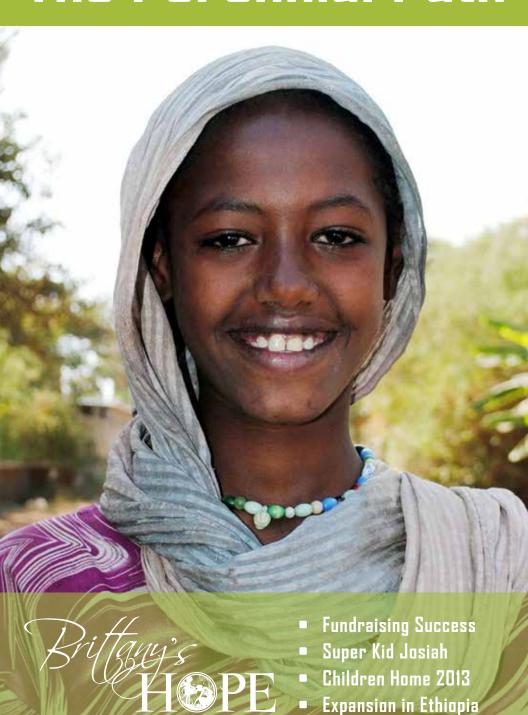
The Perennial Path





We were thrilled to receive our Seedling Gift grant. In fact, without it we wouldn't have been able to complete our adoption. I can remember feeling such relief to know that we would be able to bring our little girl home! I have to admit, though, we initially thought of the fundraising aspect as overwhelming and didn't want to be perceived as asking for a hand-out.

We sent our initial fundraising mailings and participated in the foundation's Walk of Love. but still needed to raise quite a large amount of money. After a few (okay several) failed attempts, we came across a woman who made acrylic pins on the website Etsy. I found a beautiful patchwork heart and asked her to partner with us by selling them at a bulk rate. She got right back to us and was excited to help!

I made small order forms with a description of Brittany's Hope, a little bit about our family and our daughter's story. My husband and I took them to work and asked friends to do the same. We also used social media to promote our fundraiser and soon the orders were piling in.

We ended up raising nearly \$2,000 in about six weeks! Now, not only had we met our goal, but we see hearts for our little girl everywhere we on. Everytime someone asks "Where did you get that pin?" gives us a chance to open a heart and share about the homecoming of our beautiful daughter and the work of Brittany's

Our advice for families struggling to fundraise is to connect with small businesses. We continue to advocate for Brittany's Hope and in doing so have secured various other partnerships. Support is out there - go and get it.



Super Kid Josiah Meet more Super Kids like Josiah at: www.BrittanysHope.org/superkids

Josiah is an eager learner, so very brave, and has an infectious sense of humor, three qualities that fit right in with our family!

What activities is Josiah involved in?

Josiah loves to play basketball as he is fast and agile. He really enjoys stealing the other team's ball and making a layup. People are amazed that he has only been in the states for 4 years and has so much skill. Josiah also plays the piano, loves to go fishing with his dad and eagerly looks forward to camp each summer. He is always open for a playful but competitive board game, too.

Does Josiah have any favorites?



Josiah has quickly adjusted to American food, but it is still a joy to treat him to his favorite Vietnamese dish of pho. He is very strong in math and is one of those naturally gifted spellers. He eagerly gets his school work done so he can move on to higher priorities like playing video games and basketball.

We so appreciate the work of Brittany's Hope and the grant that was given towards our adoption of our wonderful son. He has been such a blessing to our family. I don't think there is a day that goes by that I do not find myself smiling and shaking my head at Josiah's antics.



Thoughts on Ethiopia

While in Ethiopia, one cannot escape the site of children, out in the field alone, herding cattle from early morning to nightfall. Women are constantly seen hunched over, carrying & attempting to sell a heavy load of wood for merely a dollar. Daily life for the Ethiopian people is a struggle, but their strength and gentle spirits are humbling.

Agricultural productivity is low and frequent droughts have severe consequences leading to inadequate incomes, hunger and malnutrition. These difficulties have magnified the orphan crisis in Ethiopia and left thousands of children scared and alone.

In 2009, while traveling through the Awi Zone, the people of Injibara approached our staff about the growing number of children living in unsafe conditions. Having experienced the need first hand, Brittany's Hope responded immediately with plans to build an orphan care center.

Our partners and the Injibara community conducted an opening ceremony of the center in early 2011. All members present were very supportive and extremely excited to see the completed center. In totality, the completed center had a protective fence, quard house, kitchen and four children's homes.

Inibara Expansion Margaret McFarland, PhD President, Board of Directors

"The children all seem to act as one big family and care for each other as brothers and sisters. It was a joy to experience the love displayed among the children and their caretakers."

The Injibara Children's Home is considered a safe haven for Ethiopian children. Each child has been matched with a dedicated sponsor in the United States whose support has noticeably changed their lives. It is a miracle to see the difference from the original intake photos to their bright, joyous smiles today.

As a board member. I have heard of and supported this project from its infancy. It was a pleasure to have the opportunity to visit the center this year and meet the children that we have watched grow through pictures and carry around pictures they receive and practice saying their names along with other common English phrases.

One of the most exciting aspects of the center's design is our ability to expand it to care for more children. With the foundation for security, nutrition and clean water already established, future building projects will focus on children's homes with the intent to create sustainable living space for the street ridden children of the area.

It has been a priority for the staff and Board of Directors at Brittany's Hope to begin developing an addition that will increase the



Children Home



Families Are Ready to adopt but struggle with the cost of international adoption.



We Provide Grants to families adopting orphans with special needs.



Ariana from China "Ariana is precious, beautiful and a spunky little girl with a beautiful smile."











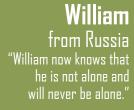


Lucy from South Korea

"An enormous smile washed over my face and we knew, she felt exactly as we did. She was finally home!"



Lydia
from Ethiopia
"Lydia is thriving in our home
and has brought joy to our
family and our friends."





from South Korea "The knowledge that Brittany's Hope was there for us was so helpful in our wait."









Clara
from Bulgaria
"I believe my little girl knows that
she is on a mission to touch as many
people as she can."





Talia from China "Talia is our dream come true and we are blessed every day to see how her story has moved other's to adopt."

500 Children Home!

565 children are home, successful and loved because of great supporters like you



Brittany's Hope was the organization that launched our fundraising effort to bring our two children home! We had no idea how we would raise over \$34,000 in one year's time, the number was simply too daunting. A Brittany's Hope grant broke that number down into a manageable first bite for us and was really the catalyst for a monumental year of effort! Our BH grant not only assisted us financially, but really gave us hope that this feat of raising funds to bring our children home was possible.

Thank you Brittany's Hope and all who give to the Seedling Gift program, for providing a seed of hope, a part of what has grown into the "whole" that is our family!

Hong Visits from Viet Nam



As an integral part to our programs' successes, Hong works directly with the children you support. She has helped to streamline communications between our office, our supporters and orphanages along the Viet Nam countryside.

Despite a relatively difficult and tedious Visa application process, Hong finally had the chance to visit America this February. Her arrival was an opportunity for her to meet and share exciting stories with our local supporters, many of which included the hopes and dreams of the children they provide for. By the time she left, sponsors had filled her arms with gifts and love to distribute amongst the kids anxiously waiting at home.











Our New Executive Director Mai-Lynn Abel Sahd, MSW



Brittany's Hope Foundation is proud to announce Mai-Lynn Abel Sahd as our new Executive Director.

Having been adopted at the age of 8 from a small orphanage in Viet Nam, Mai-Lynn has a strong rooted passion and understanding of the core mission at Brittany's Hope. She hopes to use her experience and expertise to further guide the foundation in its pursuit to grow and help more children globally.

"It is important that the foundation properly navigate through the ever changing adoption arena and the rapidly revolving standards in orphan care."

Mai-Lynn obtained her Masters in International and Community Development at Monmouth University. Prior to her appointment as Executive Director, Mai-Lynn served as the Humanitarian Aid Coordinator at Brittany's Hope. In this role, Mai-Lynn introduced and managed programs that provide holistic care for children waiting in orphanages.

Preceding her position at Brittany's Hope, she had served as the multi-cultural counselor and case manager for survivors of torture/asylum seekers and human trafficking victims at the International Institute of New Jersey. During her tenure, she implemented successful programs for refugee survivors of torture to rediscover their own selfworth through social activities.

Contact Mai-Lynn today: sahdm@brittanyshope.org







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