



Join the Friends of Heart's Home

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A Family of Compassion...

When in 1990 Heart's Home was founded, we wanted not only to open small homes in favor of the poorest Children but above all to arouse a **large Family** that would work so that a Spirit of Compassion could be spread throughout the whole world. In February 1991, we were already writing the following : *"Heart's Home is about a few young people that will go and serve for a while a few Children. But Heart's Home has the ambition to be more: to be a large Family that will support those who are going through their prayers and their generosity. And even more: the starting point of a **big movement of Consolation and Compassion** towards all the people who are suffering, to be a reminder to the world about the Heart's supremacy and of the invincible power of pure Love."*

Today...

Since then, and in an unexpected way, Heart's home has spread widely, thus enabling us to meet peoples needs more and more. A quick assessment:

Foundations

- 30 Homes in 20 Countries;
- 2 Villages welcoming the Poor and also used as Training Centers;
- 10 Associations supporting Heart's Home throughout the world;
- 7 Heart's Home Offices in several Countries;
- About ten Fraternities of Saint-Maximilian-Kolbe;
- Many Schools of Community;

Commitment

- 1,350 Missionaries volunteering for an average 18 months mission in 20 countries;
- 120 Permanent Vocations in the Molokai Fraternity (including 20 Priests or Seminarians);
- About 30 Religious Sisters living from the Heart's Home Charism;
- About 150,000 Sponsors throughout the world;





Distribution

- Publication of the Magazine *D'un Point-Cœur à l'autre*;
- Thousands of Lectures and Testimonies (live or broadcasted), Retreats, Theological weekends, Training and Information Sessions;
- Publication of many Articles about Heart's Home Spirituality and Mission;

Approvals

- In 2000 Heart's Home was recognized by the Church as an Apostolic Life Society.
- In 2005 Heart's Home was granted the Special Consultative Status by the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations.

Heart's Home is growing... But paradoxically the more Heart's Home is growing, the more Heart's Home seems small and not enough: more than ever we are conscious of the wide-ranging reality of Suffering – we first thought we would find it especially in the deprived areas of the cities, yet we discover it is present everywhere – there is an omnipresence of Solitude, of each man's thirst for Communion. Our eyes are opening; our ears start to hear the many silent cries. Less than ever can we sleep peacefully! We have to get to the Hells of the Cities, the apartments where elderly people are living in dire loneliness; we have to go through the doors of Hospitals and Jails; we have to walk on the dumps or in the blackened streets of the Cities to meet those who don't know where to go. But we also have to pray the God of Mercy, we have to search His Spirit, we have to let our heart become His. So that no man on earth has to say he is alone while surrounded with six and a half billions brothers! We have to do all of this so that we come to look at one another the way God looks at us...

The Support we need...

At the same time, more and more of you are asking us how to live from the spirit that guides us, how to be nourished from it, how can you help us, how can you take part in our Mission, how can you join the Heart's Home Family... We are touched by your expectations and we are inviting you with all our heart to join us.

We offer to those who want to become "Friends of Heart's Home" and to help us in one or several of the following according to your gifts, desires and availabilities:

✓ At Apostolic Level

The places where people are suffering, the families that are in need, the abandoned children are countless. You would need to go here... You would need to go there... Sometimes we could open ten Homes in one single area. Sometimes we could watch over the dying day and night... We would also need to have a hundred ears to listen to the children, a hundred hands and feet to play with them... With us or without us, look for the places where people are lonely and suffering, go and visit the isolated people, show them how much they are loved, turn your own house into a Heart's Home, spread Hope...

✓ At Financial Level

We have to admit that money is a great help for the mission and the spreading of the Charism. We need money to maintain each of our Homes and our Villages, to pay our salaried employees, to create new Centers, to provide our Publications, to be able to support with our presence each of our achievements to be able to help our Friends in need, to welcome and train our members... The slightest coin, the slightest gift – in kind or in cash – are precious to us and will enable us to fulfill our mission.

Please note that all gifts (in kind or in cash) are 100% tax deductible.

✓ At Publication Level

Our duty consists in making known the wonderful gift we were offered. We need, by all possible means, to make Heart's Home known around us so that many others will desire to volunteer with us, so that others will support their mission in sponsoring them, so that the poorest among the poor know where to find us, so that the spirit of Compassion will be spread and lived by a greater number of people, so that all the people who are willing to work with us can do it. Work with us so that Heart's Home is made known and loved!

✓ At Relationships Level

The relationships we have with the one we are serving fulfill us amply. However we also know how important it is for us to be close to the people with high responsibilities or with large incomes in the Society. They are often ready to help, to support, to share, to open new doors. It could be the mission of some Friends of Heart's Home to enable us to encounter politicians, diplomats, journalists or philanthropists...

✓ At Spiritual Level

Since the beginning of Heart's Home, the spiritual question seemed to us essential. We surrounded ourselves with the prayer of a whole people and we tried to place the Adoration of God at the center of our life so that the little we are doing can bear fruit... We call our Missionaries "seekers of God", and not "social workers". That is why the most important is not the many things they will do – and that could easily be reduced again to dust – but the way they are doing things. We ask them to act the way God is acting with the quality of His Love, with the intensity of His Presence. Prayer is the starting point of any action that bears fruit in Heart's Home. Therefore you are welcome to start praying with us...

Our Commitment...

In return we are making available to you the treasures of our small Family! Those who have already committed themselves to Heart's Home are available to help you discover them, to welcome them, to live from them each day. Laying down our life for other's happiness, giving our time and our goods, sharing our friendships and our experience, paying attention to God's Spirit and to the cries of the poor, all this is a secret that causes a steadfast joy, that gives meaning to existence, that makes the Child of God we are grow. This secret is source of joy, of great joy!

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Founder of Heart's Home

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