

EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN

You've probably heard the song made popular by The Byrds in 1965, "Turn, Turn, Turn" which shines light on the words found in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. *"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven . . . A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance."* This past year, Robin's Nest has gone through multiple transitions from kids coming and going from our home, staff surgeries, and a new set of directors accepting the calling to oversee the ministry in Jamaica.

We are excited to announce our director team! **Danielle Straka** comes from Minnesota with a Master's Degree in Social Work and already served at the Nest in 2013 for 16 months prior to taking on this new role. **Elizabeth Lowe** came to us from New York with a marketing background and has been serving on-site since June 2015; and **Kevin and Janet Krusmark** who recently arrived on the mountaintop in mid-September from Minnesota.

Kevin brings over 40 years of business and operations management experience while Janet is using over 40 years in nursing to help care for the kids and staff at the Nest. The Krusmarks sold their home and most of their personal belongings to devote themselves to God's new calling.



FROM LEFT: DANIELLE STRAKA, ELIZABETH LOWE, JANET AND KEVIN KRUSMARK

Each co-director has raised their own support to serve at the Nest and are using their specific gift-set, skills and desires to meet the daily needs of the kids and staff. Janet **shared her heart**, "We loved the children and the Christ-centered organization. It was then that God planted the seed to consider a full-time director's position at Robin's Nest. We are thrilled and humbled to be here, working with Elizabeth and Danielle, serving the children and staff of Robin's Nest! It is a blessing to us! We are reminded of 2 Corinthians 9:8, 'God is able! Able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things, at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work'."

NEST FAMILY KEEPS GROWING

FIVE LITTLE MIRACLES ADDED



Like first-time parents, we are always excited to announce our newest little additions to the Nest family! Welcome these adorable five miracles that we have the privilege to provide a "nest for today and hope for tomorrow". You can sponsor them monthly to provide for their daily needs like diapers, food and clothing at www.robinsnestchildrenshome.com/sponsor-a-child.org.



CHRISTALDO



STEPHANIE



RENALDO



RONARDO



SANIQUE

GIFTING FORM

It's never too late to **MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** We need your support to continue to provide a safe, loving and Christ-centered home for hurting children in Jamaica. Your tax deductible donation will change lives!

"... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:40

ONE-TIME DONATION

☐ \$200 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

Please make checks payable to "Robin's Nest" or donate online.

MONTHLY DONATION

☐ \$100 ☐ \$75 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ Other \$ _____

Please attach a voided check. Automatic withdraw on 5th monthly.

SPONSOR A CHILD

- ☐ For only \$20 a month, a hurting child receives food, clothing, education and a Christ-centered loving place to call home.
- ☐ I would like to sponsor _____
- ☐ Choose a child for me.

Please attach a voided check. Automatic withdraw on 5th monthly.

DONATE ONLINE



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ANYTIME

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NEST *praise* HIGHLIGHTS

- The Nest was awarded a **grant by Jamaica** to install **solar power** (see article below for details).
- One little girl was **adopted by a Jamaican family**, an older boy is waiting for a court date for his new parents to officially adopt him, and a sibling-set has been matched with a forever family.
- Our special-needs kids are **excelling in their new school**, making large strides in communicating.

prayer REQUESTS

- Recently, a large portion of the mountain road was filled, graded and rolled by someone anonymous to the Nest. Unfortunately, the **time and money in the much needed project was washed away** and the hard work is now nowhere to be seen. Please pray for a permanent solution to the dangerous road as we drive it multiple times a day with kids and staff.
- One of our staff members recently had surgery and endured multiple complications afterwards. **Please keep her in your prayers for a quick recovery!**

FAMILY DEEPER THAN BLOOD

NEST POD-MOM SYSTEM



The phrase, “family runs deeper than blood”, couldn’t be more accurate to describe how we view each child at Robin’s Nest Children’s Home! All of the kids in our care come to us because they need a safe place to be loved unconditionally. One way we try to give each of them a home is to provide them with consistent caregivers. Women who they become familiar with and call their “pod-mom”. The kids are organized into “pods” which are small groups manageable for a pod-mom to show individualized care to each child (divided between day/night shifts). This ensures the kids receive specialized attention, interact with others around the same age (like siblings in a family), and gives them the same person



to love and bond with like a mother. The older boys, ages 8-13, stay in Jake’s House complete with bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, dining room and living room. The younger kids live up the hill at the Main House . . . and the pods are organized by color:

POD	AGES	CURRENT #
YELLOW	3 months - 12 months	6 babies
PURPLE	1 and 2 year olds	5 toddlers
GREEN	2 - 8 year olds	7 kids
RED	3 - 7 year olds	8 kids

I John 4:19 commands us to “love because He first loved us”. The Nest strives to love each child that God brings into our home just as He welcomed us into His kingdom as His sons and daughters.

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POWER IT UP

NEST AWARDED JAMAICAN GRANT

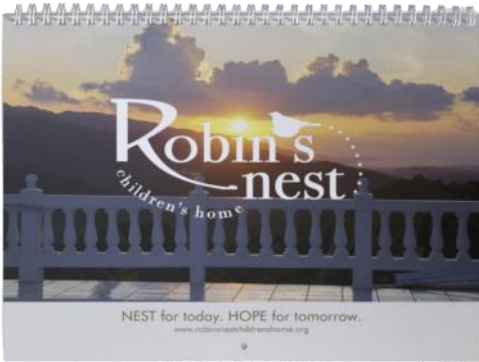


Because of the tireless work of past directors preparing a detailed proposal, the Nest was awarded a Jamaican grant to install solar panels. Sitting on a mountaintop enables us to easily capture rays of light while saving thousands of

dollars a year once installed. There are many steps ahead including an energy audit that requires the Nest to update failing appliances with energy-efficient units before we can begin the process. If you’d like to help with the cost, simply log onto robinsnestchildrenshome.org to donate toward this effort to help us be good stewards of our finances.

REMEMBERING 24/7

2017 NEST CALENDAR



Most people who visit the Nest, even for a couple hours, are forever impacted by the kids and staff they meet. Last year we designed a special calendar that was a huge success. With 100% of the profit

benefiting the ministry, the calendars not only raise needed funds but also provides a unique item for guests and volunteers to remember each little life they impacted. Purchase forms are available online at robinsnestchildrenshome.org and if you order before December 15th, they are guaranteed to be there by Christmas!

GIFTING FORM

DONOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Email: _____@_____

- ☐ I would like to continue to receive the Robin’s Nest newsletter by **mail**.
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