
Hestia's Voice

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Hestia's Children was founded in 1996 to provide a supportive, nurturing environment for mothers with young children. Mentors and other volunteers will provide on-going support and guidance for these families as they make the transition to self-sufficiency.

The objective of this five year program is to provide an environment for these families to realize their full potential as members of society.

This program is initially limited to residents of Anoka County (Minnesota). Our target population are those families who are on the "borderline" for requiring or returning to public assistance. A woman earning \$10.00 per hour, for example, may be disqualified from public assistance. Realistically, this woman will have a very difficult time providing food, clothing, and shelter for her family.

More importantly, the degradation and endless cycle of frustration will be avoided

Each unit of two families has a primary mentor who, in addition to providing ongoing guidance and support, will coordinate participant's use of community resources. Such community resources may include:

- conflict management and resolution training
- career assessment and training
- parenting classes
- purchasing and preparing nourishing meals
- financial planning and budgeting
- home maintenance
- community volunteer opportunities

During this five year program, affordable housing will be provided. Referrals will come primarily from community action programs.

For our supporters, I hope this provides a better understanding of the mission of Hestia's Children. Without you this organization would cease to exist. Your suggestions, skills, and financial support are always welcomed!

Thank you,

Mike



United Way

Many public and private employers are conducting United Way drives this month. Hestia's Children, Inc. is not a United Way agency. However, there is a space on the form to designate all, or part of, your United Way contribution to a non-agency organization. Hestia's Children meets the requirements for this designation. Simply enter "Hestia's Children, Inc., 242 Northdale Blvd., Coon Rapids, MN 55448" in the space provided. United Way will take care of forwarding your contribution to us.

Double Your Contribution?

Many employers match employee charitable contributions. Contact your Human Resource area for the availability of this benefit. Be sure to include any paperwork with your contribution.

Does your employer have a charitable foundation? If so, please forward a grant application and name of the contact person to any Board member.

Welcome Volunteers!

We bless and welcome all your skills! Please consider talking with a Board member about the role you can have in fulfilling the mission of Hestia's Children.

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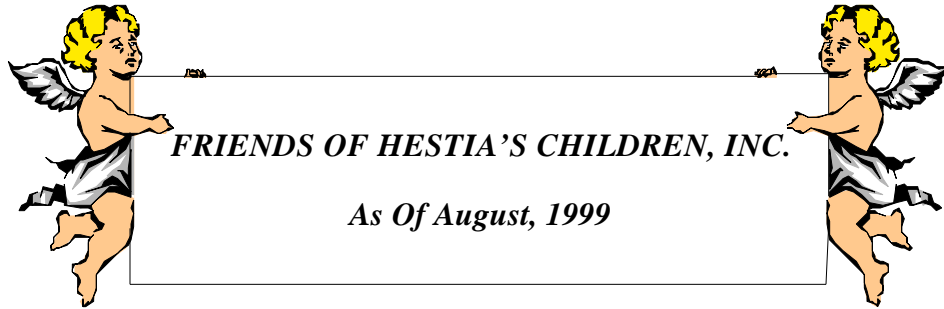
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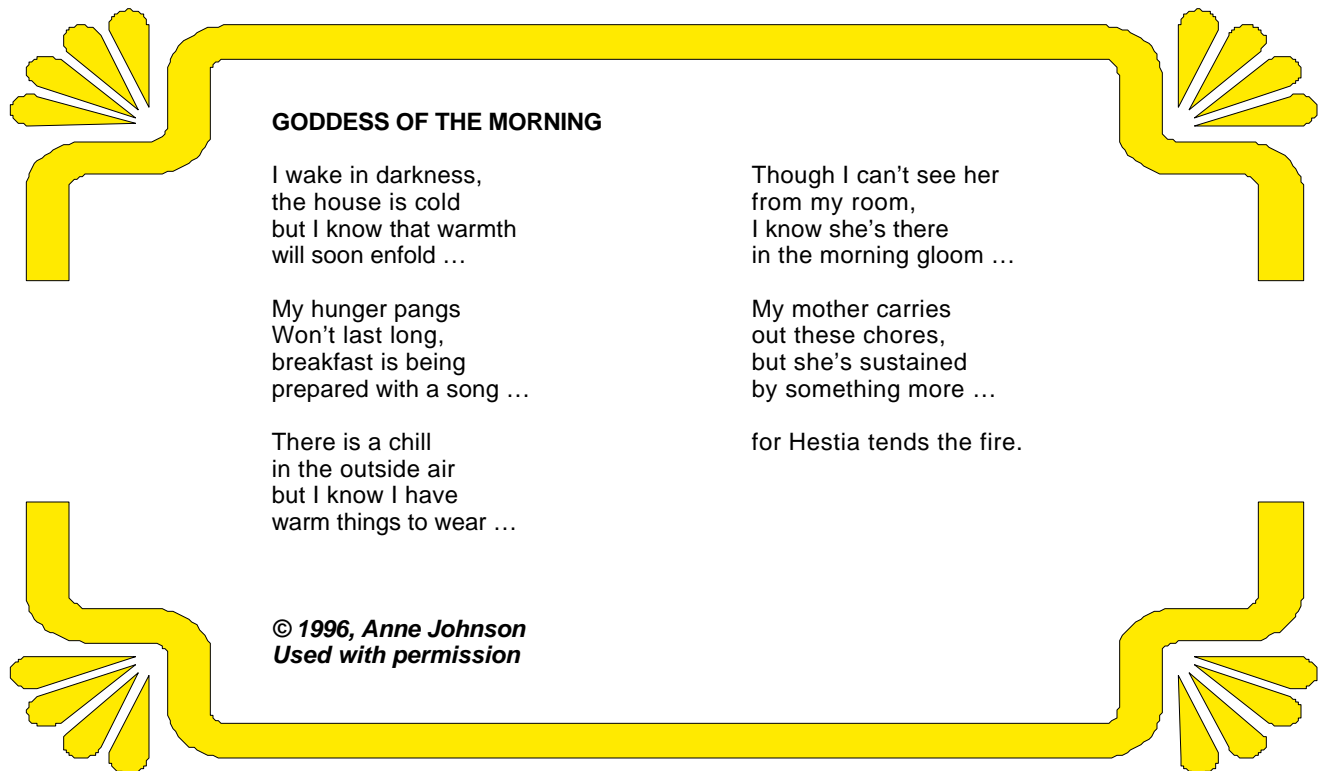
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GODDESS OF THE MORNING

I wake in darkness,
the house is cold
but I know that warmth
will soon enfold ...

My hunger pangs
Won't last long,
breakfast is being
prepared with a song ...

There is a chill
in the outside air
but I know I have
warm things to wear ...

Though I can't see her
from my room,
I know she's there
in the morning gloom ...

My mother carries
out these chores,
but she's sustained
by something more ...

for Hestia tends the fire.

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\$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$100 _____ \$ Other _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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_____ I would like to volunteer. Please contact me.



Double your contribution? Check with your employer for the availability of matching donations.

Make check payable to: Hestia's Children, Inc. Your contribution is tax deductible.

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