

**Building families and futures for the world's
orphaned and abandoned children**

Annual Report 2005



SOS Children's Villages
Canada



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Who We Are

SOS Children's Villages Canada is a member of SOS Children's Villages International (SOS). Established in 1949, SOS is the world's largest non-denominational orphan charity, operating in 132 countries. SOS provides long-term family based care for more than 65,000 children who have been orphaned, abandoned or whose families are unable to care for them.

SOS Children's Villages commits to the children under its care from infancy to young adulthood. Brothers and sisters are always kept together. Children receive loving families and supportive communities in which to grow; and the education, training and life skills to help them become active and empowered members of society.

Our Vision:

Every child grows up in a family with love, respect and security.

The United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child* specifically refers to the family as the fundamental group of society for the growth and well-being of children.

Family is at the heart of the SOS mission. Children have the right to be cherished and treated with care; to experience a sense of place and belonging within a family and a community. When children are at risk or without the care of family members, we give them a home and family environment where they feel secure and find a solid foundation on which to build their lives.

Our Mission:

We build families for children in need. We help them to shape their own futures and we share in the development of their communities.

All children have the right to families that support and protect them; the right to love and be loved. Because we believe that the best place for children to grow up is within their biological families, we work to prevent child abandonment and to help families struggling within a cycle of poverty and disease. We support 600,000 children and their families through family strengthening programs and educational, medical and social outreach initiatives.

Milestones

1949 – Hermann Gmeiner founds the Austrian SOS Children's Village association and builds the first SOS Village in Imst, Austria.

1963 – SOS Children's Villages begins its work outside Europe in South Korea and Ecuador.

1969 – SOS Children's Villages Canada begins operation.

1970 – First African SOS Children's Villages established in the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Kenya and Sierra Leone.

Our integrity and experience

Our model of family-based, long-term child care is recognized and respected around the world because we are committed to giving the children entrusted to us the life skills and confidence to become empowered adults. Our extensive operations mean that we can learn from the experience of our colleagues in other country associations.

Our size allows us to operate training facilities and comprehensive education programs for SOS personnel – in particular for staff on the front lines serving children and families at risk. Many years of programming experience, extensive research and knowledge sharing from within and outside the organization have earned us the trust, and respect of local, regional, and national governments.

Our respect for peoples and cultures

Our success is tied to the skills and ongoing commitment of SOS caregivers, community workers, healthcare professionals, educators and administrators who work to

create a better life for children where they live. Their specialized knowledge and understanding are critical to our work. Each national SOS Children's Village association coordinates the operations of all SOS facilities in its region. Every one ensures that the children in its facilities, as far as possible, grow up within their local culture. The best way to achieve this goal is to engage local personnel. All SOS frontline workers are from the regions where they serve.

Our commitment to advocacy and partnership

Partnership and cooperation expand the impact of our work. Our advocacy is on behalf of all of the world's vulnerable children, not just those who are beneficiaries of SOS projects. Our cooperation with NGOs, governments and community organizations contributes to the core objectives of our work: family-based care for children-at-risk and the prevention of child abandonment through family-strengthening.



Photo: K. Szozzi

1995 – SOS-Kinderdorf International recognized as “NGO in consultative status” (Category II) with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations (ECOSOC).

2002 – The world's most prestigious humanitarian award, The Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize, goes to SOS-Kinderdorf International.

2004 – SOS Children's Villages Canada celebrates 35 years.



Making a difference in children's lives

A message from the President and the National Director

How does an organization like SOS Canada position itself to make a difference for orphaned and abandoned children? There are so many children. Their needs are so profound. Our means are so limited...

Both of us reflect on this often. Every time we meet with new Board members. Every time new office volunteers need their orientation. Every time either one of us talks with a donor or prospective supporter. How can SOS Canada make the biggest possible difference?

Early in our involvement with SOS Canada, we both decided to embrace the enormous strengths of SOS Children's Villages International. While our Canadian organization is full of talented people with creative ideas, we are a small group. We are very lucky to be part of a large and diverse organization with colleagues who are enthusiastic about finding new ways to draw more friends for our work inside Canada.

So, we turned to our associates in Africa, Asia and Latin America for projects that Canadians could embrace. We linked our website to the extensive web pages already up which describe the organization's work in these regions. We jumped at the chance to become a FIFA partner to raise funds for new soccer-sponsored Villages. We sought volunteers from our larger European partner organizations to share their experience and success as we built towards our own. Staff from our international Sponsorship Office helped us find ways to encourage Canadians to sponsor more SOS children and Villages.

2005 was a year in which many of our initiatives took off. By year-end we had almost doubled the number of Canadian sponsors – helping more children become the 'whole children' we want them to be. Craig Forrest, our FIFA for SOS Children's Villages Ambassador, went to South Africa to see first-hand the impact that funds raised by the Canadian soccer community will have on the lives of children affected by HIV and AIDS. Sod was turned for Canada homes in the new

Recognition around the world

July 12 2005 – Hanne Osswald, Regional Office, Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso and Rachel Bourget, Regional Director, North and West Africa receive the Republic of Mali's "Chevalier de l'Ordre National".

August, 19 2005 – SOS Ghana receives the country's "Millennium Excellence Award" 2005 for outstanding contribution to education.

November 14 2005 – SOS India receives country's "National Award For Child Welfare" 2003-2004



FIFA supported Village in Rustenburg. The Odd Fellows funded another Canada home in the new SOS Village in Cambodia. Two more Canada homes were funded in the SOS Village in Burundi.

For the first time, tens of thousands of Canadians got a look at our work through the eyes of Mike Holmes. Mike volunteered his time to encourage Canadian TV watchers to sponsor children in our SOS Villages.

Both of us continued to talk to Canadians about our work. And every time the reaction was essentially the same. First there was shock – that SOS Children’s Villages is the world’s largest orphan-serving charity. Then there was awe – that we do so much for those children, providing a home, a surrogate mother, a new family and real hope for a real future. SOS is committed to more than just feeding programs, or the operation of a clinic or medical centre. We take in children who have nothing and no-one, and provide them with everything they need to become whole young adults. We are there for the long haul. And so we need committed supporters. People just like you.

Our thanks go out to the thousands of Canadians who gave of their time, talent or treasure in 2005 to help in the mammoth, but enormously rewarding task of building homes, families and futures for the children served by SOS Children’s Villages.

Best wishes,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. von Herff'.

Michael von Herff
President, Board of Directors



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Boyd McBride'.

Boyd McBride
National Director



Photo: D'Sansoni

A third Village for Cambodia

The new SOS Village in Battambang will be home to around 150 children. The Village will include 15 family houses, and a medical facility, as well as a kindergarten which is open to children from the nearby community. Three of the SOS families will be HIV-infected children under the care of SOS mothers who have received special training. The Village social centre will focus on supporting HIV/AIDS affected families from the neighbourhood.



Photo: K. Lemon

Family strengthening and HIV/AIDS

The HIV/AIDS pandemic is an immense and unremitting disaster for children. More than 14 million children under the age of 15 have lost one or both parents to AIDS. The vast majority of these orphans live in the sub-Sahara. What these figures do not account for, is the staggering number of children whose lives have been devastated by the impact of HIV/AIDS on families, communities, schools, and healthcare.

Time to deliver

SOS Children's Villages is working in partnership, with governments, agencies and community organizations to reach the children and families who bear the crushing burden of HIV/AIDS.

Because of its extensive infrastructure in the region, SOS Children's Villages has become a key player in the care and support of HIV/AIDS affected children. SOS HIV/AIDS programming is currently reaching close to 10,000 children and their families in Swaziland, Lesotho and South Africa. Multiple community

development programs, built upon existing SOS facilities, provide services directly within the community in cooperation with local partners. These programs target:

- children who have terminally-ill parents;
- children who have lost one or both parents;
- children who are living in an orphan (child-headed) household;
- children who are HIV-infected

Saving children by saving families

The links between HIV/AIDS and poverty are well recognized, with the incidence of the disease being highest in the poorest and most disenfranchised sections of society. SOS family strengthening programs throughout the region operate to help families escape this relentless cycle.

In Southern Africa, SOS social centres, medical centres, schools, kindergartens, and day-care centres provide an extensive list of support services to children and families including: food supplement programs,

A daily tidal wave

- By 2010, the number of children orphaned by AIDS globally is expected to exceed 25 million.
- Every minute, another child becomes HIV-positive.
- Every minute, four young people between the ages of 15 and 24 contract HIV.
- Sub Sahara Africa is home to 24 of the 25 countries, with the highest prevalence of HIV/AIDS

UNICEF, The State of the World's Children 2006, pg. 30

educational scholarships, pre-school programs, healthcare, HIV/AIDS testing and counselling, home-based care, skills training and sustainability and income generating projects. In 2005, medical centres and clinics alone throughout Southern Africa served over 175,000 children and their families.

Canada plays its part

SOS Children's Villages Canada has assumed an active role in supporting family strengthening programs in South Africa. In 2005, SOS Children's Villages Canada Field Programs Officer Emmay Mah worked in the region with SOS Children's Villages local staff and community organizations. Her goal was to help further develop their capacity to deliver innovative and effective programs for children and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Over the next year, SOS Children's Villages Canada has committed to raise \$500,000. to support the construction and operation of the new SOS Children's Village in Rustenburg. Situated in an urban area with an

extremely high incidence of HIV/AIDS, the Village will be home to a large number of AIDS orphans.

Southern Africa is losing an entire generation. AIDS is generating orphans so quickly that traditional family structures can no longer cope. Economically devastated communities are unable to absorb AIDS-affected children into informal care. If, as expected, the number of adults dying of AIDS continues to rise over the next decade, an increasing number of orphans will grow up without parental care and love. SOS Children's Villages is committed to protecting the rights, safety and well-being of these defenseless victims.

"The laying of the foundation stone for the SOS Children's Village in Rustenburg is the first step in the right direction – this is a very touching moment for me."

*Nobel Laureate, Archbishop Desmond Tutu,
July 30, 2005*

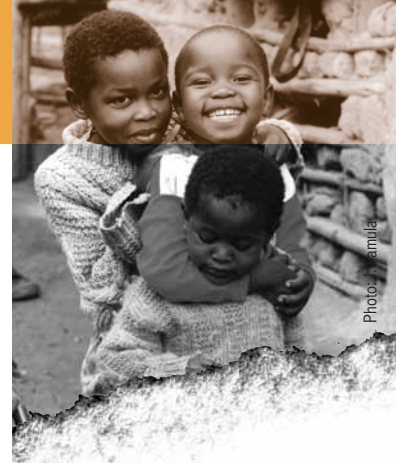


Photo: J. Amalia

Small victories

In Swaziland, SOS Canada Field Officer Emmay Mah worked to implement sustainability and income generating projects in rural communities. In Mpolongeni, the traditional leader donated half of his field for use by 35 SOS beneficiary families. At harvest time, caregivers (mostly grandmothers) and their children picked a bumper crop of sugar beans, a mainstay of their diet. SOS purchased the surplus beans to use in food parcels; eliminating the need to buy them commercially.



A singular year of crises

2005 was an unprecedented year of emergencies for children, as natural disasters, food shortages, and conflicts shattered the lives of tens of millions of people. Countries were laid waste by the tsunami. Droughts and crop failures gripped Africa. Civil strife continued in Sudan and Uganda. A devastating Atlantic hurricane season and massive mud slides hit the Americas. A catastrophic earthquake rocked the Kashmir. SOS associations around the world took action.

The first wave

Relationships with local partners and an extensive infrastructure helped SOS respond rapidly to the tsunami. Emergency packages, clean water, first aid supplies, cash support, medical help and temporary shelter were made available to families within 24 hours. Working in South Asia long before the disaster hit, we were able to immediately begin the rebuilding process to support children and their families, including building homes and schools, organizing family care for children

separated from their families and constructing new SOS Villages to care for children who had lost everyone. Programs to sustain local fishermen provided fishing boats and gear and organized self-help groups. Family strengthening, adult education, day care and medical services were offered through the SOS social centres.

Conflict and starvation

Tsunami was just the start. In Sudan, children and women are among the most vulnerable in the war-ravaged region of Darfur. To meet the need of increasing numbers of refugees who need medical care, trauma relief and psychological counseling, SOS has expanded its facilities in the Abu Shouk refugee camp.

In late summer, 800,000 children in Niger faced malnutrition and death because of severe crop failure. SOS moved quickly to distribute aid packages to vulnerable children and families in Tahoua. A food program to benefit about 9,000 children, some of them orphans, was implemented and emergency programs

Cold Comfort

Following the Pakistan earthquake, conditions steadily worsened as winter reached its peak. Roads to remote areas were closed due to heavy snowfall, rain and landslides. Many children in emergency camps suffered from pneumonia, bronchitis and gastroenteritis. SOS immediate relief included the distribution of waterproof tents for shelter and schools, and a fully-equipped tented hospital facility. Aid also included the delivery of family survival kits containing blankets, woolen clothes kitchen utensils, water containers, and non-perishable food items.

also distributed food and relief supplies to other areas of the country.

Hurricane victims

In October, hurricane Stan slammed into impoverished Central America, displacing tens of thousands, and leaving close to 300,000 people reliant on international aid. SOS emergency relief measures were extensive, and included operations:

- in Motozintla, Mexico, a village located in one of the hardest-hit areas;
- in Guatemala, working with the national coordination office for disaster relief supplying food, medical aid and shelter to devastated communities in the Retalhuleu region;
- in El Salvador SOS Children's Village Santa Ana, where a temporary school for community children was set up.

An epic quake

In early October, a mammoth earthquake created 3.3 million homeless people in Pakistan. Nearly half of them were children. As winter approached, an estimated 150,000 people remained isolated above the snowline, facing a bleak future.

SOS immediately organized teams to locate and protect unaccompanied children in the Muzaffarabad region. Emergency supplies and weather proofed tents were distributed. A tented hospital was constructed in the remote region of Chikar Khas. Children requiring special medical attention were cared for at the SOS Village in Lahore. Others were taken to the SOS centre in Rawalpindi.

Entrusted by the government with the responsibility for tracking unaccompanied children, SOS Children's Villages is making every effort to reunite families. Orphans will be offered long-term care at an SOS Village.



Photo: S. Posinger

Recovery and renewal

Given the scale of the tsunami devastation, much has been achieved in a year. SOS began the long task of rebuilding lives in Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia and Thailand. Projects included providing temporary shelters for families, reconstructing entire villages, and building schools and multipurpose community centres. Seven new SOS Villages are under construction: two in India, one in Sri Lanka, three in Indonesia and one in Thailand.



Building partnerships

Our work for orphaned and abandoned children depends on close partnerships with our SOS colleagues in 132 countries and with key individuals and organizations in a number of sectors here in Canada.

Around the world

In 2005, SOS South Africa and SOS Ghana committed a significant amount of time on our behalf to facilitate two film projects. In South Africa, SOS staff spent many hours helping to organize travel and logistics for the filming of “6 villages for 2006” television spots. In Ghana, our SOS Tema Village colleagues played an important part in the filming of a documentary which is part of a new Canadian Learning Television series.

On the national front

In Canada, the list of committed associates continues to grow. The Austrian-Canadian and Austrian diplomatic communities have been longstanding supporters of our

organization. Ambassador Otto Ditz gives generously of his time and hospitality whenever called upon.

The Canadian Soccer Association and soccer organizations across the country supported our “6 villages for 2006” campaign in a variety of ways. The Odd Fellows of Canada, funded another home in the new Village in Battambang, Cambodia.

The year 2005 yielded a significant increase in corporate support for SOS Canada. Swarovski Canada began the year with a high profile fashion show in support of SOS Mothers.

Corporate support was key to a new initiative to expand our donor base. Mike Holmes and the *Holmes on Homes* organization were front and centre for a national TV campaign which began in December. The value of committed sponsorships that resulted from the appeal totals over \$400,000. In addition, the TV spots have significantly increased awareness of our work with Canadians across the country.

6 villages for 2006

SOS Canada has a strong partnership with the Canadian soccer community at all levels – the Canadian Soccer Association, provincial and district associations, clubs and professional teams. The “6 villages for 2006” campaign has strengthened partnerships while increasing national awareness and expanding the donor base for SOS Children’s Villages Canada.

Pictured: Craig Forrest in South Africa

Rogers *Sportsnet* played a significant role in helping to raise our profile with Canadian sports fans. Beginning with our Tsunami Relief Campaign in January, *Sportsnet* gave significant airtime to promote SOS projects including the “6 villages for 2006” campaign. In August, Canadian soccer legend and *Sportsnet* Analyst Craig Forrest traveled to South Africa to report on our work with HIV/AIDS affected children and their families.

International corporations, national companies and local businesses have helped us to reduce our operating costs. Swiss Airlines International carries us to missions, conferences and meetings around the world and VIA Rail Canada has become the official land transporter of SOS Children’s Villages Canada.

Making it personal

On an individual level, Craig Forrest has made a major commitment to SOS Canada, serving as an official spokesperson of our organization as well as Canada’s FIFA Ambassador for SOS Children’s Villages. In September, he

helped launch the first Canadian Global Peace Games organized by SOS Children’s Villages in cooperation with Play Soccer, the Canadian Soccer Association and the Canadian Commission for UNESCO. Craig marked the event on Parliament Hill, joining another SOS Canada supporter, Senator Jim Munson and legions of young soccer players.

Efforts large and small

Individuals, groups and associations across the county played an active part in raising funds for our emergency relief efforts in 2005. Several fundraising events were held on behalf of Tsunami-affected children. In the latter months of 2005, groups in Alberta and Ontario raised more than \$100,000. to support SOS earthquake relief efforts in India and Pakistan.

Volunteers continue to be the mainstay of our organization as they contribute their talents, expertise and firm commitment to our vision to give secure and productive futures to the world’s most vulnerable children.



Photo: A. Gabriel

Brothers, sisters and friends

An SOS family is composed of children of different ages, living together as a family, under the watchful eye of an SOS mother who is their constant care-giver. Natural brothers and sisters who come into our care are never separated. SOS children grow up in a loving family within a caring community and build relationships that last a lifetime.





An agenda for children

Families bear the primary responsibility for nurturing and protecting children. But, for many reasons, countless children are deprived of a loving, caring family environment. Domestic violence, extreme poverty, disease, separation related to armed conflict, and economic extortion, rob countless children of safety and security, leaving them alone and excluded.

Invisible children

Orphaned children are significantly more vulnerable to abuse and exploitation by predatory adults. According to the International Labour Organization, orphans are much more likely to be working in commercial agriculture, as street vendors, in domestic service or in the sex trade.

Education is not an option. Parentless children drop out of school because burdens at home are too great, or because their extended families cannot meet the costs of their care and education. The cycle of marginalization

continues as they are excluded from medical care, opportunities to learn about health and nutrition, and chances to acquire vital life skills.

Protecting childhood

The SOS Vision, “Every child grows up in a family with love, respect and scrutiny,” delivers a clear message – that all children have the right to a family environment, as enshrined in the United Nations *Convention on the Rights of the Child*,

For over fifty years, SOS Children’s Villages has been providing direct assistance to thousands of orphans and other children-at-risk based on SOS founder Hermann Gmeiner’s belief, that “all children are our children.” Over time, our operations have grown beyond Villages to include vulnerable children and their families living surrounding communities.

SOS Children’s Villages is faced with the challenge of an unprecedented growth in the number of orphans and

A critical juncture

- At the end of 2003 there were close to 143 million orphans under the age of 18 in 93 developing countries
- More than 16 million children were orphaned in 2003 alone.
- UNICEF estimates that by 2010, 106 million children under the age of 15 will have lost one or both parents

UNICEF, State of the World’s Children, 2006

children at risk of being abandoned. Providing direct assistance to individual children is not the only way we can help.

Advocacy for the world's children

The abandoned or orphaned child is only the tip of the iceberg. As practitioners in out-of-home family based child care, we are able to contribute practically to improving the well-being of all children through our advocacy efforts. We can begin to address the underlying factors that lead to child abandonment.

For our organization, advocacy is a long-term process, where we give voice to children and support them as they become empowered members of society who can effect positive change. We foster concrete and decisive action to improve and transform cultural, economic and social conditions which undermine the interests and rights of children.

Based on our practitioner experience, our engagement focuses on supporting children targeted by our Villages and family strengthening programs. One of our priorities is the development of extensive partnerships in a child rights and development framework. It is within these partnerships, that we can learn from others and broaden our experience. By engaging in advocacy, SOS Children's Villages extends its ideal — that all children are our children and have a right to a family.

In March 2005, SOS Children's Villages released its position paper "A child's right to a family" which examines reasons why children lose parental care despite preventive efforts, and highlights challenges to finding appropriate forms of out-of-home child care. The publication explores the principles and features of the SOS family-based child care model as an option based on the fundamental importance of the family for all children.



Photo: K.Snozzi

Networking

SOS Philippines has long recognized the importance of maintaining good contacts with local organizations and governments. SOS Villages Iloilo, Tacloban, Calbayog, Cebu, Lipa and Davao are active participants in the Area-Based-Standard Network established to promote partnerships between NGOs. The Villages handle major responsibilities in their respective local clusters and share Village facilities and resources.



The financial year in review

Revenues	2005	2004
Donations	\$1,489,780	\$1,150,009
Grants	\$1,306,235	\$768,589
Bequests	\$378,272	\$461,300
Interest and other	\$23,351	\$9,841
	\$3,197,638	\$2,389,739
Expenses		
International Projects	\$1,395,751	\$1,289,188
Canadian Projects	\$5,521	\$20,635
Public Awareness & Education	\$380,918	\$291,202
Endowment	\$360,000	\$0
Outreach	\$219,921	\$203,701
Fundraising	\$486,063	\$416,007
Administration	\$259,581	\$96,568
	\$3,107,755	\$2,317,301
Net Revenue	\$89,883	\$72,438
Addition to Endowment Fund	\$360,000	\$0
Net Assets – End of Year	\$782,510	\$332,627

SOS Children's Villages is a member of SOS-Kinderdorf International.

All SOS National Associations operate under a stringent financial management and control system to protect the interests of donors. Each Association is subject to regular, exacting internal and external audits to ensure full accountability.

These figures are a condensed and un-audited financial review of SOS Children's Villages Canada. The 2005 audit has been carried out by the firm Ouseley Harvey Clipsham Deep LLP, Chartered Accountants. To obtain our complete audited financial statements, please contact our National Office.

These figures do not include the operation of our SOS Village in BC. Nor do they include value added by many the volunteers who assisted us in 2005. Also not reflected here is approximately \$190,000 of in-kind support from various corporations, and a pledge of \$105,000 from the Canadian Government directly to our SOS Family Strengthening Program in South Africa.

Partners and Friends

Our thanks to the donors, sponsors, corporate and community partners, and volunteers who have helped to make a lasting impact on the lives of orphaned and abandoned children around the world. In 2005 these included:

His Excellency Otto Ditz,

Ambassador of the Republic of Austria, Honorary Patron

Senator Jim Munson,

Honorary Spokesperson

Craig Forrest, Canada FIFA

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“But if we listen to what the children tell us about a life of peace, then we see that some of the things which seem so complex are actually very simple.”

**Helmut Kutin, President,
SOS-Kinderdorf International**

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Portrait of a young girl in a school room.

*SOS Children's Villages Tsunami
Emergency Relief Program
Pudukkuppam, India, March 19, 2005*

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476 SOS Villages
54,000 Beneficiaries



346 Youth Facilities
11,900 Beneficiaries



269 Kindergartens
24,100 Beneficiaries



192 Schools
93,500 Beneficiaries



117 Vocational Training Centres
14,000 Beneficiaries



59 Medical Centres
397,000 Beneficiaries



285 Social Centres
115,000 Beneficiaries



9 Emergency Relief Programs
436,000 Beneficiaries

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