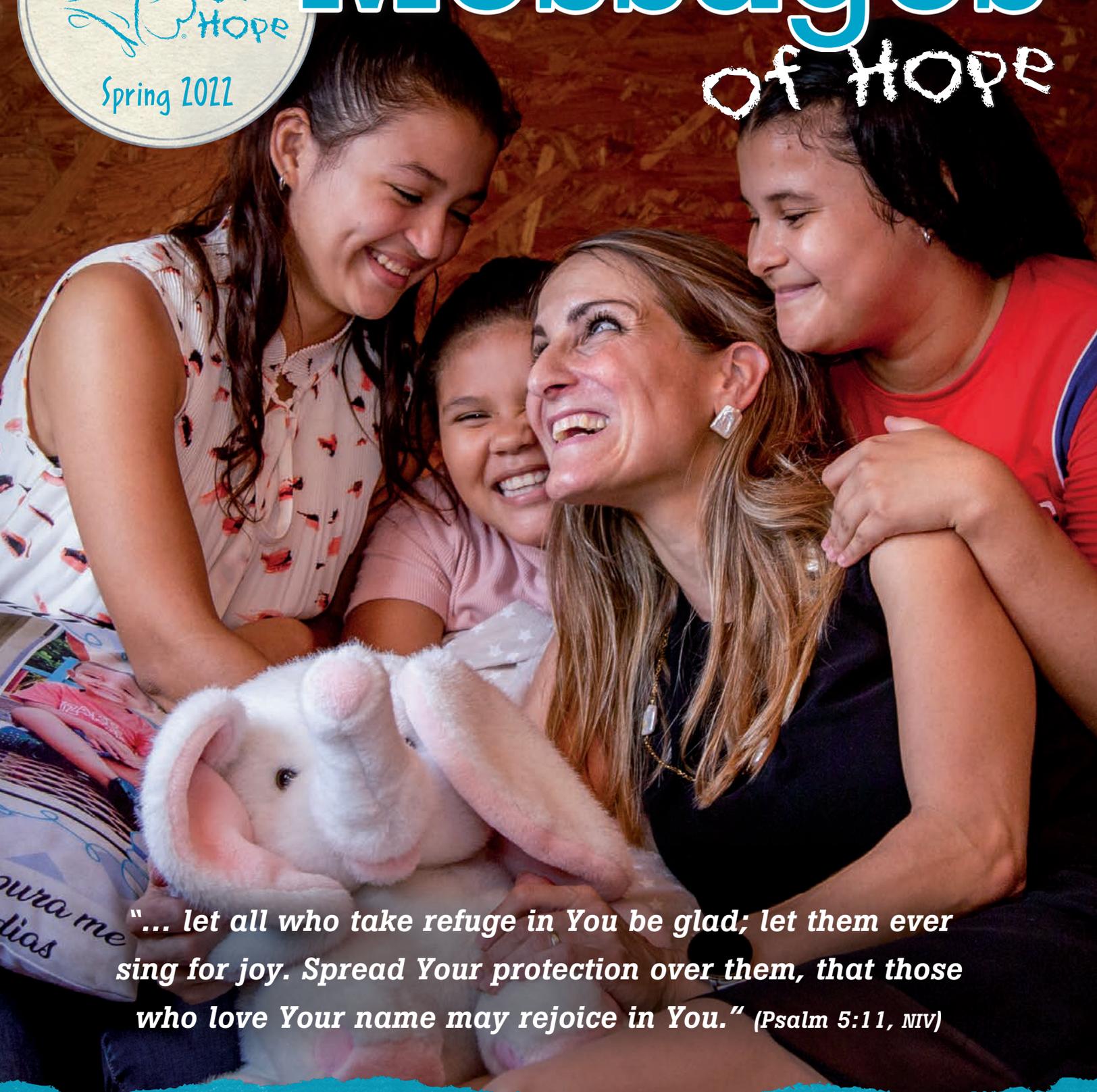




# Messages of Hope



*"... let all who take refuge in You be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread Your protection over them, that those who love Your name may rejoice in You." (Psalm 5:11, NIV)*

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# Toy Drive



Each year, your loving generosity and faithful support of the Angels Of Hope program make Christmas dreams come true for the children in the homes. Whether you provided an extra gift, selected a gift from our AmazonSmile Wish List or donated a toy on your own, thanks to you, we were able to deliver a lot of joy and love at Christmas.

This year's toy drive presents a wonderful opportunity for you to put more smiles on more faces and spread more Christmas joy. This year, our goal is to deliver 10,000 gifts to the children, home administrators, and caregivers in 141 Angels Of Hope homes! And we're going to need your help.

The 2022 Toy Drive will begin in July, so you will have a chance to get a head start on your Christmas shopping list! For more information and details about how to donate and volunteer, visit: [www.FoodForThePoor.org/toydrive](http://www.FoodForThePoor.org/toydrive).



“Every day we pray to God and ask Him to be with us and guide us. Also, that His will be done and that He grants every wish of every child’s heart.”

– Paty, director of an AOH-supported children's home in Honduras



## A Mother’s Love Is God's Gracious Gift

A mother’s loving, nurturing presence is important for a child. She heals, restores, guides, and strengthens her children to help them grow and flourish. But not all children are blessed with this kind of love and support when they are brought into the world.

As the director of an Angels Of Hope donor-supported home in Honduras, Patricia, lovingly called “Paty” by the children in her care, knows how important it is for a child to have a mother figure in their life because she sees the pain of neglect and abandonment in the faces of the children who are placed in her AOH home.

“Every human being needs a person who loves them, who guides them and whose footsteps we can follow,” she said. And she has made it her life’s work to “be able to make the children feel good, that they are loved, and they are important in this world.”

Through the Angels Of Hope program, children

living in donor-supported homes receive the care they desperately need from a tight-knit community that includes mother figures who love them as if they were their own. The children develop close bonds with teachers, supervisors, physicians, the women who cook their meals and other women in their lives who form a circle of understanding, love and protection.

“I welcome each child with open arms, I’m there for them at every moment, and also, they call me Mom,” she said. “I’m the one who gives them the hope that every child can become someone in life and the one who fights for them to make their dreams come true.”

Paty delights in being called Mom and in showing the children how much they are loved and how important they are in the world. “If they are in this place, it’s because God has a great purpose for them,” she said.

For 17-year-old Lency, Paty’s presence has been life-changing. “She’s the one who is with me in hard and easy times,” Lency said. “She’s the one who inspires

me to keep going and never give up.”

Through God's grace, and the support of Food For The Poor donors, these children are blessed with women like Paty who devote themselves to helping children reach their God-given potential. For their part, the women are thankful for the opportunity to help nurture young lives.

The love Paty's children have for her was on full display when she returned to the children's home after a recent trip. On her office door were beautiful decorations including a message that read in Spanish: “Bienvenida Mama La Queremos,” which means “Welcome Mama We Love You.”

“I'm very grateful because I have the privilege of being able to play the role of a mother for those who don't have one,” Paty said.

Johanne, AOH manager of a children's home in Haiti, said the children's emotional development is at risk and caring is urgent when they arrive at one of the donor-supported homes. “In a sense, they were

abandoned by their own parents because they were unable to provide for them,” she said. “It's not easy for a child to deal with that.”

The children in her home call Johanne “Manmie Jo,” a name she cherishes because it indicates a strong family bond. “Children need an adult mother figure in their lives,” she said. “It is important for the children to see that someone cares and worries about them.”

Johanne goes on to explain: “My destiny was to be a mother to the children in my home. I have always been a person who cares for the less fortunate. There is no doubt that God sent me; it is a ministry to be taken seriously.”

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*“As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you ...”*

*(Isaiah 66:13, NIV)*

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We are very thankful for the loving and faithful support of generous donors like you who help make this program possible. Because of your compassion and kindness, children living in donor-supported AOH homes receive the benefit of women who cherish them, guide them and prepare them for full, healthy lives with the assurance that they can dream big and make their dreams come true.

Thank you and God bless you for honoring all Angels Of Hope mothers on Mother's Day and every day with your support. We are so very grateful for the unconditional love they give to the children in their care.



“She treats me like her own daughter. She always makes an effort to give me what I ask for. She always gives me good advice.”

– Kerlandina, Age 15, Honduras

“I love Yessenia as a mom, because she helps me, loves me, and I feel very comfortable with her. She listens to me and gives me hugs all the time.”

– Daniel Alejandro, Age 11, Honduras

“I feel Gisela as my mom because she is always listening and supporting me. She has the perfect words to fill my heart with love.”

– Ingrid, Age 16, Honduras

“Paty gives us all the love in the world.”

– Jeimy, Age 10, Honduras

“I love Cristina as a mother, because she takes care of me when I’m sick.”

– Jafet, Age 7, Honduras

“Alba looks like my mom. She advises me when I feel sad. She takes time to listen to me when I need someone besides me and she take cares of me all the time.”

– Elida, Age 16, Honduras

# A Note From The Director

Dear Friends,

May is a special month as we recognize Mother's Day – a time to celebrate the many roles moms play in a family. Whether it be caregiver, provider, disciplinarian or nurse, the unconditional love of a mother is essential for children to thrive and grow. Many of the children in the Angels Of Hope program have not had this privilege and find themselves living in a children's home with a surrogate family. Although the homes' caregivers are not blood relatives, they care for the children as if they were their own.

Please join me in praying for the work of every single caregiver in all of our homes. May their daily presence and activities make the children feel safe, cared for and loved. We appreciate their efforts to create a new family for these vulnerable children.

Thank you, Angels Of Hope sponsors, for being another family who also loves and supports the children with your financial gifts and beautiful letters. Because of you, these children now have an opportunity to experience the love of not just one mother, but many mothers. May the Lord bless you and your families. To God be the glory!



In His service,

Leann Chong  
Director, Angels Of Hope Child Sponsorship



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