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Dear Friends,

As we prepare to ring in 2006, Healing the Children Southwest Chapter hopes you will remember the needy children we serve in your end-of-the-year giving. Together we will see how healing one child can impact the child's family, friends and community. We realize that you must sacrifice something to contribute to healing children and we strive to get as many children assisted as possible by keeping overhead low, seeking discounts and supply contributions from manufacturers and merchants, and pooling resources.

Donations by check can be mailed to HTCSW at the address on this newsletter. If you prefer to donate via credit card, we have a secure PayPal account on our website, [www.htcsw.org](http://www.htcsw.org)



We are excited to report that thanks to the skill of the medical personnel at Presbyterian Hospital and its auxiliary medical organizations, the 5-year-old with holes in her heart is back with her family in Iraq. It was a wonder to see Rhma full of energy, a healthy pink color and going out to play for the first time in her life. When she told her mother last summer that "the American soldiers are going to help me" she could not have imagined how many people would be needed to save her life. It took the US Army, New Mexico Congresswoman Heather Wilson, a Vice Counsel at the American Embassy in Amman, and the Palestinian Children's Relief Fund to help HTCSW get her to Albuquerque! Her favorite American food? Popcorn! A big thank you to all who helped perform this remarkable service!

Since our fall newsletter HTCSW was contacted by a social worker about a 13-year-old in Colorado who was experiencing seizures. Financial assistance for an EEG was needed as soon as possible. The hospital provided a deep discounted price for the test and the family contributed as much as they could. Thanks to HTCSW the test was performed last month.

With grant money from Del Norte Rotary Foundation, HTCSW provided medical items including transport wheel chairs, vision testing equipment, stethoscopes, and otoscopes to the Albuquerque Public Schools' (APS) nursing services to help shortages at two public schools.

Among our services to local children are the donations of supplies to the Cleft Lip and Palate Clinic, APS homeless, and additional items for nursing services, made possible by a grant from the Albuquerque Community Foundation.

HTCSW assisted Dr. Roland Cadena, a podiatrist from Las Cruces, NM with his two 2005 trips to Guatemala. In September he screened 81 patients and performed 33 surgeries.

If you live in the Albuquerque area you can participate in healing needy children in other ways. Consider selling some of the items you no longer use or jewelry you don't wear on e-Bay using our arrangement with "Our Lil Enterprise". Let owners, Diana and Margo, know you have items for Healing the Children eBay Fundraiser at [ourlilenterprise@cs.com](mailto:ourlilenterprise@cs.com) (preferred) or call 298-8426. They will walk you through the process, take the necessary pictures for only 35 cents each and get your items listed on eBay. The item description on eBay will say that money raised will go to Healing the Children-Southwest Chapter, less consignment and listing fees.



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Abdul Mobin, CPA, will continue as bookkeeper and Dolores Marquez as Travel Coordinator.

Lucrecia (Luky) Garcia-Salas becomes a member of the Advisory Board, which at this writing, also includes volunteers Diego Gonzalez, MD, Phil Krehbiel, Esq., Barbara Menendez, RN and Rifka Stern, MD.

**MAURCENA WELLS HONORED** Maurcena Wells, RN, HTCSW Board of Directors, was recently presented with an award from the NM Center for Nursing Excellence. She was nominated by neurosurgeon Dr. Hal Hankinson from San Juan Regional Medical Center. Congratulations, Maurcena, on this well deserved honor!



**INCLUDE EL SALVADOR IN YOUR FUTURE** HTCSW is looking for medical volunteers who are willing to travel to El Salvador in 2006. Please let us know if you would like to be a part of this exiting new effort at [htc\\_sw@hotmail.com](mailto:htc_sw@hotmail.com).

**CAN YOU HELP?** We are looking for volunteers who have free daytime hours to assist with public relations events and duties in Albuquerque. We also need volunteers for many positions in Colorado and Texas. For information about these opportunities contact us at [htc\\_sw@hotmail.com](mailto:htc_sw@hotmail.com). In addition, if you are aware of foundations or groups in the states of New Mexico, Texas, and Colorado who might support Healing the Children -Southwest Chapter through grants, please pass along that information.