

**Friends of Holt – Korea December 2022**  
**Happy Holidays and wishing you a Great and Healthy 2023!**

It was great to have the family together for Thanksgiving Day and have Robert home for whole Thanksgiving week! I'm looking forward to having him home for two weeks at Christmas.

I'm sorry that this letter is later than usual, as I slipped on some wet leaves while visiting my sister in Maine in mid October, and I had a half hip replacement the next day followed by spending 10 days in a rehab facility before returning to my sister's for 2 weeks. I'm gradually regaining my strength and relying on my one crutch to navigate my home and 2 crutches outside my house.

Attached is a report from Meesoo Song a Social Worker in the Holt's adoption team about the care of Holt's children while they are being cared for by foster Mother's in their homes. I've added a few of my favorite pictures from our March 2019



Please be as generous as you can during this Holiday Season, and many thanks to those who sent their generous donations before you even received this letter. It's a miracle to me that this project has continued since my first trip with my husband Bob in the summer of 1974! Don't forget to shop for gifts at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/77-0112624>, and encourage your family and friends to shop there too. Friends of Holt receives 0.5 % of your sales!

**Holiday Blessings!**  
**Love and Thanks,**  
**Jinny and Robert**

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Dear Name,

It started out of love in 1955. Holt Children's Services, Inc.(HCS) started that year by finding a family for children orphaned due to the Korean war and the resulting poverty. Ever since then, HCS has worked for the social welfare and happiness of children. HCS inherited its founder's legacy of 'Love in Action' and has put rigorous efforts on welfare projects for children, youths, single parents, the disabled, low-income people and multi-cultural families. Also, we have worked on improving the rights of overseas children in poverty.

I would like to express my gratitude to the sponsors who have always walked along and been supportive of HCS. This year has been still a challenging year to Holt babies because of COVID-19 pandemic. Holt foster families has placed top priority on children's safety and health. In this situation, your support helped Holt babies to do many fun activities this year.

First of all, we were able to have babies' first birthday party (Dol Party in Korean) which we had postponed during the pandemic. The babies wore pretty traditional costume (hanbok in Korean) and were congratulated by volunteers, foster families, and Holt staffs and took pictures at the birthday table.

Second, the risk of COVID-19 infection has been reduced and social distance level have been gradually eased so educational program for babies was started. It is a fun five-sense educational program that helps children to develop their brains and creativity by allowing them to experience various topics and materials through five-sense stimulation. For example, they hid behind the foster mother with their eyes opened widely, looking at ladybugs, cocoons, and loach, or had a fun time playing ball. Some kids didn't want to touch soft tofu and seaweed and it made me laugh when I saw them crouching their toes and fingers as hard as they could. During the program, children changed positively in their sensory, physical, emotional and social development day by day. Not only children but also foster mothers showed positive changes, which resolved their parenting concerns and enabled more stable attachment and smooth communication with children. Here are some opinions of foster mom:

"I was relieved to see the children emit extraordinary energy and activity while participating in this class."

"I realized how important it is to interact with teachers and peers of kids' age when I see them smiling brightly and running around."

Thank you for your consistent support for children waiting for adoption to receive proper education and make pleasant memories before they are in the arms of the adoptive family. On behalf of all staffs of the Holt Children's Services, I would like to thank you for your sincere heart and love and wish you a pleasant holiday.

Sincerely, Meesoo Song  
Social worker in Adoption Team  
Holt Children' Services. Inc.

A Picture during first birthday party



Pictures during the educational program

