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## ESF's Successful August

We bid adieu to summer with a few health fairs, strategic planning meetings for Haiti, and a walk-a-thon in Ocean City, NJ, where we had a great time doing the Happy Homes Charity Walkathon. What a beautiful story-this annual event supports the girls' home in India run by Happy Homes Charity, but this year the girls themselves wanted to help children in Haiti. Some of the proceeds from their fundraiser were kindly donated to ESF's vaccination campaign *V-Gifts for Life* (the "V" stands for vaccinations), helping purchase essential vaccines and supplies for Haiti. See our profile of Happy Homes' below.

## Back to School for your kids and Haiti's



It's that time of the year, and whether you're shopping for all your kids' back-to-school needs or at the pediatrician's office getting their school physicals, please keep in mind the children of Haiti who have little access to school or health care. We are setting out to improve these situations through our three Back-to-School Campaigns:

### Happy Homes Charity, Inc.



Joanne McGuire led the Happy Home Charity, Inc. to their 6th Annual Walk-A-Thon in Ocean City, NJ, August 14, 2010.

### Happy Homes Charity, Inc.



**Father Kennedy**  
Founded Happy Home Charity, Inc. in 2004. Happy Home is located in Mylaudy, India and exists to provide a loving, safe, supportive and educative environment for homeless, orphaned and semi-orphaned adolescent girls.

**Thanks for your generosity!**



### ***V-Gifts for Life:***

In August, ESF participated in the Happy Home Charity Walkathon to raise money for *V-Gifts for Life*, from which we will be able to purchase vaccinations to bring on our future missions to Haiti. Vaccinations are an important and easy way to keep a population healthy.

### ***Send a Child to Lekòl:***

For 3 months worth of morning lattes, you could provide one year of school (or lekòl in Creole), where school fees are a huge barrier to primary education. Two angel donors have already provided tuition for two students to attend school for a year. Please visit [www.explorerssf.org](http://www.explorerssf.org) if you can do the same.

### ***Backpacks for Haiti:***

The William Hunter School of Kensington, Philadelphia and the NJ Girl Scout Troup Leader Brenda Yost in providing backpacks of donated school supplies for the kids in Haiti. These are much-needed supplies we take for granted that can help these kids get the education they deserve.

## **ESF "Relax and Unwind" Social Fundraiser at Bistro Romano on September 1, 2010**

Please join us for the "Relax and Unwind" Social Fundraiser at **Bistro Romano**, located at 120 Lombard Street in Philadelphia-Society Hill.

**When: September 1, 2010**

**Time: 5:30-9:30 PM**

A \$20 donation is respectfully requested. The donation amount entitles you to a live Pianist, 50% off great appetizer and drink specials\* and great networking opportunity. Silent Auction is optional.

## **Robert Rathmann leads ESF Team Haiti**



September 14-21<sup>st</sup>, Bob Rathmann, RN and ESF Director of Global Operations will be leading our fourth humanitarian mission to Haiti. His team will provide health care in the Delmas area of Port-au-Prince, where ESF has been providing medical aid since March 2010. Please be sure to support us in our vaccination campaign for Haiti, *V-Gifts for Life*. ESF is also in need of in-kind donations and financial support to purchase, ship or carry items for the children's clinic, games and activities, hygiene products, food and much more! Contact ESF if you or your company is interested in donating or hosting an event for ESF and our programs.

## **Donor of the Month: Maxim Healthcare Services**

Thanks to Chris Rathmann and associates at Maxim Healthcare Services for their unbelievable generosity to raise much needed financial support towards ESF's humanitarian projects in Haiti. Maxim Healthcare Services is one of the fastest growing providers of home health, medical staffing, and wellness services in the industry. As a full-service healthcare company, they have earned a reputation for providing innovative solutions that improve health and enhance the quality of life for their patients. Their dedication to customer service and improving patient care, combined with their commitment to staffing quality healthcare professionals has made Maxim one of the most dependable healthcare companies in the industry. Their generosity will be used to support ESF humanitarian initiatives and to help us help others; thank you all for your support!

## **ESF Recognizes Happy Home Charity, Inc.**

After the devastating tsunami of 2004 that struck the coastal area of southern India, many children were left homeless and orphaned. Father John Kennedy, a native of that area, felt the need to help these children and embarked on a mission to rebuild their lives. With the help of Happy Homes Charity, Inc., a non-profit organization led by Joanne McGuire, Father Kennedy, a community of volunteers and dedicated board members was able to turn his idea into reality. Now, many formerly homeless orphaned girls have a loving and permanent home because Happy Home Charity, Inc. This year the girls at Happy Home wanted to do something different. They all decided to donate the money raised from their annual Walk-A-Thon in Ocean City, NJ to the children in Haiti. Their reason was simple, "We know what it feels like to be devastated by a natural disaster and we cannot be selfish and we will share..." This is a true blessing for ESF's *V-Gift for Life* campaign ("V" stands for vaccinations). A special note of

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gratitude and heartfelt thanks to the all of you at Happy Home Charity, Inc.

## Coffee for a Cause: Dean Beans

As vacation wraps up and your family gets back into the early morning routine of getting the kids ready and off to school, wouldn't you like your morning caffeine fix to support a good cause? ESF has recently partnered with Dean's Beans Organic Fair Trade Coffee. For each bag purchased through our website, \$4 will go to ESF (\$3 for decaf). With Dark & Medium roasts in original and decaf, plus hot chocolate and Java Drops, you'll find something for each morning of the week while supporting ESF's Haiti initiatives and fair trade for organic coffee growers around the world. Order your Dean's Beans java through our website: [www.Explorerssf.org](http://www.Explorerssf.org) .

We will accept in-kind or monetary donations for all of our projects-if you would like your donation to go towards a specific ESF cause, just shoot us an email through [info@explorerssf.org](mailto:info@explorerssf.org).

## Upcoming Events for September and October

### **Partnership CDC Rhythm and Blues Fest, September 18, 2010**

Come celebrate with ESF at the Partnership CDC's annual Rhythm and Blues Fest at 40<sup>th</sup> and Market Streets from 12-6pm. ESF will be helping out by sponsoring a health fair and offering activities for the kids. Stop by and see us to get health info and screenings while listening to the sounds of Kindred the Family Soul and other live performances!

### **Macy's Shop for a Cause. Willow Grove Mall, October 16, 2010**

Get great deals and support ESF with Macy's Shop for a Cause. During this one-day charity event, ESF will be at the Willow Grove Macy's providing health information and screenings and selling Shop for a Cause shopping passes. For \$5, you get a coupon for 25% off your first purchase and 20% off all other purchases-perfect if you want to get a jump start on your holiday shopping or if you've been eyeing those boots you couldn't bring yourself to pay full price on! Shop for a Cause passes can be bought in advance- just contact an ESF member- or that day at our table at the Willow Grove Macy's. 100% of proceeds go to support ESF's humanitarian endeavors.

Please share our ESF newsletter with your friends, family, co-workers and others who might be interested in ESF or the good work being supported in the community. Be sure to check our website for upcoming community events in the fall season.

Sincerely,

Team ESF  
Explorers Sans Frontières (ESF)

Thank you for your generous support, in-kind donations, and sharing the great news about ESF! We are a grassroots organization so your support really goes a long way to help so many. Let ESF be your chosen charity this year and for years to come. We believe in the people and the communities we serve; ESF is a bridge between our local into our global communities. Join in on the fun and become an ESF'er!

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