



“There is nothing more peaceful than a sleeping child.”

Murray Dryden knew how vital a few hours of comfort and sleep could be to help one forget the extremes of temperature, the hopelessness, the sickness, and the pangs of hunger. During the Great Depression in the 30’s, while travelling East from Manitoba looking for work, he endured many nights without food or a bed. He felt that “the comfort of a bed is a basic right of every child.”

His hobby of photographing sleeping children (his own and those of friends) gave rise to the idea of a retirement project. He and his wife, Margaret, decided to provide bedkits to 50 children in India in 1970. The concept grew and eventually became the focus of their lives.

Many children in the world have needs; however, **SCAW**’s mandate is to assist children in developing countries.

“I know the difference between being poor in Canada and being poor in Bangladesh. Remember, they have no welfare system, no Medicare, and very few charitable organizations in these countries. It is when there is so little hope for people, such as those people in the developing countries, that we must work to improve conditions.”

— **Murray Dryden**

How You Can Help

- ▶ Each \$35 donation (*Canadian funds*) provides a bedkit for a child in a developing country.
- ▶ Celebrate births, birthdays, graduations, weddings, anniversaries, retirements, Christmas, or Hanukkah.
- ▶ Offer a meaningful “in memoriam.”
- ▶ Give as a thoughtful “thank you” for business associates, friends, relatives.
- ▶ Raise funds to provide bedkits as a rewarding project for churches, schools, community organizations, and families.
- ▶ Make copies of **SCAW** printed material (such as this leaflet), and pass on to friends, co-workers, clients, churches, service organizations, with a request that it be put on bulletin boards, or in newsletters.
- ▶ Invite a **SCAW** speaker to your meeting or event, or speak about **SCAW** yourself. Support materials are available — contact us.
- ▶ Use our all-occasion cards for your correspondence.
- ▶ Read and pass on Murray’s book: ***With God Nothing is Impossible.***
- ▶ Send an email to a friend with a link to our web site <www.scaw.org>.

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SLEEPING CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD

Our Dream: *A world in which every child benefits from the comfort of a good night’s sleep.*

Our Mission: *Through free-will donations and in partnership with our volunteers, we give bedkits to needy children in developing countries, thus helping them to face the challenges of the coming day.*



Sleeping Children Around the World [SCAW] is a Registered Canadian Charity founded in 1970 by Margaret and Murray Dryden.

Sleeping Children Around the World is operated by volunteers, from the processing of donations to the distribution of bedkits.

All administrative costs are covered by an investment account set up by Murray Dryden. We neither receive nor request funds from any level of government.

With zero overhead, **SCAW** guarantees that: **100% of every bedkit donation reaches a needy child.**



*\$35 = ONE BEDKIT

Sleeping Children Around the World [SCAW] provides bedkits to children of any religion who will benefit the most — typically located in underdeveloped and developing countries.

Each *\$35 donation (*Canadian funds*) provides one bedkit consisting of a mat or mattress, pillow, sheet, blanket, mosquito net if applicable, clothes outfit, towel, and school supplies. Bedkit contents vary from country to country depending on local needs.

Every child is photographed with the bedkit (*as above*) and a label showing the donor's name and address and/or a special-occasion message. Each photograph is then mailed back to the donor, providing a timeless way for the donor to remember the child who so greatly benefited from their generosity.

Our Donors

Individual donors account for two-thirds of our donations. Churches, schools, service clubs, and the corporate community represent the remaining one-third. Donations are tax deductible in Canada.

After you donate

Acknowledgment cards for special-occasion donations are sent as soon as possible. Tax receipts for donations are mailed within a few weeks. A photo of your bedkit recipient is mailed within four to six months. For special-occasion donations, you can specify a personal message and/or the name and address of the picture recipient.

SCAW VOLUNTEERS = ZERO OVERHEAD

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Administrative Volunteers

Working out of the Dryden family home in Toronto, which has been donated to **SCAW**, administrative volunteers process donations, produce bedkit labels, and mail bedkit photos.

Travelling Volunteers

At their own expense and without benefit of a tax receipt, travelling volunteers supervise the distribution of bedkits, photograph children with their bedkits, and write articles for the donor newsletter. Since **SCAW**'s inception, over 200 individuals have gone on bedkit distributions.

Requisites for travelling volunteers are a love of children and travel experience — with the physical and emotional capacity to withstand this form of travel. All pay their own travel expenses. **SCAW** offers volunteer information workshops twice a year. If you are interested in travelling with **SCAW**, please contact us to attend an upcoming workshop.

Overseas Volunteers

Volunteers in the country of distribution select children with the greatest need, organize the manufacture of bedkits, choose distribution sites, and help travelling volunteers distribute bedkits. Examples of overseas volunteers include groups such as Community Service Clubs, Salvation Army, and Religious Orders.

Locally produced bedkits result in:

- ▶ elimination of transportation costs
- ▶ provision of materials and labour at minimal cost
- ▶ employment for families in the country
- ▶ assistance to the local economy and the country as a whole.

SCAW Future Bedkit Distributions

(Subject to change)

Date	Location	Bedkits
Aug 2008	Tanzania	7,000
Sep 2008	Honduras	5,000
Oct 2008	Nicaragua	4,000
Oct 2008	Bangladesh	8,000
Jan 2009	Kolkata, India	6,500
Jan 2009	Mumbai, India	4,500
Feb 2009	Pune, India	3,000
Feb 2009	Belgaum, India	4,000
Feb 2009	Chennai, India	6,000
Mar 2009	Kenya	4,000
Apr 2009	Philippines	5,000
May 2009	Togo	3,000
Jun 2009	Uganda	6,000



Sleeping Children Around the World [SCAW] is a Registered Canadian Charity founded in 1970 by Margaret and Murray Dryden (pictured above). Since then, **SCAW** has provided bedkits for more than 900,000 children in 32 countries. In 2009, the one millionth child will receive a bedkit.

For more information about **SCAW**, go to our website <www.scaw.org> or contact us by phone, by letter, or by email.

** Effective September 1, 2008, the price of a bedkit is \$35. For the last 18 years the price of a bedkit has remained at \$30. The mosquito nets that are recommended for Africa by the World Health Organization are more costly and due to inflation, especially in Africa and Central America, \$30 does not have enough purchasing power to provide the number of items that should comprise a bedkit.*

As always, 100% of your bedkit donations will go directly to the children.