



THE VICE PRESIDENT  
WASHINGTON

October 10, 2008

Dear Friends:

I send my greetings to each of you gathered tonight to celebrate the twentieth anniversary of Coptic Orphans.

In his proclamation for National Child's Day, 2008, President Bush stated, "We underscore the importance of fostering the love, encouragement, and protection that empowers our children to become happy and successful adults. Children are a precious gift who need love and support ... to lead lives rich in promise and fulfillment."

Your many accomplishments in lending aid and support to the most vulnerable children must bring you great satisfaction and pride. Lynne and I congratulate your honorees and wish all of you a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dick Cheney". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "D".

Mr. Nermien Riad  
Executive Director  
Coptic Orphans  
Post Office Box 2881  
Merrifield, Virginia 22116