

# The **Perennial Path**

Summer 2011

Sponsor a  
**Safe Haven**  
for Ethiopian Orphans



# Forever Family Q & A



The Conroy Family

## What are Nasko & Sevdalin up to?

The end of January marked the end of our first year with Nasko and Sevdalin as part of our family. This year has been full of ups and downs for them, us and our biological children. When we first brought the boys home, they had no ability to communicate with us and no concept of how to be a part of a family. As we look back on the past year, we are so grateful for the changes we see in both Nasko and Sevdalin. We have finally reached a point where we can all play games together, go for bike rides and laugh around the dinner table. In the past year, both boys have learned to swim, play on a soccer team and are now beginning to read English. We are thrilled to see them doing things they had never done during the 8 and 9 years they lived in Bulgaria.

## What are Nasko & Sevdalin's biggest challenges?

Learning how to be a part of a family and showing kindness and respect to others has been difficult for the boys. They are also pretty far behind developmentally, so simple things like learning their ABC's, basic addition and reading have been very challenging.

## What are some of Nasko & Sevdalin's favorites?

Both of them are huge fans of pizza and ice cream! Nasko really likes to read, watch Curious George and ride his bike. Sevdalin loves math, Mickey Mouse and playing UNO!

All Smiles!



## We Walked the Walk

A BIG thanks to all who supported the Walk of Love

Our 7th annual Walk of Love took place on May 1st, as we continue to take steps to bring children home. Brittany's Hope was proud to welcome approximately 200 friends and families who came to support our mission. We were honored to welcome our recipient families and granted children to our Walk of Love. It was a tremendous joy to meet the children as we had anxiously held them in our thoughts and prayers until they were united with their forever families! These precious children, along with their amazing parents, led our first lap of the Walk, skipping and smiling while proudly carrying the flags of their birth countries.

The weather cooperated throughout most of the festivities and made for a very special family oriented day! The kids had their faces painted, jumped on the bounce castle and danced the day away! As the music slowed down and the festivities of our Walk came to a close, we gathered around to announce our raffle prize winners while enjoying a light lunch with family and friends.







You can still help  
us meet our goal!  
**WalkOfLove.org**



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## Bantayhu

Bantayhu is a very active and expressive 5 year old little boy. He was brought to the center, along with his little sister, as the result of the loss of their father to AIDS.

# SPONSOR

Brittany's Hope has completed the orphaned children of Awi Zone. The planning for this home began the It was on this trip that Brittany's Hope environment due to the overwhelming The home includes a protective fence kitchen, a cafeteria and a group of t

## \$35 / Month

### FOOD

Includes nutritious meals daily, clothing

### EDUCATION

Includes school supplies and transportation

### SHELTER

Helps fund repairs and upgrades

### MEDICAL CARE

Consistent health check ups and

### GENERAL CARE

Provides a staff of sisters to look

### CLOTHING

Clothing is shared and passed

### CONTACT

The Sponsorship Coordinator  
[Sponsor@BrittanysHope.org](mailto:Sponsor@BrittanysHope.org)

## Tesfa

Tesfa is a nine year old little girl who is grieving the loss of both of her parents. According to the caregivers, she is shy and very passive.



## Yigermal

Yigermal is a five year old boy. He, along with his older sister, were brought to the home as the result of losing both parents. According to the caregivers, Yigermal is fearful and is in much need of love.



## Theresa

This cutie was abandoned at the home shortly after its opening. In her short time there, she has stolen the hearts of everyone. There is very little background information about this adorable baby, only that she was found extremely malnourished and since has done very well in the hands of the trained caregivers.





## Bertukan

Bertukan is an adorable five year old little girl. The caregivers describe her as "an active, restless and happy little girl."



## RS NEEDED

construction of the Injibara Children's Home. Ethiopia now have a safe haven to call home! Three years ago during our first visit to Ethiopia, we recognized a need to provide a safe living space, a number of abandoned children in the area. We have a guard house, four children's residences, a kitchen, and trained caregivers to watch over the children.

## th Provides

lean water and appropriate snacks.  
transportation to and from a public school.  
to the children's home.  
emergency medical treatments.  
look after and love the children.  
down through the children.  
or:  
**Brittany's Hope.org**

## Sentayhu

Sentayhu is an eight year old little girl who lost both her parents at a very young age. According to the caregivers, Sentayhu is very withdrawn and in much need of love and affection.



## Aleyase

Aleyase is an eleven year old boy who is very sociable and expressive. He was brought to the home as the result of losing both his parents to AIDS.



## Mentamir

Mantamir is a ten year old girl who is very shy and reserved. According to the caregivers, she enjoys drawing and assisting with chores around the home.



# Service Learning in Việt Nam

The children's spirits were incredible; each one of them just shone with happiness. Their giggles were magic, and their hugs were so sincere and filled with love, you couldn't help but smile.

**Rustin**

Even though none of the children had a family supporting them, they all served as family members. This was something to truly admire, how they took care of each other.

**Paul**

This trip was an experience I wouldn't trade for anything. I got to be a part of something meaningful and actually see the impact that the funds we raised had on the children of the world.

**Abby**

## Students Touching Lives

In partnership with Elizabethtown College, Brittany's Hope Foundation embarked on its third Service Learning Trip to Vietnam; a country of captivating beauty, culture, and overwhelming needs. The students fundraised and applied for grants to support the projects carried out during their visit. Their hard work and determination to make a seemingly small change in the lives of the Vietnamese children brought in over \$18,000 and funded their services projects in full. We would like to extend our gratitude to the students for their tireless efforts and to Anna Moore who helped motivate donors to supply a training center with computers.

**400+** Bags of Essentials

**100+** Pairs of Shoes

**10** Safe Beds

**10** Computers for Vocational Training

**8** New Bikes

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# We're Home!

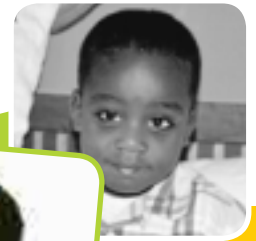
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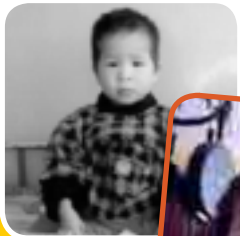
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# Ironman for Orphans

Rebecca Cruttenden, dedicated mom of three and grant recipient, took on the 140 mile Texas Ironman in an effort to bring more children home to their forever families! In the months leading up to the main event, Rebecca raised an incredible \$7,200 to place towards the adoption of a group of siblings from Taiwan. This is the second marathon Rebecca has completed for the benefit of Brittany's Hope. Rebecca has truly become an inspiration to many and a valued supporter and representative of Brittany's Hope. She is, without question, our Superhero!



**You can still help Rebecca meet her \$10,000 goal!**

**[www.BrittanysHope.org/Ironman](http://www.BrittanysHope.org/Ironman)**



**T**he Brittany's Hope Sunflower Project was born from a dream of providing essential items and a small measure of comfort to those children aging out of over crowded orphanages. These children often leave with nothing but the clothes they are wearing.

One can only imagine the fear and trepidation confronting these precious children as they are forced to strike out on their own at such a tender age to make room for the incoming younger orphans. The Sunflower Project's goal was to provide a duffle bag with a set of clothes, undergarments, toiletries, blankets, towels, shoes, rain gear, first aid kits and other necessary items, to children facing this new chapter in their lives, alone.

This ambitious project was met with delays in gathering and storing enough items to fill 404 bags and arranging their shipment to Vietnam. With the help of Elizabethtown College students and a generous donation from Binex Line shipping company the bags were packed and shipped to Vietnam in March. In late May, Brittany's Hope, in a joint venture with Elizabethtown College, traveled to Vietnam to complete a number of service projects for orphanages in need. We partnered with the Da Nang Red Cross Association to distribute the bags to older children aging out of five orphan centers in the region. On *International Children's Day*, we were honored to have several government officials and local news crews attend the Sunflower Distribution Ceremony.

View pictures of this Project changing lives:  
**[www.BrittanysHope.org/Sunflower](http://www.BrittanysHope.org/Sunflower)**

