

Funds are being released throughout the year!

Please visit: www.lifelinkinternational.org to find out more about our current projects.



If you would like to apply for **O₂H funding in 2010**, please download the O₂H funding guidelines and grant application form.

Please note that **only members of O₂H** are eligible to apply for funds. To become a member or request more information, go online to the web site:



www.lifelinkinternational.org

Examples of projects:

Chester- Pregnancy Crisis Service – equipment and furniture

Glastobury - Crisis pregnancy service

Dunstable- Twinkle Nursery equipment for center for disadvantaged children.

Guatemala- Special Needs Orphanage O₂H has funded towards materials and equipment to an orphanage in Casa Brimade Guatemala, to be used by children with Special Needs.

India - Bore-well (sustainable water supplies), community hall in Kadavedu, Nageri, Orphanage (two dormitories, toilets, a kitchen and an extra children's room), Crafts Project (Mahalir Aran Trust (MAT) a local Indian organization that works with disadvantaged children and women in Tamil Nadu, South India).

Russia- Assist Europe -to help support disabled children in an orphanage in Russia.

South Africa - Disability Project - Bizweni Disabled centre in South Africa. Helping construct a new building for the children.

Zambia - Banana plantation for training the poor, Chicken Farm initiative for the poor.

Zimbabwe - Rekai Tangwena Children's home. Helping construct a new village for the orphan children.

Mongolia Micro-Enterprise development.

Sudan Water project

South Africa - Life-Skills Project

Nicaragua Animal Husbandry enterprise project

Lancaster (UK) Debt Counseling

Rugby (UK)- O₂H has agreed funding to support the costs of art therapy for a child who is living with autism.

As of December 2009, over \$150,000 has been given away. There are many ways that members innovate to raise money such as the recent projects for the Zimbabwe Orphanage.

- Christmas Cards sold.
- The Dina Rock Repelling (Abseil) where climbers raised over \$20,000 for the Orphanage in Zimbabwe.
- Individual church projects using the parable of the talents as the model
- Silent Auction, dinner party, sponsored activities (marathons, etc.), a Christmas present, garage sale, Sunday School offerings, etc.

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Welcome to O₂H



What is O₂H?

O₂H is a grant-giving organization with Christ centered community based development at the core of its mission

and outreach. Christ's heart of compassion toward the poor is the driving force behind O₂H as it seeks to help overcome poverty through empowerment. O₂H is a tool to equip Churches Working Together to make a difference in their local communities and across the nations. It is registered as part of the non prophet: Lifelink Churches USA.

How is O₂H different from other Charities?

It is 100% voluntary, so you are guaranteed that your gift goes directly to help others. It works directly with trusted partners, recommended by its



membership and Lifelink contacts. If you become a member you can also apply for funds to support initiatives that you or your community are involved with in this country and overseas.



Why become a member?

Becoming a member of O₂H provides you with the opportunity to bring HOPE through supporting projects and training in disadvantaged communities. Through giving as little as \$10/month you can be a part of a ministry that helps overcome

poverty through empowerment. O₂H is not just about finance, it is about giving your time in prayer. For those who really have a passion to reach out to the poor, you may feel that you would like to volunteer your time on the management Board, which meets quarterly. As a representative of the O₂H membership on the Board you will be closely involved firsthand in seeing where the funds are dispersed and the development initiatives that are being supported.



Can a Church be a member of O₂H?

Yes they can. The majority of our members are individuals, however we do have a few Churches who have committed a regular gift each month to the O₂H fund. If your Church would like to do this, email:

jim.munson@christchurchmn.org

for more information.

Do I have to be part of a Lifelink Church to be a member?

No you don't. O₂H membership is open to everyone who has a



compassionate and giving heart towards the poor. Several of our members do not attend a Lifelink Church.

Can anyone apply for O₂H funds?

The O₂H Board will consider funding applications throughout the year from the membership of O₂H as well as specific projects and training as directed by the Trustees of Lifelink International. Details of funding criteria and submission deadlines can be obtained by contacting the O₂H Coordinator:

jim.munson@christchurchmn.org

Every joining member will receive copies of the funding application process.

What about O₂H in the USA?

We have several requests from individuals and Churches in the USA wanting to join Opportunity2Hope. We have set up a giving site that will use your credit card for giving. Visit www.firstgiving.com/o2h and give through the internet.

How will I know what O₂H is supporting?

As a member of O₂H you will receive regular updates and news. A summary of the funding agreed by the Board will be detailed, along with stories from those who have received support. We will also hold annual O₂H conferences that all members will be invited to. Presentations will be made to show how O₂H has brought hope to many communities across the nations.

