office Supplies | 3,016 | 359 | 0 | 0 | 3,375 | 520 | 0 | 520 | 3,895 |
| Payroll Expenses | 8,062 | 3,732 | 726 | 0 | 12,520 | 1,983 | 1,187 | 3,170 | 15,690 |
| Postage & Delivery | 21,718 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21,718 | 32 | 12,611 | 12,643 | 34,361 |
| Printing | 14,904 | 4,702 | 4,702 | 0 | 24,308 | 4,703 | 5,488 | 10,191 | 34,499 |
| Professional Development | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,575 | 0 | 1,575 | 1,575 |
| Registrations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3,047 | 0 | 3,047 | 3,047 |
| Salaries & Wages | 158,951 | 50,460 | 9,699 | 0 | 219,110 | 25,917 | 11,458 | 37,375 | 256,485 |
| Subsidies | 583,896 | 5,305 | 0 | 44,444 | 633,645 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 633,645 |
| Technology Services | 13,169 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 13,169 | 329 | 0 | 329 | 13,498 |
| Telecom | 5,518 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,518 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5,518 |
| Training | 644 | 171 | 0 | 0 | 815 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 815 |
| Transportation | 9,955 | 1,395 | 796 | 0 | 12,146 | 0 | 579 | 579 | 12,725 |
| Total Expense | 867,638 | 71,553 | 15,964 | 44,444 | 999,599 | 50,435 | 59,142 | 109,577 | 1,109,174 |





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