

# happy haven homes



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Dear friends of children,

It is hard to believe we are already gearing up for Christmas 2009! This is always a busy time for us at Happy Haven. For most children, Christmas is a happy time. For the children here, it is lonely and sad because they want to be home with their families. The problem is that the child has made choices, along with the family, that make good memories during the Christmas season almost impossible. We have been able to help 13 children this year which is about normal for the last year few years, but we expect more soon. We have helped them in every way possible. Since we dropped state funding in 2005, we depend upon the generosity of people like you to help us bring our children up "in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." It takes a lot of money to raise children, and we need all the help we can get.

In an effort to make up for some of this loss, we try to make it very special around here. We have many activities that celebrate the season of giving. We spend much time counseling with the children about the love of Jesus and the fact that he will always love them no matter what! We hug them a lot, have special Christmas parties and immerse them in the church youth group Christmas plans. This is not a substitute for a loving family, but it does help.

Since the children here will not have a Christmas if we do not provide it for them, I thought you might want to be involved in Happy Haven's Christmas celebration. Gifts, decorations, special meals, travel activities, etc. incur much expense. Will you make a special financial gift to Happy Haven so that this Christmas will be an extraordinary memory for all the children here? You can mail it to the address listed above or you can click on the "Donations" tab and use your debit/credit card with the Pay Pal system. Be sure to list the purpose as "Christmas 2009."

They will love you for it, and God will bless your generosity!

For the children,

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