# Orphan Day... A spark of hope

Life for Relief & Development In coordination with MTC Telecommunications Company conducts a large festival in celebration of the World Wide Orphan Day,2006





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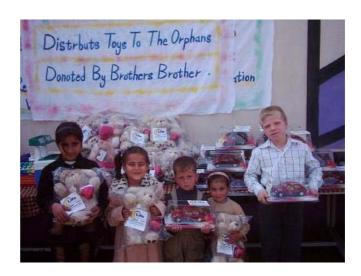
#### Preface:

In spite of all the attention the western world gives yearly to causes such as, women, youth, health, anti racism, water...etc and all the different functions and activities they provide yearly to these causes, there isn't among these activities a single reminder of orphans or widows! This almost entirely neglected layer of society is the one that is facing the cruelty and harshness of life, and all the misery that accompanies the loss of their provider.

Our religion cares and gives special attention to this precious layer of society; therefore, there have been numerous invitations to assign a world wide commemorating day for orphans and widows, giving this occasion its rightful place among the different functions and festivities held yearly around the world.

Life for Relief & Development has taken the initiative of organizing a

yearly celebration on this day, entitled "world wide orphan day.... spark of hope". This vear's celebration was honored to receive guests from orphans to prominent figures of society. In this It regard, is worth mention that those societies whom care for orphans; deserve respect. Aside from the fact that



caring for orphans is not considered a favor from society, it is a duty placed upon the capable individuals to assist. MTC Al Atheer Telecommunications Company has contributed in this festivity through the distribution of valuable gifts to children attendees; they also expressed their gratitude and happiness to LIFE for their participation in such an event. With this cooperation, we saw the merge of relief and business to serve the cause of humanity.

### Festival program:

Welcoming remarks by Mr. Mohammed Najeeb, President of the Mosque Leagues in Mosil.

- Anasheed by the Multaqa band for Islamic art in Mosil.
- 2. Games and contests in participation. With the participation from the Institute of Fine Arts in Mosil. (Ayad and Ashraf)
- 3. Poems and anasheed and a play in Diyala.
- 4. Distributing gifts and toys to all the children attendance in Mosil and Diyala.
- 5. Lunch meal to all the participants in Mosil and Diyala.



#### Attendance:

Diyala Life office in coordination with the Happy family group and other organizations held the festivity on Saturday 1/4/2006. The governorate director along with members of the local city council and

leaders of political parties and other societies attended in Diyala.

400 orphans with their families participated in the festival, 95 of which are sponsored by LIFE.

A festival was held in Mosil In the Ghabaat casino with the participation of 44



families from a total of 50. The total number of guests was anywhere in between 150-170people.

Dr. Adeeb Ibraheem Alchalbi, board member of the Mosil charity society. In addition to Ms. Yassar Wajeeh Zeen Alabedeen, Director

of Iqra center for Quran and member of Alosra Almuslimah society and Mr. Mohammed Najeeb Director of the mosques league.

## Media coverage

A number of media outlets attended and covered the festivity. Some were, Diyar Satellite Channel, Baghdad satellite channel and Daralsalam radio station.