



Empowering Each Other  
To Serve The Destitute Elderly  
in the Developing World

May 2012

Dear Supporters of Michael's House,

You are our valued benefactors and as such, I want to inform you that my last day as president of Michael's House was March 1, 2012. I met with the Trustees and Board of Directors in regard to the end of my presidency term and affirmed my continued involvement with Michael's House.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for your valued support both spiritually and financially. I have experienced so much in my role as president and look forward to enjoying the many years ahead as Michael's House continues to grow and further evolve in its mission to "empower each other to support the destitute elderly in the developing-world"

Lynda (Richards) Mischler will fill the roll as president. Lynda has been with the program from its inception and traveled to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia to see Michael's House in operation. We are fortunate to have Lynda with her knowledge, experience, commitment, and dedication to take over the heavy responsibility as the president.

It is with your continued support that Michael's House will grow and thrive wherever the needs are the greatest, as we continue to support those in Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Thailand and Rwanda. Please feel free to contact Lynda (Richards) Mischler through the Michael's House website (<http://michaels-house.org/>), if you need additional information.

Respectfully yours,  
Michael J. Craig, Founder



Dear Benefactors,

I want to take a moment to introduce myself as your new president and let you know how honored and excited I am to be leading Michael's House as we grow our projects, explore affiliations with other renown charitable groups, and continue to work together to aid the destitute elderly in the developing world. I look forward to your continued support and welcome your comments.

Sincerely,  
Lynda (Richards) Mischler, President



### Third Annual Michael's House Golf Tournament

The third annual Michael's House Golf Tournament hosted by Hawkins Electric Company, will be scheduled in the fall on September 25<sup>th</sup> at Whiskey Creek Golf Course. The decision was made to hold this event in the fall rather than in the spring due to the large number of golf tournaments scheduled in the spring. We are in hopes that the fall will have less competing events and thus bring us a great turnout! The past two tournaments have been very successful in raising funds and everyone enjoyed a fun day. More details coming soon!

## Death of Michael H. Taylor 5/12/2012

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of (Rev) Michael Taylor who served as a board member of Michael's House Inc. Mickey, as we all knew him, meant so much to the Michael's House community that no words can adequately express our sadness nor measure the void that his passing will leave among us.



Mickey was the quintessential soft and gentle southern gentleman. He was a tender and humble man who was charitable, caring, just and ever aware of the needs of the poor and the marginalized. He had no enemies. Three years ago he was diagnosed with Familial Pulmonary Fibrosis. He was fully aware of the inevitable outcome of his disease but nevertheless decided that in the time he had left he would devote his time to working for Michael's House. He never complained and against all odds and with great personal suffering, he worked on the home front and in Ethiopia for our cause.

At the time of his death he was hopeful that he might be eligible for a double lung transplant. Sadly this was not to be. He had great hope but was resigned to whatever the outcome might be - often saying "I will either get a pair of lungs or a pair of wings. He got the wings and is now at peace.

We will miss him.

President and Board of Michael's House



## Exciting News from Africa!

It has become apparent over the last several months that the facility in Addis Ababa has become self-sustaining through your support and the hard work of all those involved. As a result, the Trustees and Board of Directors of Michael's House will evaluate additional options in order to continue our support of the destitute elderly. We have been in direct contact with several aide organizations.

We are currently focused on affiliation with HelpAge International. HelpAge International is a worldwide organization that supports the elderly in many ways. In 2012, HelpAge received the Hilton Humanitarian award in response to their outstanding work among the destitute elderly. If you want to read about their mission, please go to their website <http://www.helpage.org/where-we-work/africa/>. We believe that affiliation with HelpAge International or another respected aide organization will further our cause and increase our ability to successfully implement and grow our projects from afar.

With the release of some of the funds/donations previously used to support the Michael's House Community Center in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, we are now able to provide much needed support to other disadvantaged elderly in Uganda, Thailand, Rwanda and Ethiopia. This will mean more pensions, increased surgical procedures, food distribution, medical care, clothing, and housing to those we have not yet been able to reach.

**Your continued support makes it all possible and secures one daily meal for the elderly poor. They have come to depend on the love and generosity from those of us more fortunate on the other side of the world. We cannot let them down!**

***Donate on the web or make checks payable to:***

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