

THE HAPPY FACTORY, INC.

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President's Corner

As 2009 draws to a close we reflect on the things that have taken place this year and there have been many. We would first like to thank the volunteers, for without them we wouldn't exist. This year marked the 1 millionth toy made, what a remarkable achievement. As far as the Board of Trustees, we have promoted Charles Cooley to Emeritus Director and have appointed Rex Doty from our subsidiary, the Las Vegas Happy Factory as a new member of the Board of Trustees. We would like to thank Charles for his endless hours spent in this worthy cause and are glad he will continue to be a presence in the organization. This month we saw 300 toys placed in emergency backpacks and shipped to Africa for refugees. The toys continue to give comfort to many and this is why we continue to make toys. In the words of one of the volunteers, "I get up every morning and come to the Happy Factory because I am doing something that matters." We would like to thank all of you that contribute in any way to this simple yet profound work, "Giving joy to Children." May you all have a wonderful and Merry Christmas with your loved ones and ever be mindful of those whose lives we can touch with a toy.

Paul Cozzens – President

Mail Bag

This is quite strange for me to send such message but I feel so. I'm Celine, 25 years old and French. The TV show "3 Wishes" is on TV in France (quite late to be honest) But I see your work and all the kindness you have to build all these toys for all the children who don't have ones. It's a really great idea, life project, I don't know how you call it but I love they way you realize it.

Bring a smile is so important and I really thank you to bring so strong feelings to people. By your kindness, your will, your heart, you make children happier and give hope to the world.

Keep your way and take care!!!

Thank you:)

Celine

Dear Happy Factory and Three Wishes,

I saw your segment on Three Wishes and was moved by the loving spirit of Happy Factory as they delivered the toys to the less fortunate. My small gift will hopefully bring a few smiles as well.

Thank you for the Gift of Giving and God Bless and good will as you spread joy and happiness throughout the world.

And Three Wishes what a wonderful show in a sea of garbage. Amy you are indeed spreading love through your show. For by the works of my children and the love they show you will know me. May God Bless you and your production and your impact ripple through the industry and society.

The pain and suffering of a child cannot be removed entirely from the world but the simple gesture of a gift of love can bring some light to a world in need of hope and dreams. A Childs mind can begin to turn away from the hardships of life when the wheels on their little wooden truck roll along the road of life. Through the love of those who walk in light into the world of those who live in dark may God bless your act of love and make this world a safe place for every child. Anonymous

Best Wishes
Paulo Gray

Hey! My name is Wendy Gabbert and I'm a preschool teacher in Davis County. I have one of the wooden Big Scoopers in my class and let me tell you that my kids LOVE IT!! One of my students will sit on it and push it around to pick up all the little toys on the floor and put them away as his way of cleaning. Another student has figured out how to get toys in the scooper without using his hands and proceeded to show all the other students how he did it. It was a moment of great pride for him and I know it made his day! Thank you so much!!

Wendy

A few years ago I received the big scooper that the students can sit on and scoop up balls and other items on use in my classroom. I have a special education preschool classroom. Most of my students have autism. They LOVE the scooper. It has been a wonderful tool to use in turn taking and using toys appropriately. It is a positive reinforcing activity that the students are willing to wait to take a turn with. They also learn to watch for other students and use the toy appropriately. I appreciate all you organization has done to donate amazing materials for our students. I can tell that you spend time and energy into making your items quality products. Thank you for your willingness to offer useful materials to help the students in progress in their social, play, interacting, gross and fine motor skills. It has really added to our program.

Melissa Bowe

Dear Happy Factory

First I would like to thank you for your good heart. I recently arrived from Brazil and I have some picture for you of the children that received you little wooden cars. I am still feeling the emotion of seeing all those children and their mothers when they saw the wooden cars. It was really a special day.

They were delivered on October 11 at the Church, in order to coincide with Children's Day, a day commemorated in Brazil when children receive what they want most and certainly those that cannot receive anything, only dream of what they want....

I am glad though, because many of them were able to receive something this year, your wonderful work and I was able to see their smile...it was wonderful.

I do not have the words to thank you for all that you GAVE to those children. I know how important and priceless it is! Even today they ask us to thank you for your action. Thank you! I hope the Lord will continue blessing you and prospering your lives. You are wonderful!!

Sincerely,
Ana Flavia Fones

Happy Factory

To me the name Happy Factory immediately puts a smile in my heart. What's it do for you? Due to the artistry and craftsmanship of a number of retired people in Utah and their concern for the children of the world who live in poverty, we received 300 handcrafted toys for use with our Christmas Program. These wooden toys (trucks, cars, etc) will surely put a smile on the faces of a goodly number of Native children come this Christmas season. Merry Christmas from One Nation Walking Together to the Happy Factory elves.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS – HAVE A GOOD 2010

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