

# Angels of Mercy

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\*This story combines two true stories from children you have helped in Ghana.

## Dear Friend, You saved my life!

When I was five years old, my parents could no longer afford to keep me. They put me on the street in Ghana to fend for myself. I found a dump where I could scavenge scraps to stay alive. I was always dirty with torn clothes which indicated to strangers that I had no parents to protect me.

Because I appeared neglected, I was the constant victim of sexual abuse. One day a man and woman sold me into child sex trafficking. It was horrific! I tried several times to run away and one day I succeeded.

A kind woman from another country was on a mission trip and visiting our village. She took me into a safe house along with three other girls. They gave each of us a handmade dress to wear, a doll and a pair of underwear. The dress was made by a group of women from Rochester, NY who are part of Dress a Girl Around the World.

That dress changed my life. I felt love - love from someone I would likely never meet. The dress gave me hope and protected me for the first time.

Now I am going to school and for the first time, learning to read and write. My dream is to continue my education and dedicate my life to helping others, as you have helped me.

All I knew was horror until the day I walked into the safe house for young girls. To this day, 14 years later, I can still barely speak about what happened to me.

I now know I am a precious gift from God.  
He calls me HIS masterpiece.

Thank you,

Princess\*



## A note from Mary Jo,

Princess' story is the reality of sex trafficking here and around the world. The circumstances and places may be different, but the trauma and harm to one's soul are the same.

We at Angels of Mercy are dedicated to educating, protecting, and empowering women as they heal from human trafficking and domestic violence. We do this through our three programs:

- Human Trafficking Awareness and Education - provides tools and knowledge for groups to gain awareness of and prevent human trafficking
- Dress a Girl around the World - provides dresses to girls around the world, so they won't be a likely target for human traffickers
- Butterfly Boutique - provides free clothing to women entering the workforce from situations of abuse, recovery, re-entry from incarceration, or unemployment

Enclosed is a piece of fabric that represents the life-changing dresses you help us send to young girls across the globe, as well as clothing we give to local clients for free at the Butterfly Boutique. Your love is woven into the threads of the fabric which creates a beautiful tapestry providing dignity and hope.

Angels of Mercy was founded 17 years ago on the principles of unconditional love and treating others the way we would want to be treated. Since our inception, we have protected more than 1,100,000 girls in 75 countries from human trafficking.

14 years ago, we began anti human trafficking awareness and education and thanks to you, we will have presented to a total of 7,968 people through 2024.

This year, you have helped us support 7,525 women locally through our Butterfly Boutique which includes outreach, education, and love.

In 2025, with your help, we plan to reach 700 women locally through the Butterfly Boutique, 9,000+ people through outreach and education, and 5,000 girls internationally. **Can we count on you to make a gift to save even more children from the horrors of human trafficking, and to help women recover from domestic violence?**

Please reach deep within your heart this Christmas season and consider making a gift that will save countless children by preventing human trafficking and freeing women from the trauma of domestic abuse and violence of all kinds.



Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Jo Gugino Colligan".

Mary Jo Gugino Colligan  
President and Founder

**P.S. Your gift helps prevent children from becoming victims of human trafficking and helps women recover from domestic violence - please give today!**

**Yes! I want to help prevent children from being trafficked and help women recover from domestic abuse and violence of all kinds.**

## Our goal is to raise \$100,000 – can we count on you to help us help others?

- **\$15 can fund undergarments for one woman**, and 200 women will be grateful to receive them *(\$3,000 in total)*
- **\$40 can fund one pair of snow boots for a woman**, and 200 women will be cold without them *(\$8,000 in total)*
- **\$50 can fund one client's intake and referral**, and at least 700 women will be desperate for the help *(\$35,000 in total)*
- **\$125 can cover the coordination of one sewing group** for Dress a Girl around the World, and we will coordinate 6 groups this year *(\$750 in total)*
- **\$200 can cover guidance and mentoring for one woman** leaving a domestic violence situation and entering her own career path, and 8 women will deeply appreciate this help *(\$1,600 in total)*
- **\$30,000 can cover the salary of one part-time Butterfly Boutique manager**
- **\$21,650 can offset much-needed** carpeting, conference room furniture, office furniture, a phone system, and security cameras for Angels of Mercy headquarters
- **Surprise us with a gift of \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please keep my name anonymous**

Yes, my employer will match my gift and I will submit the form on Angel of Mercy's behalf.

## Ways to Give

1. **Online: It's quick and secure!** Please visit [angelsofmercynewyork.org/donate](http://angelsofmercynewyork.org/donate)

or scan this QR code

2. **Cash or check:** Please make checks payable to Angels of Mercy and mail to:  
**Angels of Mercy | 692 North Winton Road | Rochester, NY 14609**



3. **Pledge**

I pledge a total of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. I would like to contribute:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per month for \_\_\_\_\_ months

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ per year for \_\_\_\_\_ years

4. **Credit Card**

Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp: \_\_\_\_\_ CVV: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **Stocks, Bonds, Donor Advised Funds, IRA Required Minimum Distributions,** or other investment holdings or negotiable assets: Please contact Mary Jo Gugino Colligan at (585) 506-6814 or [designingheart@aol.com](mailto:designingheart@aol.com) for bank account and routing information.

6. **Real Estate, Charitable Remainder Trusts, or Charitable Lead Trusts:**

Please connect your financial advisor, trustee, or attorney with Mary Jo Gugino Colligan at (585) 506-6814 or [designingheart@aol.com](mailto:designingheart@aol.com)

*thank you*