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Hand in Hand Ministries is an international service organization that transforms lives by sharing life's essentials with the poor. Belizean Programs include Building for Change, The Outreach Center and Scholarship Opportunities.

Lend a Hand . . . Save a Life

The VCT-Belize Nurses and HHM Outreach Center Celebrate Valentine's Day!

Nurse Bradley, Nurse Grinage and staff of The VCT Belize, in line with the National AIDS Program of Belize, felt the need to share their love with Hand In Hand Ministries and brought lots of love and caring to our children on the 14th of February, 2012.

They entertained the children, fed them and gave them a full morning of fun. Thank You, VCT-Belize Nurses, for loving our children!!!





The O'Toole Family builds the 177th Home in Belize in honor of their parents!



Six O'Toole siblings along with friends from Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi, were thankful to be given the opportunity to provide for a young family, who has been struggling with the difficulties life presents in raising a family of five with little or nothing at all.

The O'Toole children did this in honor of their parents, who have passed away. Patsy O'Toole, the organizer of this trip, shared how it all came about.

"Our mother passed away in November 2010 after battling cancer for a few years. She was a very humble person - always doing for others and not comfortable being in the limelight. After her death, we wanted to do something to honor her. Our father passed away at the age of 54 in 1983. He, too, was a wonderful man - fun and generous. Both of them provided us with a solid foundation for life. My sister, Mary, explains: "They provided us with a loving home. We wanted to provide a loving home for someone else - to pay it forward."

We planned for this trip for 1 year, and raised the funds for the house through the generosity of many friends. The experience was a bonding time for our family and the close friends who went with us. We were touched to the core by the power of the experience, and thrilled to know that Cheryl, Trevor and Ty-Ty have a new home as a result. We felt the closeness of our parents the whole week. Honoring our parents in this way helped to heal our grief. The Sisters of Charity of Nazareth have been part of our lives since we were born, so it was natural for us to do this through the SCN Volunteer program. We are so grateful to Hand in Hand Ministries for providing us with this opportunity."

"Hand In Hand Ministries is an international human services organization that seeks to make Christ present in the world through service to the poor, especially abandoned and disabled children. We believe that all poor people deserves life's essential - food, water, clothing, shelter, education and medical care and that we are all called by Christ to help provide for them".

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