

# How Did We Help in 2012?

We helped 16 families through our individual donations. Another 25 families have benefited from our gift card program this year. That brings our total to 41 families helped through our individual donations and 81 through the gift card program. This year we reached from Pueblo to Greeley and Montrose to Tenessee with many more in between! Our biggest impact was in the Aurora and Denver areas. It is because of your support that we were able to do this!

## New Board Member

In October we welcomed a new member to our board. Jennifer Heath decided to join our board after receiving a brochure at the Littleton Festival this summer. We are excited to have Jennifer join us in our mission!

# Thank You!!!

A HUGE Thank You to all of the people who helped us in our recent fundraising efforts:

- \* Everyone who came to eat at Chick-fil-a on October 23rd.
- \* Everyone who donated crafts for our craft sale on December 1st.
- \* Everyone who donated for Colorado Gives Day on December 4th.
- \* Everyone who donated baked goods for our bake sale on December 7th.
- Everyone who prayed for these events and/ or supported us in other ways.

Thank you for joining with us in helping these families!

Featured Interview Chioma (Mother of Aka)

## Tell us about your child

Aka is a wonderful baby girl. She is doing well. Only thing is she has series of seizures. But I personally believe God for her healing. The good Lord is with her.

## Tell us about the challenges you have faced due to your child's illness

There are a lot of challenges, due to her conditions. She is solely dependant on me for everything. She cannot do anything on her own. There are a lot of challenges for me as a mother.

Tell us what it is like to have a child who is hospitalized and/or needs ongoing care When one's baby is hospitalized it is miserable and quite a challenge. As parents, your lives will never remain the same. You can never know what to expect, no money, no food, no family to encourage you, everything it seems there is no God.

## How did For the Love of Grace assist you?

I don't know For the Love of Grace, but during my years of pain and hurting of my two children hospitalized, later the one after six months at Children's hospital passed away and my special needs baby (Aka) was at the hospital for six weeks and For the Love of Grace was there for me, cash, food and encouragement.



#### Did it help alleviate some stress?

Of course, yes, because they helped me financially, prayed for my family, provided food for my family and stand by me through those days. May God bless For the Love of Grace.

## How is your family doing now?

To God be the glory. The light of God is shining in my family. God gave me another baby boy. Aka is out of the hospital and God is providing for my family.

## Is there anything else you would like to add?

For the Love of Grace was there when I am facing darkness moving in my life. I pray that people will see the good work the organization is doing to help the families in need. My prayers go to Ms. Lisa and family and all the volunteers that also aupport me in prayers for total healing of my daughter Aka. I want her to be seizure free.

We the entire family of Chibueze's were very happy for what the organization has done for my daughter on 9/9/12. When I saw the invitation (to the Celebration of Life held this fall) the tears of joy dropped from my eyes, for a little organization like For the Love of Grace to celebrate my daughter's life. May God of heavens and Earth bless and reward you richly.



# Adopt a Family for Christmas

This year we started something called adopt a family for Christmas. We were able to match up 16 families with struggling families in their area who have received assistance from For the Love of Grace. We were unable to find enough families to help every family but we hope to make this an annual event and have more people involved next year. The families have been provided with a meal for Christmas, gifts for the children, and prayer. It is our hope that we can reflect Christ's love in this and give joy at this special time of year. If you have adopted a family this Christmas, thank you!

# Fundraiser Update

The night at Chick-fil-a went fairly well for our first time doing this type of fundraiser. We learned a lot from it and will probably do it again.

The craft sale went well, bringing in about two hundred dollars.

The bake sale was our biggest fundraiser and we are amazed at what God did through this fundraiser. At first it didn't seem to have went that well since we had a lot of baked goods left over. However, upon figuring out how much money was donated at this fundraiser we realized that it was much more than first thought. The total turned out to be just over \$1,300.00! This being the case, Lisa felt God wanted us to bless others with the left over baked goods and handed them out at a local soup kitchen for the homeless and donated the rest to the Rescue Mission. Those of you that donated baked goods for this cause were able to have your donation reach far beyond just the bake sale and For the Love of Grace!

Please join with us in praising God for His amazing faithfulness!

# Outreach at Children's Hospital

In October we painted at Children's Hospital. During these special outreaches we have an opportunity to bring joy to the children who are otherwise stuck in their rooms and to also minister to and pray for the parents.



On more than one occasion our hearts have been touched and blessed far more than we could imagine. These are some pictures from the day.













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# **Upcoming Events**

January 12 – Board Meeeting

March 9 – Board Meeting

March (TBD) - Tea Party