
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR RONNIE MUSGROVE
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: GOVERNOR
FROM: RILEY
SUBJECT: CHILDHHELP USA NATIONAL DAY OF HOPE: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3
DATE: 3/20/2002
CC: RENICK, KINNEY

You recently placed a brochure regarding Childhelp USA's National Day of Hope and asked me to find out if we wanted to participate. Childhelp USA is asking us to hold a candle-lighting ceremony in the capitol and observe 3 minutes in silence and prayer in recognition of the 3 children who die each day from abuse and the millions of children who suffer from abuse and neglect.

Childhelp USA was founded in 1959 by Sara O'Meara and Yvonne Fedderson under the name "International Orphans, Inc." (IOI). For fifteen years they advocated improved treatment of American/Asian children in Japan and Vietnam. IOI built and maintained four orphanages in Japan, as well as five orphanages, a children's hospital, and a school in Vietnam, caring for thousands of children. In 1975, IOI also helped organize the "Baby Lift" of Vietnamese orphans, mostly Amerasian, to the U.S. for adoption. In the mid-1970s Sara and Yvonne redirected their efforts toward abused and neglected children in the USA, and changed the organization's name to Childhelp USA. Today Sara and Yvonne continue as Chairman/CEO and President.

2001 National Day of Hope activities in Washington included approximately 150 members of Congress attending a National Day of Hope luncheon and candle-lighting observance on Capitol Hill. Tricia Lott and Jackie Clegg, wife of Senator Christopher Dodd, were the luncheon's honorary co-chairs.

The attached sheet lists the members of Childhelp USA's National Advisory Board.

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ChildHelp USA National Advisory Board

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