
Hestia's Voice

A Semi-Annual Newsletter For Friends Of Hestia's Children, Inc.

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Our Garden Is Planted

Wow! It's June of 2002: time to update our friends and supporters on what's happening at Hestia's Children.

Hestia's House now holds two moms and three children: Cerena (almost four), Kain (20 months) and Robbie (two next month). The back yard has a new flowerbed filled with snapdragons, petunias and begonias – compliments of Robbie's Mom. Last year's vegetable garden is bigger this year. It is being filled with green beans, carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes, corn and, of course, pumpkins. This garden is compliments of Cerena and Kain's Mom.

You may be wondering about Ashley. Early last Spring (2001) Ashley's Mom met a handsome young man. Ashley approved of him. So, Ashley no longer lives at Hestia's House. Her Mom and the handsome young man have started a life together. We've been able to see Ashley often, though. Each morning, she is dropped off to wait for her bus. Each afternoon Ashley comes back to the house, has a snack, plays with the other children, and waits for her Mom to get off work.

Our latest project is a plan to put a chain-link fence around the front and back yards. Kain and Robbie seem to be in training as the world's next dynamic duo – complete with breath-taking escapes. We no more than turn our backs and they are making for the alley, intent on seeing the world beyond the garage. A new fence will not make everyone happy but it will keep everyone safe.

Our latest challenge is a good news/bad news story. Robbie's Mom has just graduated from high school. She has done very well academically, was accepted into the college of her choice, and has received a large scholarship supplemented by a smaller loan for her first year. She is facing the prospect of a full college load, raising her son and working full time to pay childcare and living expenses. Add to this a concern that the car she is driving is fragile at best.

We had certainly envisioned ourselves helping somehow with higher education. In this case, she has earned the scholarship. What would be helpful here is assistance with some of those day-to-day expenses. Being a full-time student, full-time wage earner, and full-time parent seems to me to be just too much.

Perhaps it is time for Hestia's Children to have a benefit concert or some such fun event. We'll certainly keep you posted; and thank you so much for your prayers and support.

Thank you,

Carol



Financial Report

Hestia's Children submits annual financial reports to the Internal Revenue Service (Form 990) and the Minnesota Attorney General's Office. Hestia's Children honors the trust of our donors and strives to use funds wisely. Since inception, no Board member received direct, or indirect, financial benefit. A "mini 990" report follows:

Checkbook Balance - December 31, 2000		\$16,084.92
Income		
Cash / Non-Cash	\$4,408.80	
Program Service Revenue	\$1,750.00	
Expenses		
Direct Program Expenses	\$11,767.83	
Insurance	\$300.00	
Postage / Printing	\$118.14	
Minnesota Attorney General's Office	\$25.00	
Bank Fees; Etc.	4.30	
Checkbook Balance - December 31, 2001		\$10,028.45

All financial records are available for inspection. A detailed financial statement can also be found on the Minnesota Attorney General's web site (<http://www.ag.state.mn.us>).

Do You Donate Via United Way?

We have encountered some situations where, due to a clerical error, a United Way donation was not forwarded to Hestia's Children. Therefore, please let Carol Kniskern know if you designate all, or part, of your United Way donation to Hestia's Children.

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.

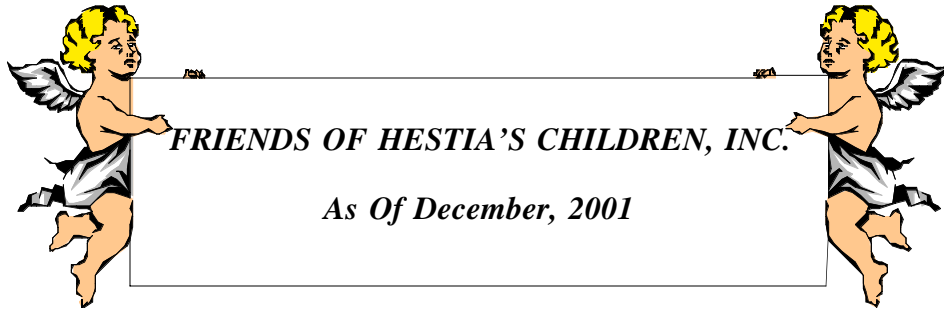
Does your employer have a charitable foundation? If so, please forward a grant application and name of the contact person to any Board member.



As with many charities, contributions to Hestia's Children are drastically down, primarily due to the economy and September 11th. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

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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Mission Statement

Hestia's Children will provide a strong mentoring program combined with clean, safe, affordable housing without duplicating existing community resources.

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