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## **Chances for Children Launches "Haiti Renewal Fund" With \$2 million from Foster Friess**

**PHOENIX (January 19, 2010)** – While emergency efforts bring immediate relief to Haiti, Craig Juntunen, founder of Chances for Children, launched the "Haiti Renewal Fund" January 19. The fund, designed to assist in a fresh renewal of the devastated nation of Haiti, opens with an initial matching grant of \$2 million from Jackson Hole residents Lynn and Foster Friess augmented by a subsequent \$1 million from Childhelp, drawn from donations specifically designated to the fund.

"In a few weeks or months the enormous worldwide relief effort in Haiti will meet food, water and shelter needs, but what then?" said Juntunen, who will be raising additional monies for the fund.

Juntunen's Chances for Children foundation operates an orphanage near Port-au-Prince and last year placed 36 Haitian orphans in adoptive families. It will expand to meet the soaring number of newly-orphaned children and also encourage Cure International, an organization that operates hospitals in nearby Dominican Republic and Honduras, in its goal to open a new children's hospital in Haiti.

Water Mission International adds water purification units to the equation and Childhelp brings its 50 years of experience of serving five million abused children. Phoenix attorney, sculptor and Cure International board member Marilyn Quayle; her husband former Vice President Dan Quayle and "Charlie's Angels" star Cheryl Ladd will advise Georgia-based National Christian Foundation, the fund administrator, on allocation of funds.

"So much well-intentioned funding is wasted in corruption and institutional overhead," said Juntunen, who serves without salary. "We are grateful for the oversight of these compassionate individuals and for the long track records of success and fiscal responsibility of the charities involved."

Juntunen authored *Both Ends Burning*, chronicling his personal transformation from a self-serving life to adopting three young children from Haiti in 2006 with his wife Kathi: Espie, Quinn and Amelec, who turned nine January 16th.

To have someone like Craig who knows all the players because of his love of and involvement in Haiti "creates a real marriage made in heaven," Friess said.

Checks written to “Haiti Renewal Fund/NCF” may be sent to the **National Christian Foundation, 11625 Rainwater Drive, Suite 500, Alpharetta, Georgia 30009** or by clicking [here](#) to donate online at <http://www.haitirenewal.org>.

**BIOS:**

**Craig Juntunen** founded Chances for Children with proceeds of sale of his successful business and also fundraised for a college scholarship fund, the Special Olympics and other local and regional charities. He quarterbacked a Canadian Football League team and is a member of the State of Idaho Athletic Hall of Fame.

**Foster Friess** founded the Brandywine Funds and since selling his firm in 2001 encourages private sector solutions in order to curb increasing intrusiveness of government. Foster and his wife Lynn of 47 years through their Friess Family Foundation fund water purification units in Malawi and mobile medical vans for the medically underserved.

**Sara O’Meara and Yvonne Fedderson** founded Childhelp in 1959 with schools, hospitals and orphanages to aid abandoned and neglected children around the world. Their current dedication to victims of child abuse and neglect garnered them five consecutive Nobel Peace Prize nominations. The fact that Childhelp targeted Haiti for their efforts months ago makes perfect timing for the Haiti Renewal Fund launch, Childhelp Executive Vice President Jim Hebets, founder and president of Hebets Maguire LLC remarked.

**WEB SITES for more information:**

Haiti Renewal Fund: <http://www.haitirenewal.org>  
Chances for Children: <http://www.chances4children.org/c4c/>  
Childhelp: <http://www.childhelp.org/>  
Foster Friess Foundation: <http://www.fosterfriess.com>

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