

Clothing from Georgetown's Wal-Mart finds it's way to the poor of El Salvador

Hi there. I'd like to take this opportunity to share with my fellow neighbours of Georgetown the experience I had with our Wal-Mart in town and some children in need of food and clothing in El Salvador.

I am a strong supporter of **Canadian Food For Children**, which is located on Lakeshore Road in Mississauga. I have been to the warehouse where they load bins (transport-truck size) with mostly food that is donated from local companies and sent out to the country that is most in need. They send bins full of food and clothing out to over 20 countries, like Peru, Honduras, Guatemala, Zambia and El Salvador. All the people at the warehouse are volunteers. Doctor Simone started the charity about 20 years ago. Dr. Simone was privileged to meet MOTHER TERESA and she guided him with his charity when she was alive. Dr. Simone has received the Papal Cross, the Order of Canada, and an Honourary Degree from the University of St. Michael's, Doctor of Sacred Letters.

I was in Wal-Mart about a month or so ago with my wife and kids and one of the staff members (Stephanie) made my wife aware of the clearance rack of clothing they had in the girls section. We took a look at the rack and I told Stephanie that I would take the whole rack. She looked at me in disbelief and then I told her that I was going to send them out to a charity. It consisted of mostly t-shirts. Then Stephanie suggested there was boy clothing on clearance as well. I told her I would take it all - t-shirts, shirts, light sweaters and tops - for a certain price. She called the assistant manager who was working that day and he said ok. It took myself, my wife and four Wal-Mart employees over an hour before we were done. I left my phone number as they thought there may be more items marked down by the end of the month and I would be interested in them as well.

About two weeks or so later, Janice, the clothing manager at Wal-Mart, called me back. There were about three or four racks of kids and toddler clothing on clearance. This time the manager of Wal-Mart was involved. I gave him a price for it all and again he met my price knowing it was going to be sent overseas for the poor.

First of all, I'd like to say thank you to all the employees of Wal-Mart who helped on either of the days - from the cashiers, Bessie, Jody and Pat, to Stephen, the person putting the clothing in the boxes. The original staff member, Stephanie, who started all this helped on both days so thanks twice. And to Janice, who pushed as hard as she could for me. Also thanks to Georgetown Wal-Mart and their management for meeting my prices for me to send out to the less fortunate. When all the staff involved was aware that it was going to charity, it seemed that they were eager to help and their efforts were enlightened and strengthened. A high five to them all. Well done.

Here are some pictures to show the thanks of the kids in El Salvador. Dr. Simone had mentioned that one of the girls was so happy because she had never had any new clothing before. Imagine that..... then feel how fortunate we all are. Let's not forget the poor.

Wal-Mart has arranged to continue to help the poor through CFFC (Canadian Food for Children) in the future.

La Vita Bakery Deli Café new owners, Mario and Karen Morra, will be donating 5% of all in-store sales June 1- 15 to CFFC during their Grand Opening Week.

For more information or if your company would like to participate in helping the poor through CFFC, you can call - Howie Oram at 905-877-2241 or CFFC at 416-231-2817 or email aasimone@rogers.com

The enlightened children of El Salvador



This is Mauricio from El Salvador. He is 1 1/2 years in this photo. He did not have enough energy or protein foods and he was bloated up from starvation. With the help of Canadian Food For Children and Dr. Siomone he survived.



This is Mauricio in April 2008. He is holding the same picture of himself when he was a baby. He has better health thanks to Canadian Food For Children. He is also holding his new sweater from Georgetown's Wal-Mart.



This is Mauricio's cousin with Dr. Simone, who runs the Canadian Food For Children. She is wearing her new t-shirt from Wal-Mart.



This is also Mauricio's cousin holding her new t-shirt.



This is Sara Guadalupe Recinos Linares. She holds a picture of herself and Father Hudson in the hospital in El Salvadore on Feb. 3, 2002. She weighed 22 lbs. 2 oz. at age 3 years and 2 days. (Born 6th Aug. 1998). Another happy survivor through CFFC wearing her new sweater. She had no visitors at the orphanage.



This is Jenifer born Dec. 22, 1996. When she was 1 year 9 months, she weighed 13 lbs., 5oz. She also holds a sweater from Wal-Mart. Dr. Simone says she helps take care of the orphans now that she knows what it's like to be in need.



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