



Rebuilding Children's Lives After Natural Disasters

December 2010

Dear **Happy** Friends,

On November 20th, Happy Hearts Fund hosted the very special **Land of Dreams: Thailand event**. During the special children's dream hours earlier in the day, over 300 New York area school children from disadvantaged communities, along with their teachers and parents, experienced the magic of Thailand. Exhibits included a simulated jungle with special appearances by a monkey and lizard, a Muay Thai kickboxing ring, authentic Thai cuisine, and a presentation by traditional Thai dancers. Each of the children also received a special holiday gift as they exited the event. It was a celebration of the heart and one we are proud to share with you.



Children compete in the Muay Thai kickboxing ring.

Attendees of the evening event were transported to experience the Thai culture through participating in exhibits that brought them from the beaches of the south, to the rice paddy fields sprinkled throughout the country-side, to the jungles of the north. **In addition, everyone was able to "visit" an HHF school, computer lab and sustainable business seeing firsthand the importance of HHF's mission.** The evening was full of opportunities for HHF supporters to connect firsthand with the mission and accomplishments of the foundation. Together, friends and families discovered the simple yet remarkable ways that HHF has implemented to help children that have survived disasters.



Traditional Thai dancers perform for the guests.

Two of HHF's youngest supporters, both age 11, shared their perspective of our mission and the significance of our work with the audience – THANK YOU CONNOR AND LEVI!!!



Connor and Levi tell the guests how the children of HHF have touched their hearts.

Four very special “Hearts of Gold” were acknowledged:

The Consul-General Piriya Khempol represented the Kingdom of Thailand as he received the “Heart of Gold” Award;

Carlos Muriel, Chairman and CEO of ING Latin America was also honored with a “Heart of Gold” Award on behalf of ING Latin America;

Edith Lutnick, ESQ. Cofounder, Officer and the Executive Director of The Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund was honored for her work following the events that took place on September 11, 2001; and

Quincy Jones was honored for exemplifying a lifetime of humanitarian aid as he has brought hope, light and empowerment to the lives of thousands throughout the world.



The Consul-General Piriya Khempol accepts his award.



Introduced by The Edge, Quincy Jones accepts his award.

The night concluded with a live auction including a Music Fantasy Package... backstage passes and tickets to upcoming concerts by U2, the Black Eyed Peas, Natasha Bedingfield, and John Legend. In addition to the many other items, a Damien Hirst Art Piece (Saint Elmo's Fire) was also included in the auction.

A true highlight came during the auction when bidders supported the building of Happy Hearts Fund schools in Haiti, Chile, Peru and Indonesia. These moments will result in a lifetime of change for thousands of children -THANK YOU!

Finally, the crowd was thrilled by a live performance from both Jennifer Hudson and John Forte.



John Forte charmed the crowd with his own songs and a special tribute to Quincy Jones.



Jennifer Hudson's incredible voice left guests in awe.

If you want to help us Bring Happiness Back! to the lives of children that have been impacted by natural disasters please text "HEART" to 85944 and reply "YES" to donate \$5.

Since its inception in June 2006, the supporters and volunteers of the Happy Hearts Fund have generously responded to the needs of the forgotten children that survived disasters. Together, they have made it possible for forty-seven newly rebuilt/repared educational facilities to be built and currently have eight schools on the way. Each of them have/will become a beacon of hope in their own communities. We would like to extend a very special thank you to everyone that has joined the Happy Hearts Fund team as we continue to improve children's lives together.

HHF receives specific donations to underwrite all administrative and fundraising

expenses, allowing all public donations to support our programs. HHF is extremely grateful to our corporate partners – Continental Airlines, DLA Piper, HP and ING – for their philanthropic commitment to help build a future for children affected by natural disasters.

With our happy heartfelt wishes,
Happy Hearts Fund Team

HHF is committed to help accomplish the UN's Millennium Development Goals (MGD's). In the meantime, we would love to hear from you! Let us know if you like our "HAPPY newsletters" and feel that they are informative. If you have any questions or comments on what you would change or programs you want to hear about please email us at feedback@happyheartfund.org. We would be really happy if you connect with us – remember, communication is a two-way street!