

Just The Facts . . .

Over 3,000,000 young adults throughout the United States are infected each year with some form of a sexually transmitted disease ("STD"), and approximately 860,000 teenagers become pregnant.

STD does not discriminate. STD knows no age limit, no skin color, no income level. STD is not specific to anyone's religion, creed or sexual preference. STD is not limited to any geographical boundaries or zip code locales.

Unprotected sexual intercourse places young persons at risk for human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection, other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), and unintended pregnancy.

In an effort to increase public awareness of the causes and effects of STD in young adults, Treasure The Children, Inc. has begun:

- Collaborations with the American Red Cross for the TTC teen staff to participate in HIV/AIDS prevention programs in Palm Beach County schools. TTC teens also participate in prevention education programs in churches, clubs and other public education arenas;
- Fund raising efforts to purchase and disseminate a variety of educational products. Written in common sense language and terminology that is readily understood among adolescents, the books and pamphlets are designed to be self-explanatory and user friendly to the reader. The subject matter included in these materials is not intended to diagnose whether or not an individual has been exposed to, or contracted, a sexually transmitted disease, but rather to discuss the underlying causes of various illnesses, and how to practice safer and more responsible sexual behavior.

Think you may be infected?

GET TESTED!

IT'S CONFIDENTIAL!

To find a clinic in your area, call:

CDC National STD &
HIV/AIDS Hotlines
English 1-800-342-2437 (AIDS)
Spanish 1-800-344-7432
Deaf/Hard of Hearing (TTY)
1-800-243-7889



WE NEED YOUR HELP !

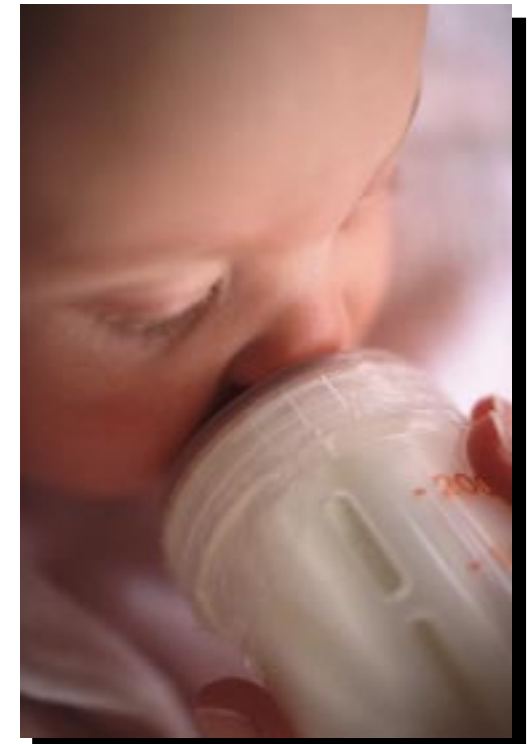
Your generous tax deductible charitable donations and financial support will help us accomplish our program's goals.



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THE
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*A nonprofit 501(c)(3) corporation,
dedicated to helping children with
HIV/AIDS & other chronic illnesses.*

The Innocent Victims . . .

- Today, 42 million people are estimated to be living with HIV/AIDS. Of these, 38.6 million are adults. 19.2 million are women, and 3.2 million are children under 15.
- An estimated 5 million people acquired the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in 2002, including 2 million women and 800,000 children under 15.
- During 2002, AIDS caused the deaths of an estimated 3.1 million people, including 1.2 million women and 610,000 children under the age of 15.

(Source: Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS)

TREASURE THE CHILDREN INC is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation, dedicated to helping children with HIV/AIDS & other chronic illnesses.

It is our mission to provide chronically ill pediatric/adolescent patients:

- items and services for HIV/AIDS children;
- a social, and emotional peer support group for infected and affected HIV/AIDS youth;
- educational materials to assist parents in the education of their adolescent children for the prevention of STD.

Our History . . .

Nineteen years ago, I was born with HIV/AIDS. I was adopted at birth, and my family and I have experienced many issues dealing with a chronic illness, including several hospitalizations during the past few years. As a result of my desire to make a positive difference with my life, I have asked my family and friends to help me make a difference in the lives of HIV/AIDS and chronically ill children and adolescents.

When I am hospitalized, I am comforted by my family, friends and a denim quilt that I bring from home. My quilt brightens the hospital room, softens the hospital environment, and is a reminder of home. I call it "Snuggle Care." It is my goal that the children infected with HIV/AIDS and other chronic illness be given a crib or twin-size quilt to use while in the hospital, and to take home.

Education is the only vaccine for stopping new infections of HIV and Sexually Transmitted Diseases. The number of youth continuing to acquire HIV/STD infections due to the consequences of risk behavior continues at an alarmingly high rate. Treasure The Children's teen staff and volunteers present HIV/STD prevention information before school assemblies, youth organizations and church groups. "Just The Facts" educational materials assist parents in their role as the primary sex education teacher for their children. The educational CD and manual focus on HIV/AIDS as well as other sexually transmitted diseases.

I need your HELP! Monetary donations, quilt fabric, denim, sewing notions and volunteers are needed to sew quilts. Donations are needed to make **Treasures** for so many courageous patients.

Treasure The Children, Inc. is a non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation. A receipt for your contributions will be given for tax purposes.

Thank you for your support.

– Charles Bowman (TTC President)

Our Current Needs Include:

- Monetary donations
- Denim clothing:
 - Jeans, jumpers, shirts, skirts
- Cotton Fabric:
 - Pastels, primary colors, children's prints, denim.
- Sewing supplies:
 - Sewing machine needles
 - Rotary cutters and blades
 - Cutting mats
 - Scissors
 - Blue Jean thread
 - Thread
 - Batting
- Sewing Machines

Your gift of a check will help us to continue to purchase raw materials for the quilts. It will also provide the necessary financial support for the educational outreach programs.

