



To Love Children's mission is to create sustainable educational development opportunities for the girl child in the developing world, in order to break the cycle of poverty.

Celebrating our Three-Year Anniversary

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“I want to make a deal. Just for today, allowing me to indulge in all I want is a virtue”



To Love Children is indeed fortunate to have an international staff of volunteers. I am mindful and appreciative, and I think myself enriched that our volunteers literally live in countries around the globe, above and below the equator. From Greenwich Mean Time past the International Date Line and back to Greenwich, someone is awake and active with To Love Children 24 hours a day.

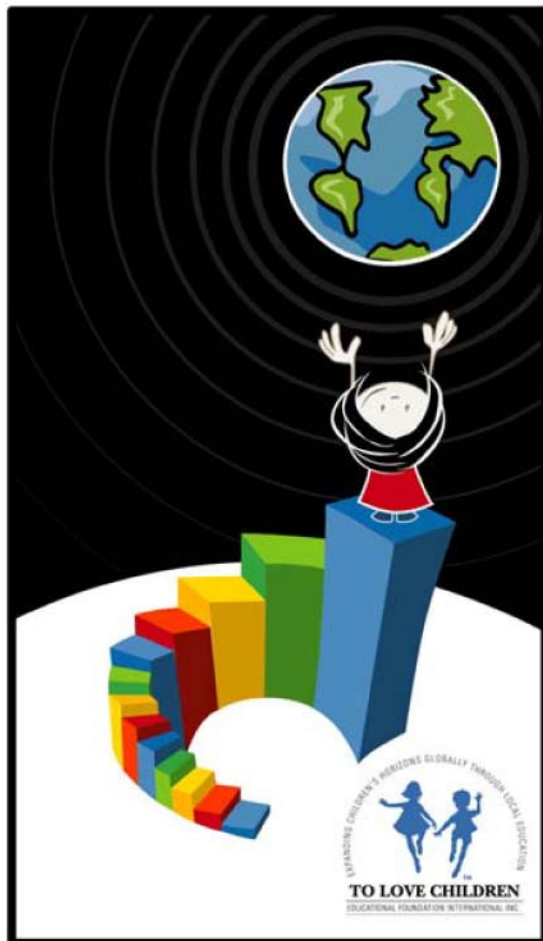
We, as a family, practice many traditions, beliefs, holidays, and even the beginning of the New Year. We are truly a global family. Please help by sending me any relevant information about your holidays, culture, and significant days of the year you and your family celebrate. It is important that we all are aware of and learn about the many different ideas, faiths, traditions, and holidays that are important to you. The children and women we serve come from many faiths and traditions as well, and we want to be able to learn from each other to bring the best we each have to offer so we enrich our human experience.

Our children need this exchange of firsthand knowledge in order to become tolerant citizens as they learn about the wondrous diversity of the human mind, heart, and spirit.

Some of you will be preparing to celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, and the coming of a New Year. For those of you who partake in these traditions and holidays, be safe, enjoy the love of your family, and enjoy all the best that this time of year brings to you and your family and friends.

David Kenneth Waldman
December 2005

New Design For To Love Children T-Shirt





David Kenneth Waldman
Founder/President/CEO

Dear Volunteers, Board of Directors, Partners, Staff, and Friends,

“While victims of injustice and poverty have always had trouble being heard, none have had more trouble, historically, than children. Whether exploited as child labourers or prostitutes, drafted as young teenagers into armed forces, forced as young girls into a lonely life as domestic workers, deprived of an education to work on the family farm, or denied adequate nutrition and health care, children need help and protection from an adult world that perpetrates most of the abuse.”

United Nations Report on Human Rights <http://www.un.org/rights/dpi1765e.htm>

Human Rights is a Fundamental Foundation of United States Policy

The protection of fundamental human rights was a foundation stone in the establishment of the United States over 200 years ago. Since then, a central goal of U.S. foreign policy has been the promotion of respect for human rights, as embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The United States understands that the existence of human rights helps secure the peace, deter aggression, promote the rule of law, combat crime and corruption, strengthen democracies, and prevent humanitarian crises.

Because the promotion of human rights is an important national interest, the United States seeks to:

- Hold governments accountable to their obligations under universal human rights norms and international human rights instruments;
- Promote greater respect for human rights, including freedom from torture, freedom of expression, press freedom, women’s rights, children’s rights, and the protection of minorities;
- Promote the rule of law, seek accountability, and change cultures of impunity;
- Assist efforts to reform and strengthen the institutional capacity of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and the UN Commission on Human Rights; and
- Coordinate human rights activities with important allies, including the EU and regional organizations.

A reasonable person could argue how the United States can hold governments accountable to their obligations under universal human rights norms and international human rights instruments when it has not ratified the mostly universally ratified convention in the history of the United Nations - the Convention on the Rights of the Child. A reasonable person could argue that the United States has strong domestic protective rights of children and has made remarkable progress in allowing equal access to schools for all; required immunizations for all school age children; made health care and prenatal and post natal care available; created a social safety net for single mothers and safety protection regulations for children; and instituted protective caps on medicines, safe car seats, and national food nutrition requirements for children in school. The list is endless. Children in the United States are protected and safe. A reasonable person could then argue that children are not safe with guns in the schools, drugs, pregnancy in young teens, and even children as young as 15 are tried as adults when

they commit murder and can get life imprisonment. That same reasonable person could present the facts that the violence and abuse done to children and teens have increased at an alarming rate. Both reasonable people, however, would agree that children need to be safe from harm. Both reasonable people would agree that children need education, peace, health care, nutrition, security, and protection from being exploited as sex slaves, laborers, or forced into military service as a child. To Love Children's mission is to educate and advocate, but most of its mission is to create sustainable educational development opportunities for the girl child in the developing world in order to break the cycle of poverty. In this regard, the United States government and reasonable people holding both sides of the above argument are our allies. Should To Love Children support the United States' ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child? Absolutely. The Convention is a cornerstone of our work to promote human rights. Our soon to be released BLOG, this newsletter, the Global Child Journal, and anywhere and everywhere I or any of our staff or volunteers get a forum, we need to speak up and out for the rights for the child.

The way this is to be done is to promote dialogue and facts, to create forums and awareness on the issues, and, most of all, to educate. To Love Children is also going to lead the battle in getting the United States to ratify with an awareness campaign and an education campaign. We will lead by example with the dignity that we show each other and the dignity and respect we show children and the communities we serve all over the world. To Love Children will seek partners and allies and most of all, we will find common ground as the most important question we always need to answer is, "How will my educating or advocating make a difference in reaching our mission?" In addition, our mantra "we will do no harm to the children we serve" will be the number one concern of all of our policies and programs. We are not on a zealous mission to change the way the world thinks. Our zeal is to educate more girls and to bring into civil societies all over the world starting at the community level, tolerance, democratic thinking appropriate to the culture and society, critical thinking and problem solving skills, opportunity, and education so that the world will come together as more girl children and women join the dialogue and decision-making bodies of governments.

We are approaching human rights advocacy as a grassroots strategy, with change coming from the bottom to top. To Love Children is educating and advocating and in 2005, we have made much important progress with obtaining new and important partners, volunteers, board members, key volunteer management staff, expansion of our existing programs and implementation of new programs, cartoons, curriculum implementation, redesign of our web site and logos, marketing and sales/micro loan/graphic design/editing teams, and a better organization of administrative tasks such as tracking budgets and expenses, volunteer data base, monthly reports, online press kit and volunteer handbook and information, newsletters, annual report and website in Spanish/French as well as English to reach more of the world's population, and expanding our vision to see the need for a peace, water, solar, science, and early childhood development curriculums and programs for the development of children. To Love Children, with our new cartoon "Just for Today," will help spread the message as well as. We have created new designs that will be featured in future newsletters, starting with this one for T-Shirts, so that we can get our message out.

Human rights for all children start with education and awareness. We start by teaching children what their rights are and give them the tools so that they can join the dialogue in their community and country and link together with others to empower themselves. To Love Children supports the ratification by the United States of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. I will be calling upon you to join my new committee so we can create an awareness campaign to create a grassroots movement so that the United States can have an additional moral forum in which to hold governments accountable to their obligations under universal human rights norms and international human rights instruments by holding themselves accountable.

Sincerely,

David Kenneth Waldman

Founder/President/CEO



Spotlight On Executive Director's Place

This month, I am very excited to announce the addition of our new Assistant Executive Director, Meg Meador, as well as a new board member, Kirsten Mickelson.

The addition of these two talented people will have great impact for our organization and we look forward to their work with us.

Kirsten Mickelson received her B.A. from UC Berkeley, with honors, where she double-majored in Spanish Language and Literature and Mass Communications. After graduation, she spent a year in the UK and became life-long friends with people from all over the world. As an undergrad, she spent her junior year abroad in Granada, Spain and honed her Spanish-speaking skills. Kirsten also spent a summer in Hamburg, Germany, working in a refugee camp with an NGO called Civile Service International- a relative organization of UNESCO. Additionally, she interned at the International Rescue Committee in Oakland where she served as a Case Worker for Spanish-speaking refugees. Kirsten also assisted families in social and cultural orientations and helped enroll the young children into local schools. She has had the opportunity to work with people from all over the world and would like to become more involved with international relations.

Kirsten is inspired by the opportunity to fulfill To Love Children's goals: to educate young girls in the developing world while contributing to the long-term sustainability of the organization.



Meg Meador comes to us with a wealth of experience and knowledge and we are very lucky to have her joining our team. I would like to take a few moments to share her background with you.

Margaret (Meg) Meador has over ten years experience in the health services sector, with a diverse background that includes military service, as well as work in academia, a private corporation, and a non-profit organization. Always interested in health issues, Meg attended Stanford University and pursued her BA in Human Biology, a unique major with an interdisciplinary approach to understanding humans from biological, behavioral, social, and cultural perspectives. Meg was particularly interested in how these interrelationships could be applied to formulate, analyze, and evaluate health and other public policies that influence human welfare.

Meg attended college on an ROTC scholarship. Upon graduation from Stanford in 1993, she was commissioned as an officer in the US Army Medical Service Corps, assigned to the 61st Area Support Medical Battalion at Fort Hood, Texas. There, she served as a platoon leader for a field treatment facility. In September 1994, she deployed with her platoon to Suriname to set up medical care in response to the Haitian migrant crisis. Following this assignment, Meg assumed the role of executive officer for her company. Her efforts in this job were mostly logistical in nature, as she worked to track company equipment as it returned from South America, and help the company re-establish operations in the U.S. Meg then became the Assistant Operations Officer for the battalion, a staff position where she managed long-term medical planning, medical intelligence, training evaluations, and strategic deployment measures. Her work in operations at the battalion-level led to Meg's selection to be the Operations Officer for the 1st Medical Brigade. In this role, her scope of responsibility broadened significantly, to include managing medical support in multiple states for over 5,000 soldiers. She also deployed to Tuzla, Bosnia, in support of Operation Joint Guard, Bosnia in November 1996, where she assisted in managing medical operations for multi-national NATO forces throughout Bosnia, Croatia, and Hungary, and developed a mass casualty response plan involving three different nations.

While the military proved to be extremely rewarding, she decided to leave the Army after her service obligation was fulfilled. Meg enrolled at the University of North Carolina (UNC) School of Public Health and received her MPH in Health Behavior and Health Education in 2001. Concurrent with her

graduate studies, Meg worked as a research assistant for the North Carolina Breast Cancer Screening Program at UNC's Lineberger Cancer Center. The project focused on increasing mammography use through community outreach, provider in-reach, and facilitating access to healthcare services. In 1999, Meg took an analyst position with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina in their quality improvement department. Her work included examining barriers to appropriate health care, and ensuring the health plan met accreditation standards. In 2000, she was promoted to project manager, leading cross-functional teams in developing, implementing, and evaluating chronic and preventive health initiatives. Meg organized and moderated focus groups, and designed and implemented needs assessment surveys in order to tailor health communications, identify vulnerable populations, and select appropriate intervention strategies. She also coordinated and delivered health promotion seminars to multiple worksites, and played a key role in advocating financial and executive support for broadening worksite health initiatives.

In late 2002, Meg left her position at Blue Cross to accompany her husband, a medical evacuation pilot with the Army, to Germany. Shortly after arriving, Meg began volunteering with the American Red Cross in Katterbach, Germany. Her responsibilities ranged from handling emergency notification cases for soldiers and their families, to coordinating and managing the station's health and safety program. In May 2003, Meg assumed a funded position as acting station manager and was additionally charged with overseeing the station's volunteers, budget, and administration. She left the post in September 2003, upon the birth of her first child. Since then, she has done an extensive amount of traveling (much with infant in tow), and completed the Intermediate Level German Language Immersion Course at the Goethe-Institute in Rothenberg ob der Tauber. She is very much looking forward to drawing on her diverse experience and her interest in women's health and social justice in her new role as Assistant Executive Director for the To Love Children Educational Foundation. She can be reached directly via email at megmeador@tolovechildren.org



Please join me in welcoming Meg and Kirsten to the To Love Children team. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Katie Patricelli
Executive Director

What To Love Children Means To Me:

David Kenneth Waldman *Founder/President/CEO To Love Children*

To Love Children means: giving a voice to the voiceless through the gift of access to educational resources, workshops, and curriculum, and advocating for those not in school.

Advocating for the human rights of the child—giving opportunity to poor women for creating a means for a sustainable income for health, education, clean water, and all that provide quality of life.

To Love Children means creating awareness for a continent of people the African continent in all of its splendor, majesty and human resources.

What To Love Children Means To Me:

Katie Patricelli *Executive Director To Love Children Educational Foundation*

TLC means hope to the children around the world who are not currently in school.
TLC means hope to the women around the world who want to see their daughters gain the education that they may have missed themselves.
TLC means the creation of stronger families and communities around the world.

Martin Witte *Program Coordinator Bay Area International Development Organizations*
www.baido.org

“To me, TLC represents a budding seed in the positive turn to grassroots development and advocacy work, and I have been pleased to follow its path from an idea and a message to a programmatic force with results and a future—for the organization and for girl children in the developing world. From my involvement with dozens of NGOs in the Bay Area and beyond, I can attest to TLC’s passionate, heartfelt goals in their collective and individual toil. I hope the sky’s the limit for the girls served by TLC and for those working so admirably with this grassroots labor of love.”

Dr. M. Ashaq Raza *Public Relations Director, TLC*

Here is what To Love Children means to me:

- A great organization advocating selflessly the girl children and their education for sustainable development.
- An organization with a noble mission for the developing world, especially Africa.
- An organization working just like family on the goals and objectives that match my ideologies in all the ways; thus, I am ready to expand its mission across the globe on a voluntary basis.
- Optimistically, I see this organization expanding every day with extended enthusiasm and generosity. It still needs more dedication as a team (of volunteers) for specific project planning, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation on a regular basis and above all wider publicity and diverse ways of funding for its better existence and sustainability.

I wish all success for this great organization. Always at your service

Lynelle Scheid Kearney *Founder and President of Embrace Art Enterprises, LLC.*

My response is a poem around kindness:

Kindness in words creates confidence.
Kindness in thinking creates profoundness.
Kindness in giving creates love

Kimberly Spuhler *Illustrator for the To Love Children cartoons Just for Today and Born with a Learning Mind*

TLC children means giving a child full opportunity and the tools to become whatever they dream. By giving a child knowledge and tools to discover, they are powerful to overcome whatever challenges they may confront. TLC tries to ignite the spark within a child that says, “I am powerful and in control of my future.”

The biggest challenge I think TLC has is clear project deadlines. Great People great passion.



Spotlight On Guido Alvarez

As our Art Director, Guido Alvarez took over the creative control and his influence in creating a stronger brand has been significantly felt and is a major contribution to the image and message To Love Children is seeking to give. Whether a flyer, proposal, business card, web site, or direction to other graphic designers, his professionalism, team player, expertise, ideas for new programs that will generate funding for To Love Children, and a can do attitude will be sorely missed. We are not saying goodbye, however, as the partnership and friendship remains stronger than ever. We are now looking into different ways to work together to meet both Guido's expanding professional needs and To Love Children. However, it is time to pay tribute to his contributions of his new graphics. We cannot measure the good will from people giving us positive feedback already seeing the new look.

Thank you Guido and we look to even more exciting projects with you in the years to come.



TO LOVE CHILDREN
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION INTERNATIONAL

To Love Children Educational Foundation International
International Non Governmental Organization Founded July 25, 2002, 501(c)(3) non profit

To Love Children Educational Foundation International's mission is creating sustainable educational development opportunities for the girl child in the developing world in order to break the cycle of poverty.

We do this by providing a plan for sustainability for all of our programs and projects. We attach importance to working with local experts/NGO's and believe that sustainable educational development for the girl child is the solution for breaking the cycle of poverty.

GIRL
Got International Resource Learning Educational Program
Creating sustainable educational development opportunities, resources, curriculum and training for girl children and women, and creating Universal Resource Centers and Libraries in the developing world.

IDEAS
International Design Education Assistance Services
Is our Design Services company that will be a profitable and sustainable means for funding GIRL.

WOMEN
Women Organization Micro Credit Educational Network
Creating sustainable developmental business opportunities for the poorest women around the world.

Speak Up Speak Out Education Advocacy Program
Conduct and facilitate meetings with appropriate government, private, and education officials to gather support in order to effect change through legislation and funding.
Advocate and teach child rights education based on the Convention on the Rights of the Child with our Walk for Education World Wide program (WEW), and our Global Child BLOG (GLOBE).
Conduct workshops to educate the public about the reasons for the right to girl education, as well as travel opportunities for volunteers to do global citizen service through our Global Education Outreach and Travel Opportunities Program (GEOTOP).
Publish books and the GLOBAL CHILD JOURNAL written by experts, lay people and children themselves.
Provide Youth Based Solutions through our youth advisory board, a volunteer youth program-Risk Council in which children and youth make decisions and take actions to help other children all over the world.
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GLOBAL CHILD JOURNAL

To Love Children Is Proud To Announce Respect International Canada To Work With TLC

RESPECT International Coordinator, Marc Schaeffer, has begun collaborating with David Kenneth Waldman, Founder, President, and CEO of To Love Children (TLC) International on ways both organizations can work together to address education issues among refugees.

According to the web site, the stated goals of RESPECT are:

1. To increase awareness of refugee issues among non-refugee students in participating countries.
2. To build bridges between non-refugee students and refugee students through pen pal letter exchange.
3. To encourage students to act to raise awareness of refugee issues and to raise funds for their sponsored refugee school.

Spotlight On Jen McIntosh



Jen has written and illustrated 2 series of instructional children's books when her three now teenage daughters were young. She is still involved in local charities. Jen has been working since she graduated in 1978 with a BFA in visual arts as a graphic artist, both freelance and with ad agencies. Please visit her web site at www.jenwalshmac.com.

Jen is a committed volunteer who wants to use her artistic and graphic design skills to make a difference in the world for others. Jen will also be part of a team that will work with top-level management for To Love Children. She looks forward to having the opportunity to create the overall artistic look of all our publications, including a journal, newsletters, flyers, and other marketing pieces. Working with Jen, she will assist in assigning graphic designers and illustrators volunteers to projects and help them in producing high quality pieces that represent our worldwide presence. Welcome Jen to the To Love Children family of international volunteers.

Spotlight On Gary Alexander Sonik



Global Child BLOG

The idea I had was to create a Global Child BLOG that has three specific focuses: the human rights of children, an Africa Awareness Campaign, and to advocate for the United States to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

This entails research into the content, site appearance, and promotion. Gary consults with me on a regular basis. The BLOG also means getting contributors from Africa, and Gary is in touch with people in Kenya, Nigeria, and Uganda for the creation of project BLOGS. It requires creativity, and Gary has arranged and has had a story recording made by a storyteller in the best African tradition. Working with different cultures, experience, and managing other volunteers, Gary has made an immeasurable difference for To Love Children in the creation of our first BLOG.

Gary also contributes with feedback and writing articles for our newsletter, and has taken on a management role for To Love Children. He is self-motivating, takes on additional responsibilities, is managing a team, and showing exceptional results. He reports to me in a timely way and the point of all of this is that Gary is a volunteer doing citizen service, the highest calling of any citizen to make the world a better place for all of us.

Purpose of the Global Child BLOG:

1. To support and advocate for all girl children and children to be in school and support the Millennium Development Goals.
2. Create an African Awareness Campaign to show the second largest continent with a history of human habitation that began with the oldest known ancestors of people, and the continent's wealth of culture, music, and traditions.
3. To advocate and educate the USA to ratify the Convention on the Rights of the Child.



Logo designed by Guido Alvarez

How Can I Help?

Healthy And Safe Hiv/aids Prevention
Curriculum

Women Organization Micro Credit

Educational Network

Clean Water Project

Solar Energy Resource Center

Universal African Resource Center & Library

Kampala Brass Band

Middle School Character – Ethics/peace Curriculum for
Teens

Each month we will focus on a part of our many programs where you can make a difference with a \$100 contribution. And of course any amount goes a long way. Your contribution will pay for the running of our programs.

TLC Roundtable

WE invite your response from experts to extend the dialogue and to find solutions to topics presented in the TLC Roundtable

United Nations Millennium Development Goals

Goal 3: Promote Gender Equality And Empower Women

Target for 2015: Eliminate gender disparities in primary and secondary education preferably by 2005, and at all levels by 2015. The challenge: An estimated 63 million primary age girls are still not enrolled in school. In only 9 countries in the world are 1 in 3 or more seats in parliament held by women. Progress/ Reversal: Progress towards gender equality in education has been made in most regions, but Africa, south-central and western Asia, and Oceania are still well short of the target.

I am looking to all of you to bring this issue to parent groups, women groups, your alumnus, schools, educational leaders, and prospective donors to create a national and international dialogue to keep this goal in the forefront. Our mission will be successful in direct relation to the success of the goal. Tell me what you think and I will publish your response in the next newsletter.



To Love Children Classifieds

Place your classified ad here for free and reach hundreds of people that live in over 29 countries. All ads are subject to approval of the Editor and a minimum of 10% portion of any profits from any sale must be donated to the running of TLC's programs

Jeanmarie Martin is now editing some of our To Love Children's newsletters and documents with the professional skill of the best of editing tradition. She is reliable and thorough. We recommend that you call or email her company, A Way with Words, to receive a quote for your next editing job.

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Volunteers Needed

- Accountant
- Chief Financial Officer
- International Public Health Director
- Editors and Writers
- People to work on To Love Children's BLOG site
- Translators in Russian, Italian, German, Chinese Mandarin, or other major dialects
- Graphic Designers and Illustrators
- Fundraising and Sales People
- Board of Directors Members
- Advisory Board Members for Micro Loan Program
- Curriculum Writers
- Join Board of Directors committees such Financial, Education, Programs, Fundraising and Publishing

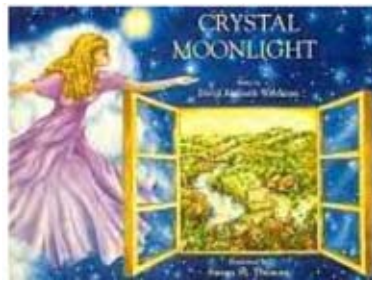
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Rebecca House Publishing International

Children's Books & Cassette Tapes for Sale

**Profits from the sales of children's books and cassettes go for operating costs for
To Love Children.**

**Crystal Moonlight by David Kenneth Waldman
\$10.95**



For ages 4-8.

**A blind girl named Gale learns to see with her heart and not with her eyes
alone.**

**The Changer by Tatiana Strelkoff
\$10.95**



**For ages 9-12. A ten-year-old boy named Jeremy learns the gift of being one
with animals from Woodman, a Choctow Indian.**

**How Teddy Bears Find Their Homes by David Kenneth Waldman
\$7.95**



For ages 4-8. At the age of five, Benjamin Tristan Bear learns that you find your home through love. An original teddy bear song is included.

This cassette also includes Crystal Moonlight, a Crystal Moonlight lullaby song, and the theme song for To Love Children. Ron Dante, a two-time Tony award winner and the voice of The Archie's and hits such as Sugar, Sugar, is featured on this tape along the incredible voice talent of Roo Morgan, who has done work for Disney and appeared on the Smothers Brothers TV show.

To order, send a check made out to 'To Love Children Educational Foundation International Inc.', to: 1550 California Street, Suite 6L330, San Francisco CA 94109 or make an online credit card donation for \$50 at <http://www.tolovechildren.org/donate.htm> and e-mail rebeccahse@aol.com with your name and mailing address, and we will send all three as a thank-you gift for your donation.

Please Note: you will only be able to declare \$43.00 as a donation to our 501c3 non-profit . TLC recommends when making donations to non-profit organizations that you check with your accountant to ensure what you are able to declare on your taxes.

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