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### Acres of Love Forever Homes for Abandoned and AIDS babies and children

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#### Greetings!

It is an honor to share the joy of much progress with you. Each new forever home that is being commissioned is a cause for celebration! The Innocent victims of the AIDS pandemic are the infants and children left in its awful wake; however it is our belief that every

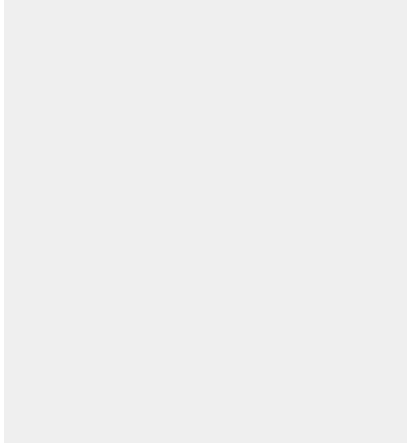


infant and child entrusted into our care have unlimited potential; they are valuable and unique. Our mission is to facilitate loving 'de facto' families for the abandoned placed into our care. Our goal is to nurture our children by providing for their immediate needs in a holistic manner; by offering them security, a sound education and hope for the future.

It is our privilege to plead the cause of the poor and to effectively facilitate their rescue and bring **urgent** relief which is based on execution and execution is based on mercy. Let us be merciful even as God is merciful to us!

#### Bayside Forever home

In August 2005 the seed was



sown for the establishment of the **Bayside Forever Home** at a meeting in California between Ryan and Gerda and Christie and Rob Buckingham. The home was acquired in December '05 and the first babies moved in last week. A huge thank you

to the Bayside team from Melbourne, Australia for their love, dedication and hard work.

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**New Forever homes**



John Schuck and Ryan Audagnotti attended a strategic meeting in November 16, 2005, in the board room of John Davis in Santa Barbara. Here the decision was made to acquire the second **Santa Barbara and Friends Forever Home in Blairgowrie** This home is now a reality and will be a haven to another 10 abandoned children. A huge thank you to our Santa Barbara friends and Acres of Love family!

On Feb 16, 2006 Bob and Cheri Shank, founders of The Master's Program, met with Ryan and Gerda regarding the establishment of another Forever Home funded by members of the Barnabas Group OC and Masters

Program. The result was the establishment of the **Masters Forever Home**. This home is situated in the Benoni Region of Gauteng.

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**In Memory**



It is with hearts full of so many emotions that we write to tell you of the passing of our sweet baby Owethu at Acres of Love on Sunday March 26th. Though at 5 months of age her time with us was much too brief, few little girls have ever been loved so immensely. Who would think that someone so tiny could capture hearts so completely? We thank you for your love and care for Owethu as well. Owethu was born a fighter. We had hoped that her body could overcome the battle with AIDS being waged within it, but the virus had already claimed too much.

Her very name comes from the word meaning "belongs to us". The thought of her name is a reminder that for a priceless few months God shared His child with us and we are so thankful. We rejoice in the knowledge that Owethu now rests in the arms of her Heavenly Father.

**Sunset Serenade with Jonathan Butler and Friends**



Two time Grammy nominee, jazz singer and guitarist Jonathan Butler, will



performed at the Acres of Love Benefit Concert in San Juan Capistrano, California.

**Event:** 4th Annual Sunset Serenade **Date:** Sunday May 28th, 2006 at 6pm  
**Venue:** 30622 Steeplechase Dr, Hunt Club, San Juan Capistrano. **Contact:** [yuani@acresoflove.org](mailto:yuani@acresoflove.org)

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We end as we always do by telling you that every day we say prayers of thanks for our wonderful staff and volunteers, for our generous and caring friends and supporters. "In you the fatherless find mercy." Hosea 14:3

With fond regards and blessings

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