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# R.E.A.C.H.

Reach Everyone And Choose Hope

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"I got a pink arm cast and told a doctor to match one on my heart but he not no how. Told him to ask a teacher at school. If big people are so smart why can't they see my inside tears and my eyes say help when my mouth can't? Now I lay me down to sleep, I pray to God the stairs don't creak. And if they do before I wake, please take me God before I brake. I just wish good night really meant good night. I just wish I could go be an angel with God." – young child abused for years

If a child were standing in front of you asking for help, would you reach out? Thousands of children in Minnesota are abused each year and need our help but we don't hear their silent pleas. We simply go through our day, week, month, and year smiling and passing by while their hearts cry silent tears just waiting for someone to reach out and rescue them.

R.E.A.C.H. is a local non-profit organization focused on child abuse prevention and awareness. Over the past 7 years we have raised nearly \$30,000 through small fundraisers and our annual Tour of Hope fundraising and awareness event. Every last penny is donated to local organizations working directly with children who have been or are being abused, to help them heal and give them hope for the future. The 2012 Tour of Hope will be a 4 day journey at Lake Park in Winona, Sept 28 – Oct 1. In 2010, 14 children were killed in Minnesota from child abuse and neglect. In honor of those children, and for the future of so many others, we will walk 14 hours each day. Our goal is to raise \$14,000 to be donated to Hope Coalition Kids Count and Matty's Place.

The children's silent pleas must be answered. Please reach out with us to give them hope.

Sincerely,

Marie Barrientos and Carol Girard  
R.E.A.C.H. Co-Founders

**YES! You can count on me to support the R.E.A.C.H. 2012 Tour of Hope.**

Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation for:

☐ \$25                      ☐ \$50                      ☐ \$75  
☐ \$125                      ☐ \$250                      ☐ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Winona Community Foundation/R.E.A.C.H.

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*Bringing hope and healing, because one child is too many.*

