



Children Are Angels From Heaven

Ray O'Brien, Editor

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Hi Everyone,

Today I sit and write to you about some of our *Children are Angels from Heaven* work in 2021. As all of you remember, 2021 was a very bad year for the entire world with over five million Covid deaths reported worldwide. It was a horrible year for everyone living on earth, no matter where you called home. The world just suddenly stopped and people were sick and dying all around us every day by massive numbers. Hospitals were over-flowing with patients as the medical field worked very hard 24 x 7 to save those they could. There was no work, no school, the stores were closed except for essential businesses, and there were curfews to keep people in their homes to stop the spread of Covid and try to contain it. Everyone wore face masks when outside and at food stores. There were very few cars on the road as there was no place to go. Indeed the world as we knew it before, had changed. *Children are Angels from Heaven* reached out to help the people in India, as well as the USA the best we could.

It was not easy to do but we tried our best to help fight Covid with help from others and to save lives and maybe even the world... *Children are Angels from Heaven* also did a few other small projects and reached out to help other charities as we do every year. I hope you enjoy this newsletter and the stories in it.

Thank You for all your help and support,
Ray O'Brien, President

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Baghima, Chhattisgarh, India

My first story is about a very small village named Baghima in Chhattisgarh, India, where we were having a washroom constructed for children when Covid arrived and the world just stopped.

During Covid and the lockdowns that followed, people were not allowed to go to work and had no money to buy food. This made me very sad and I knew *Children are Angels from Heaven* had to reach out in some way to help the people.

It took a little time, but with the help of many people, our funds arrived for Sister Mary in the village; and she was able to help ten families in a time of great need, as well as keeping everyone safe from Covid.

Sister Mary, and the other Daughters of the Cross Sisters, did a wonderful job gathering many needed basic food items and distributing them to the people in need. The finished project was successful, and many families were helped and were very thankful for our help. Without **your** help and support to *Children are Angels from Heaven* this project would have never happened.





Covid Relief for Kolkata

I have always looked after every single penny of people's hard earned, donated money sent to *Children are Angels from Heaven*, no matter what the project is.

I **always** look for people willing to work with *Children are Angels from Heaven*, who will document our accomplishments with photos and reports as we help people.

Kolkata was in great need of aid from Covid and I wanted to step forward to help. My friend, Anwesha Bhattachara, connected *Children are Angels from Heaven* with a small Indian NGO named **The Prameya Foundation** which helped people during the pandemic with a clean, warm center, to treat people who could not breathe. They helped many people in Kolkata during this time of need. The Prameya Foundation did a wonderful job with follow up photo's, receipts, and a thank you letter for *Children are Angels from Heaven* for our help.

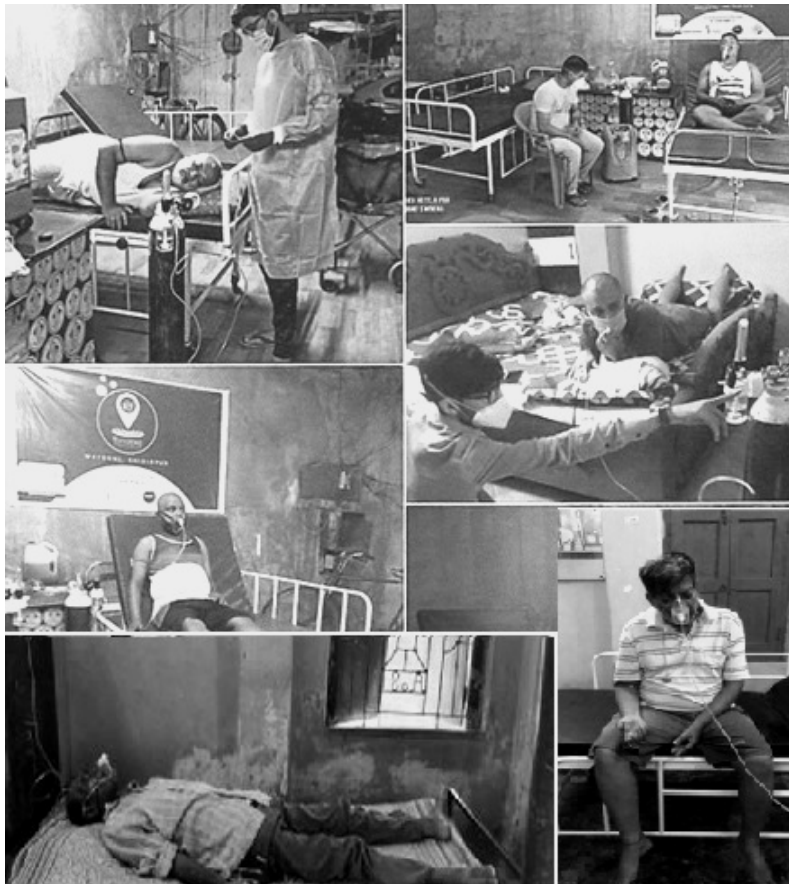


Covid Relief for a Fishing Village in India

My friend, Dibyendu, and his club, the New Alipore (Eastern) Club of New Alipore in Kolkata, have been reaching out to help a fishing village about 100 miles from Kolkata, on the coast of the Bay of Bengal. This village was hit by a cyclone as well as Covid. Dibyendu distributed face masks given to him by *Children are Angels from Heaven* as well as many women's sarees given to the club. It was a wonderful project during a great time of need for the people. Below you can read his mail to me and see the photos he sent.

"We had to defer our relief program by a day due to heavy rain.

We did our program on Sunday and Monday at two places on an island in the Bay of Bengal which suffered very heavy loss of properties in the cyclone 'Yaas' which struck the Bengal coast on 25th May. This particular island is the home of three hundred thousand people, homes of about thirty thousand, have been washed away. We distributed 300 sarees (Ethnic wear of Bengali ladies), rice and pulses¹.



We got the right opportunity to distribute the left over masks sent by you at these places.

Four weeks after the debacle, people are still in tents and dependent on NGOs and government relief for food and other necessities.

Thanks,
Dibyendu

¹ Pulses have a long history, with records of their consumption in the Middle East over 11,000 years ago by some of the earliest human civilizations. Fast-forward to 2016: The United Nations declared it was the International Year of Pulses, with a mission to get people around the world to eat more of the edible seeds. Why? These superfoods are nutritious, inexpensive and beneficial to the environment.



Covid Relief for Rourkela, India

I think for this Covid relief story it is best to let you read the report sent to me by the head Sister in Rourkela, Sister Anupama. *Children are Angels from Heaven* sent the funds to the Convent in Rourkela, India to fund the project and Sister Anupama as well as all the Daughters of the Cross Sisters did the work to buy, sort, and distribute food to people in need during very bad Covid times. The Sisters did a fantastic job with this project and worked very hard to look after everyone.

Dear Ray,

Our hearts are filled with gratitude for your generosity in helping the needy at this difficult moment. Your generosity means a lot to us and to our helpless and hopeless people. God has visited us through you. I give you a report of our distribution which you can see following.

We purchased: - Rice, dall, potatoes, flower, sugar, onion, garlic, flat rice, milk powder, spices, papad, jagry, biscuits, and sanitizer. We packed them for the families for the distribution.

The families, who could come to our place, came to collect the packets. The next picture is a handicapped person, who goes around in a wheelchair came to us for the food grain.

All the families are struggling to survive. They have no jobs. Due to Corona no work is available. They are very grateful to get these grains. All those who could not come, we reached the families with the food.

They live in our locality, in our slums, some of them work in the field, or in construction work. Since there is lock down, people have no jobs and are struggling to take care of their families. No work, no money to buy food provision.



These two old men work as gate-keepers. They get very little as their salaries but they cannot give up. They are afraid to lose this small job.





Once again, I thank you for your kindness and concern for our people. May God bless you, your families and all those who come to assist you for this noble work.

Yours sincerely,

Sr. Anupama f.c
Sr. Anupama f.c

A Christmas Story 2021

Once upon a time there were three nuns who looked after many children in a convent far away in a small village in Baghima, India. All the children wanted for Christmas were decorations and a Christmas tree. Many of the children had never seen a beautiful Christmas tree before, let alone a giant ten foot Christmas tree, full of decorations along with a beautiful Manger.

The children's dreams came true, with many hours of research and lots of effort. *Children are Angels from*

Heaven shipped boxes of decorations to the Convent along with a beautiful Christmas manger all donated by our small charity. It took some time but we finally found a big ten foot beautiful artificial, Christmas tree in Southern India to buy at Trinity Tree which looks just like what we have in the USA. To make the Christmas Season even more special for the children and Sisters, *Children are Angels from Heaven* bought and had delivered to the Convent a new microwave oven. The microwave was very much needed at the Convent and appreciated as a gift from all of us. We also delivered many food items including microwave popcorn. The children never had popcorn before so the children and Sisters had a small party before the tree was decorated. Please understand this was a very hard project to complete as it was in a remote area far away from the big city during Covid times. I am very happy to say, Anweshya Ray in Germany, as well as all of you here, helped the dream come true for the children. It turned out to be beautiful and everyone was very happy at Christmas. I am sure the children and Sisters will never forget this Christmas and the photos tell the entire story.





of the Church will gladly look after everything and give your donations special attention.”

With that, our boxes were packed and sent on their way. There were many beautiful clothes, toys, baby clothes, hand sanitizer, masks, shoes, boots, and so much more, even many new Christmas stockings in our six boxes sent from all of you.

If it was not for the help and support of many people who support *Children are Angels from Heaven*, this emergency donation project would have never happened.

Thanks to all of you for helping the people in need in Kentucky through *Children are Angels from Heaven* and Thank You, St. Jerome’s, for being a beacon of light with hope, to help the people in immediate need from the destruction of their homes and community from the tornados.

Donations For Kentucky - Tornado Relief

On Dec 10, 2021 a huge tornado struck western Kentucky and destroyed small towns and killed many people. Again, I could not just sit here and do nothing, so I got on my computer and located a church named St. Jerome’s in Fancy Farm, Kentucky. I spoke to Marie Woodrum who was willing to work with me to try to help the people in Kentucky in some small way. The damage was so widespread and severe that everything people had was gone. The Mayor in one town said he was going to go door to door to check on people but there are no doors or houses anymore to go to.

I had many of your donations in storage at my house for my next trip to India, but the trip was on hold because of Covid and with the Postal Service working on a limited International basis, I felt the need was great in Kentucky so I brought all of your donations I had stored in large drums into my living room to sort and send to the people in the area of Mayfield, Kentucky .

My wife Patty and I packed everything all day long. Your donations were all beautiful and the people of Kentucky needed them right now.

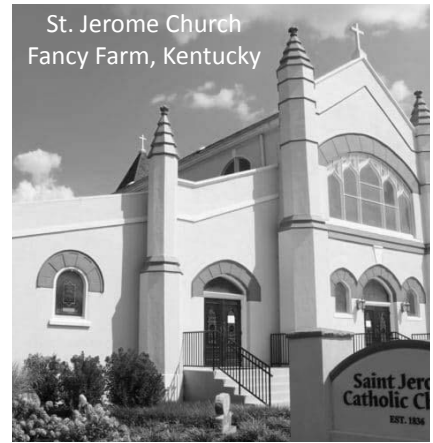
Marie Woodrum from St. Jerome’s Church and myself shared many interesting emails throughout the process. Marie told me the town of Mayfield, Kentucky, was only ten miles away and their need was very great at this time.

I asked Marie if I sent our Angels donations to her at the church, would she send a photo back to me so I can see our six donation boxes going from my hands in New Hampshire to their hands in Fancy Farm, Kentucky for the people in need.

Marie was fantastic and understood what I was asking and she said “Yes Ray, I will make sure that you get a photo of your boxes in our hands. Sister Martha Keller



Sister Martha Keller



Halloween Candy

Every year Katy and Chris McDonough of Natick, MA look after our Halloween Candy Project. This year was a very different year because of the previous years of Covid, and to be very honest, I did not think the candy program would happen. Halloween candy was donated by St. John's School, Wellesley, MA. They donated 125 pounds of candy that was distributed to 14 places. Thank You to St. John's School for making many smiles this year. Here is the list.

- St. Charles Children's - Rochester, NH
- Dana Farber Cancer Institute - Boston, MA
- New England Shelter For Homeless Vets - Boston, MA
- Pine Street Inn - Boston, MA
- Dover Children's Home - Dover, NH
- Pittsfield NH Seniors Center - Pittsfield, NH
- Mother Teresa Shelter - Corpus Christi, TX
- For The Troops - Simi Valley, CA
- Bedford VA Hospital - Bedford, MA
- Pittsfield NH Youth Workshop - Pittsfield, NH
- Soldiers Home in Chelsea- Chelsea, MA
- NH Veterans Home - Tilton, NH
- Pine Haven Boys Ctr. - Allenstown, NH
- Operation Shoe Box - Belleview, FL



Other Organizations that are Helped by Children Are Angels From Heaven

Each year Children are Angels from Heaven reaches out to support as many projects as it can, not only in India but also in the United States. We were happy to be a part of these special charities this year. Toys for Tots Drive at Christmas, Guide Dogs of America providing Guide Dogs to the Blind at no cost, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Aleppo Shriner's Children's Transportation Fund, The American Cancer Society, The Special Olympics, Muscular Dystrophy Association, and the Boys and Girls Club. It is directly because of your generosity, that *Children are Angels from Heaven* can do this work.



Can Tabs

The total of can tabs collected in 2021 was **5 pounds**. Our grand total for the past few years is now **297 pounds**. The tabs were again turned over to Mr. Lloyd Wentzel who is a member of the Shriners. The Shriners turn the tabs in for scrap metal and use the funds to help the Shriners Hospitals. The Shriners hospitals help children free of charge and they do a great job. I give all of you a challenge, get a small plastic bag and fill it with the tabs and when it is full send the bag to me. You will find out how hard it is to do. Your effort will help a child in need at the Shriners Hospitals. A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who helped with this project. To find out more information regarding the Shriners or the Can Tabs, check out this web site <https://alepposhriners.com/childrens-transportation-fund/>



Deposit Cans

Here are the totals of the deposit cans for the year 2022 and the Grand overall total. I am sure you will be very surprised when you see the numbers. I have worked hard on this project just about every afternoon, counting thousands of cans and bottles that are given to me from many people and businesses. It is not easy work, but you do what you have to do to raise funds to help the kids.

Total cans collected in 2021 was 3,396 for a cash total of \$169.80

Our Grand total since we started this program are as follows

216,497 Cans & Bottles have been collected for a Grand Cash Total of \$10,824.86

Letters

Ray,
It humbles me of you and your family, of your dedication to make this a better world.
Jon

Dear Ray,
Please accept our donation to Angels and use it as you see fit.
Mark & Ann

Dear Ray,
Here is a donation for the children. I was thinking that there are so many needs in India right now. Use it as you see that will help the most.
Toni & Kent

Letters (Cont.)

Dear Ray,
I know this donation is in good hands and will be used wisely and carefully. Thank you for all of the good work you do and for positively impacting so many lives.
Sonal

Hi Ray,
This donation is in Memory of my Mother Anne Tracy. She loved your charity and had such a high regard for you. Thank You for all that you do.
Patty & Nick

Ray,
Have a great holiday and trip to India if they let you in because of Covid. Joanie and I admire your care for all the kids.
Mick

Hi Ray,
Not sure if you are going this year or not in any case use this where ever needed.
Carol

Dear Ray,
It must be so hard to know what is going on in India with Covid and not being able to go there. It sounds like you are also helping more locally. Many in this country need help too.
Debbie

Non – Profit Status

We are a tax deductible and legal non-profit organization. Our International Revenue Foundation Status Classification is 501 C (3). This was done by our accountant, Mr. Robert Johnston, CPA of 444 Washington St., Boston, MA.1-617- 787-8520. Rob has done everything for us from A to Z with not one cent accepted as payment. Rob suggested right from the start that the bookkeeping be accurate and available for review by the IRS at any time. Rob also suggested all purchases or payments be made with check or credit card only. Rob has also helped us in many other ways to become what we are today. He is a great guy! If you ever need tax help, he is the man to help you.

In Closing

I have worked very hard in difficult times to help as many people that I could this year and still be accountable and reasonable for all your donated funds and goods. Somehow with the help of God and the many people who work with me, we got the job done.

I am very thankful to everyone who has reached out to help and support our work. If I started to list names of people, companies, and organizations who help us each year the list would be never ending so I will just say from the bottom of my heart where ever you live, or work, and however you help, I want to say a huge **Thank You** to you. Together, this year, with Covid being everywhere and people becoming more desperate for medical care and food, *Children are Angels from Heaven* did our best to help as many people as we could, and also see smiles from the children. As I said earlier, we did this work together. If anyone has any questions, I welcome your phone call or emails .

Thank You for your Generosity, Love, and Kindness, for the poor people in the world.

Ray O’Brien, President
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Children are Angels from Heaven Mission Statement

At birth all children are equal in innocence and hope. They are not equal in circumstance and opportunity. Birth is not a crime. Yet thousands of children are sentenced to a life of hardship, and need by the accident of their own birth. *Children are Angels from Heaven* strives to help profoundly disadvantaged children, pursue productive and meaningful lives.



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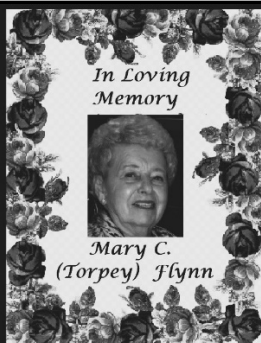
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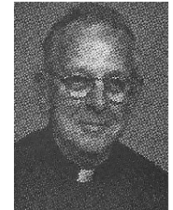
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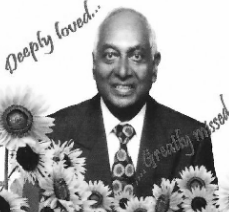
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