

Warm the World

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Latest News

I'm happy to announce our volunteer numbers have increased significantly from the wonderful publicity we received from the article in the Daily Record. Many of you contacted me just before the holiday season and indicated you would be ready to help after the holidays... Well here we are!!

SOS Children's Villages Illinois

To recap, last year *Warm the World* shipped over 64 blankets in support of 11 homes in the SOS Children's Village Lockport. GREAT JOB! This year, SOS Children's Village Lockport will grow from 11 homes and 64 children to 17 homes and 100 children. The addition of six new homes should be complete by the time you receive this newsletter! And they aren't done yet. SOS has been working on a special project with Chicago's Mayor Richard M. Daley, The Department of Child & Family Services (DCFS) and community leaders to develop 16 homes and a community center to help 96 more children. This new facility will be in Chicago's south side and is expected to be complete in March 2004. SOS and Illinois DCFS developed two new programs, "Fostering Families" and "Pregnant Teens." *Warm the World* is honored to be a continuing partner in such a dynamic approach to such a tragic situation. (If you have access to the Internet, please take a moment to read about SOS Children's Village Illinois at www.sosillinois.org)



Children from SOS Stockholm

Romanian Crisis

The situation in Romania worsens as the Romanian government has mandated that all orphanages close by 2006, thus leaving millions of children homeless. *Warm the World* has chosen Romania specifically to receive whatever warmth we can provide to those children currently in orphanages. The statistics are staggering for the number of children abandoned by parents that simply could not provide for them. Even though we cannot send hundreds of blankets, I would like to exceed our 47 sent last year by at least double. The blankets for these children should be full of bright colors and patterns, as they do not have much stimulation – and perhaps our handy work can serve a dual purpose. Currently I am corresponding with Kidstown International to support one or more of their orphanages. I am optimistic that if we team with Kidstown

Special points of interest:

- Local Volunteer Numbers Grow
- SOS Lockport Adds Six New Homes
- SOS Chicago To Open 17 Homes and a Community Center
- Warm the World Teaming with Kidstown International

Check out these websites referenced in the newsletter!
www.sosillinois.org
www.kidstowninternational.org

Romanian Crisis (cont)

will directly help Romanian orphans and our blankets will be given to the children that need them. Locating a sponsor for shipping our blankets is absolutely necessary to insure the hours of love we send make it to the children that need it the most. Stay tuned, in the next newsletter we will have updates on which orphanages we are teamed with! (For more info on Kidstown International, once again go to the Internet site www.kidstowninternational.org)

Numbers Recap

We need 132 afghans/quilts in support of SOS Illinois, and 94 (minimum) for Kidstown Romania.

We currently have 46 afghans, 2 adult quilts and 6 infant/toddler quilts. A wonderful start!!

Who We Are

Warm the World was founded in March 2003 when my husband and I started our research into adoption. It was then that we discovered how many children have been abandoned and often forgotten. My heart weeps for the millions that never had the warmth, love and support of a family. Thus my project to provide as many as I can with the warmth and comfort of an afghan made with love. Each afghan is hand made, whether knitted, crocheted or quilted, and every set of hands does so with the faith that it will wrap a child in the knowledge that someone, somewhere, does care.

What Next?

How do you feel about a monthly or bi-monthly meeting? I thought it would be GREAT for all our volunteers to meet, bring your favorite pattern, and help me get more organized. I'm new at this, and could use any and all the help you have to offer. Suggestions, ideas, brainstorming sessions on how to grow *Warm the World* doesn't that sound FUN?

Call me, let me know if you want to meet monthly with others – and remember you CAN make a difference.

The height of your accomplishments will equal the depth of your convictions.
— anonymous



The beauty of a summer's day

Thanks for being a part of

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