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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

This is simply my favorite time of the year. It is such a joy to reflect on all of the blessings God has provided to families and children through your efforts and those of SowingRoots: the families that received grants, the children that are being connected with forever families, the donations to orphanages, the support for children in foster care and the opportunity to walk alongside families with tremendous needs as they try to care for their adoptive children. What a blessing it is to be a part of these people's lives and to serve others. And none of this is possible without you – "thank you" hardly seems enough to express my gratitude.

It is also an exciting time for SowingRoots as we look ahead to 2015 and what will be another year of firsts for the organization and hopefully some of you! When we launched this organization, we talked about saying "yes", going and doing. As part of that we have faithfully committed to take a team of people to serve children in Honduras next August. How grateful we are for the opportunity to physically work with and care for children in Honduras in addition to the great things we are doing through our grants, sustainability work and supporting the foster care community.

You are a part of it all. Your faithfulness helps make this happen. Your sacrificial giving and support is a blessing in countless ways. We look forward to continuing to partner with you as we change the world -- one child at a time.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the team at SowingRoots!

The SowingRoots Board of Directors



At SowingRoots, our mission is to love and care for orphans worldwide. To learn more about our approach or to get involved, visit www.sowingroots.org.



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2014 “By the numbers”

Time and time again we attempt to express our gratitude for the sacrifices that those who support SowingRoots make. While we know that “thanks” doesn’t begin to touch the surface of how we feel about all of you - we thought we’d share this brief recap that summarizes the impact you’ve all had in 2014:

- Gifted **24** grants to adopting parents
- Distributed **\$32,250** in grant funds to aid in the adoption process
- Helped join **27** children with their new families
- Children were brought home from **6** countries: China, Ethiopia, Haiti, South Korea, Uganda and the United States
- Partnered with other local organizations to host a Christmas party and help bless **61** foster children in the Puget Sound area
- Provided **15** Christmas gifts to **15** local teen mothers who chose to place their children for adoption and receive mentoring services
- In conjunction with Orphan Outreach, provided gift items to grant Christmas to **1** Orphanage in Honduras - the San Jose Orphanage
- Provided sponsorship for the Project 5:1 mentoring program/project that seeks to help get **5** adult mentors in the life of every child
- Strapped on our running shoes, partnered with Run for Christ to bring adoption awareness to the community, and ran a **5k** race

Speaking of numbers...there’s still time to make an impact in 2014. Read on for more details.

A few end of year reminders:

- **Did you know?** SowingRoots is a registered 501c3 non-profit organization and as such, your generous donations are most likely tax deductible!
- **Do you know?** Many employers provide matching gifts when their employees financially contribute to eligible 501c3 organizations. Does yours? Check today!
- **But is there still time?** Yes! There’s still time to make end of year contributions to SowingRoots and continue the impact your donations have on helping join orphans with loving families.
- **How do I?** Donations can be made online at www.sowingroots.org/about-us/donate.html or mailed to the address in the details below.
- **What’re the details I need?** Necessary information about SowingRoot’s non-profit registration can be found below.

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Adoption story highlights



The Wiginton family

"As I sit here writing this, I still cannot believe that we have all of the funds we need to bring our son home. When we began our adoption journey the financial burden was overwhelming for us, but we knew we had been called to say 'yes' to our son waiting for us in China. We didn't know where the \$30,000 was going to come from but we stepped out in faith and obedience! Your grant was not only an incredible gift financially, but it was further encouragement that we are following God and a reminder that He will provide! Thank you for supporting us. You have changed our lives and are helping a little boy come home to his family. You have been a part of something only God could do! From the bottom of our hearts - our family is eternally grateful." -- The Wiginton Family

The Buckman Family

"Dear SowingRoots staff and donors - This Christmas season we rejoice in God's provision for our family through your grant. We have trusted, and stood in awe of how God has moved in our lives as we follow His leading to adopt. As of today, we still have not been matched, so we continue to wait and pray. We pray for our son, we pray for his birth mother. We pray that both would be healthy and safe, but more importantly, we pray that both would come to know the love of our beautiful and gracious Savior, Jesus Christ. We thank you friends, for your partnership with us. Thank you for your encouragement and investment in our lives. Thank you for listening to the call of God to provide assistance for families like mine. You are so very much appreciated! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, from our family to yours!" -- Bryan, Amy, Bella, Grady & Lilly



The Whitt family

"Dear SowingRoots donors: We cannot thank you enough for the grant we just received. As we spend these last few weeks preparing to get our daughter, it is such an encouragement to see God provide in such a huge way. We are in absolute awe of His amazing faithfulness. Thank you for your heart for the orphan, and the way you come alongside adoptive families. God has richly blessed us through you. We will send updates when we bring Emery home! Praising God for you."

-- The Whitt Family (Jonathan, Amy and soon, Emery)

The McKinney family

"Our family would like to sincerely thank SowingRoots for the adoption grant we received. The money they provided helped us meet one of the important expense deadlines, enabling us to move on to the next stage of the adoption process. We are currently preparing for the arrival of our daughter, with plans to travel to China in March or April, 2015" -- The McKinney Family

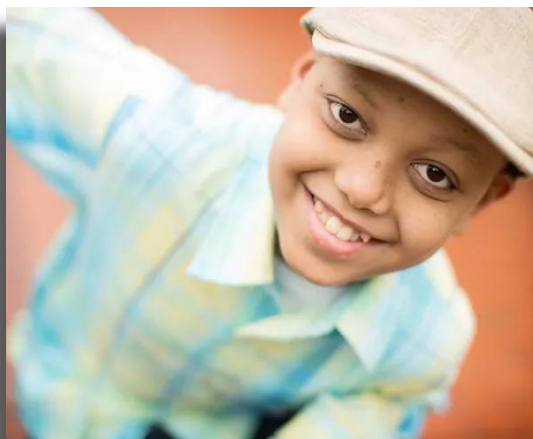


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SowingRoots in the Community

Nathaniel Healy: boy of courage

Nathaniel was orphaned as a young boy when both parents were tragically lost to illness in Ethiopia. For three years, he called an Ethiopian orphanage his home.



In 2012, at the age of 11, just one month after his adoption with his brother by the Healy family, Nathaniel was diagnosed with a very rare and high risk type of Leukemia. He moved directly into two years of high dose chemotherapy treatment, which successfully brought the cancer into remission.

Until Summer 2014.

Nathaniel's Leukemia returned with a vengeance -- and his treatment plan is a much-needed bone marrow transplant. Bone marrow transplants require a minimum of four months of in-patient treatment in Seattle.

Over these four months, Nathaniel needs his family to be present with him. However, being there for their son means the Healy's will face loss of income, increased insurance costs and other mounting expenses. Throughout the four month course of treatment, the cost to Nathaniel's family for his mother to be there full-time is \$200 *a day*.

On Sunday, Nov. 16th SowingRoots, along with the University Place community, rallied behind Nathaniel and his family and hosted a dinner & auction. The evening's motto was "Give Nathaniel a day" -- a day with a parent or family member by his side throughout treatment knowing that many costs lay ahead.

The turnout of love and support that evening was incredible and enough funds were raised to grant Nathaniel nearly 140 days of his family by his side! Thank you to all who attended, donated and continue to pray for the long journey that lays ahead for Nathaniel and his family.

If you'd like to join in the effort to grant the Nathaniel a day with his family, donations are accepted at your local Wells Fargo Bank location, made payable to the: Nathaniel Healy Family Benefit Fund.

Pierce County Alliance

On December 6th, SowingRoots proudly sponsored Pierce County Alliance to host a Christmas Party for 55 foster children and their families. This event kicked off the Christmas season for many of these families, with an appearance from the Tacoma Rainier's mascot Rhubarb, Santa, a balloon artist, and gifts for all the children.

Thank you to all who turned out for this incredible event to celebrate foster families!





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Event Recap: Inaugural Golf Tournament

October 6th, 2014 - Fircrest Golf Club | Fircrest, WA



While our tournament participants were prepared for an afternoon of fun rain or shine, we were blessed with a beautiful, sunny, 75-degree fall day for our first annual SowingRoots Golf Tournament! Just over 100 golfers hit the greens on October 6th, filling Fircrest Golf Course for a great Best-ball Scramble Tournament. Thanks to all who came out for this successful event - watch for more info for next year's event soon!



A huge thanks to our Golf Tournament Sponsors:

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| • Game Changers | • PlayKleen | • Gilchrist Chevrolet Buick GMC |
| • West Fork Timber | • Premier Events | • Liberty Distributing Inc & the Inderbitzen Family |
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| • The Edwards | • The Ellingson's | • Westgate Orthopedic Physical Therapy |
| • Tacoma Rainiers | • Weller Orthodontics | • Best Western Plus Wesley Inn Gig Harbor |
| • Life Christian Academy | • Renaissance Chiropractic | • Michael Putnam |

Upcoming events: we're heading to Honduras - who's coming with?!

Have you ever had that "tug" at your heart...you know...the one that tells you that serving orphans might mean stepping a little outside your comfort zone, getting on a plane, and surrendering yourself to a new adventure in service? Then Summer 2015 might be just *your* time to go!

Join SowingRoots as we embark on our first global Service Trip -- to Honduras. In partnership with Orphan Outreach, our 8 day/7 night journey will be spent serving the children at the San Jose Orphanage in La Paz as well as Jubilee Centers International in La Era.

When: August 17 - 24, 2015

Cost: \$1,350 + airfare (some scholarships available)

Deadline to apply: April 15, 2015

Where to apply: www.orphanoutreach.co/mymissiontrip/index.asp?tripcode=HO15-08SR

Interested and want to learn more?

Join the Interest Meeting on **Wednesday, January 14th from 6-8pm**. Email jenny@sowingroots.org by January 9th to confirm your attendance.



Quick stats about Honduras:

- More than 180,000 orphans
- Over 50% live in poverty
- 27.8% unemployment rate
- 2nd poorest country in Central America



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Upcoming events at-a-glance

January 14 | Honduras Service Trip Interest Meeting

Bring your questions and join us from 6-8pm as we explain our vision for SowingRoots' first global service trip - scheduled for August 2015.

Learn about costs, where we'll serve, what to expect and more.

RSVP by January 9th to jenny@sowingroots.org.

May 23, 2015 | Annual Fundraising Dinner

Watch for more information as we nail down the location and final details for our annual fundraising dinner and appreciation event.

August 17-24, 2015 | Service Trip to Honduras

Pack your bags and get ready for the adventure of your life! We'll be gathering a group of about 10 ready and willing individuals to serve orphans in Honduras.

Please begin praying for the hearts and minds of those who will eventually become members of this service team - perhaps one of them will be you!

For questions or to learn more, contact jenny@sowingroots.org.

Grant updates

Third quarter 2014

We received 20 grant applications for our October 1st review. SowingRoots awarded 8 families with grants for a total of \$13,250. These 8 families represent 8 children from China and the U.S. We're excited to report that all adoptions outside the U.S. were for special needs children, a group that has historically been neglected even more so than others.

Note: our next grant application deadline is March 30, 2015. Download an application today by visiting www.sowingroots.org.

Thank you to our generous sponsors - without your support our vision to connect orphans with forever families would not be possible. Our grant applications have grown by over 200% this year alone! With an estimated 153 million orphans worldwide, the opportunity to meaningfully impact orphans seems daunting. As we come together collectively to serve orphans and by the grace of God, we can make a difference, one child at a time.



Questions?

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