



Hands to Hearts
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PRESS RELEASE

Hands to Hearts International Receives Grant from James R. Greenbaum, Jr. Family Foundation

Financial Backing Will Expand Organization's Reach to Women and Infants in Developing Countries

PORTLAND, Ore. – May 9, 2007 – [Hands to Hearts International](http://www.handstohearts.org) (HHI), a nonprofit that empowers women in developing countries as the catalyst for reaching the world's most at-risk infants, has received a matching grant from the James R. Greenbaum, Jr. Family Foundation, which will allow the organization to expand its reach to thousands more women and orphaned infants.

As stated in the grant's provisions, the Foundation will double all donations and other grants HHI receives or is pledged by June 30, 2007, up to a total of \$50,000.

Founded by social entrepreneur Laura Peterson in 2004, HHI trains and hires women in developing countries to provide much needed health services to orphaned infants. HHI's model for global change works to empower women, provide economic development to local communities, and prevent health problems orphaned infants would otherwise face without receiving proper care as they await adoptive families. In its first year of ground operations, HHI trained hundreds of women in infant care, who today are providing direct care to nearly 1500 orphans.

"Laura's all encompassing passion, commitment and dedication to the project combined with the amazing model for sustainability she has developed for HHI make this investment a no brainer," said James Greenbaum, Jr. Managing Director of the James R. Greenbaum, Jr. Family Foundation. "I dream of a world where all non-governmental organizations have such vision and leadership."

HHI will use the grant to support its goal of offering 30 infant care trainings in India over the next year and to create a curriculum for HHI trainers. The grant will also serve HHI's goal of shifting its India operations to a 100 percent financially sustainable enterprise within the next three to five years.

"Receiving this grant serves as recognition of just how powerful and important HHI's model for social change is and will transform the lives of thousands," said Laura Peterson, founder and executive director of HHI. "While orphanages exist, HHI can improve the care they offer the children, all the while working with local disadvantaged women who will chip away at the foundation of communities' needs for institutional care. Everyone wins - the women, children, community and families wanting to adopt healthy children."

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About Hands to Hearts International:

Founded in 2004 and based in Portland Ore., HHI reaches the world's most at-risk infants during their earliest years to prevent problems before they start, utilizing the empowerment of women as the underlying tool for care and economic development in the long-term. A film about HHI is available at <http://stage.dotsub.com/films/handstohearts/index.php>. For more information, visit <http://www.handstohearts.org>.