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**MoneyGram Donates \$35,000 to Holt International for Philippines and Thailand**

*Grant to Help Pay for Tuition, School Supplies and Meals for Children in Need*

Eugene, Ore – More than 750 children in the Philippines and Thailand will now have help paying for school tuition, books and school-based meals, thanks to a \$35,000 donation announced by MoneyGram International, Inc., a leading global money transfer company.

MoneyGram donated the funds to Holt International, a U.S.-based nonprofit organization that serves children and families in 14 countries. Holt partners with Kaisahang Buhay Foundation in the Philippines and Holt Sahathai Foundation in Thailand to select the children who will receive the assistance. These local nongovernmental organizations have close ties to the local communities and work to support vulnerable families and children identified.

“As a money transfer provider, we know first-hand how important small sums of money are to individuals working far from home to build a better life for themselves and their families in their native countries,” said Juan Agualimpia, MoneyGram’s chief marketing officer. “We know that helping with tuition and other education expenses is an important key to building a better life. By supporting groups like Holt International, MoneyGram is able to help enrich the lives of vulnerable families focused on a brighter future.”

This grant will provide a range of critical services including school supplies, tuition and school-based meal programs during the 2012-2013 school year for preschool to high school students.

“We are grateful to MoneyGram for their generous support. It will make a critical difference in our ability to elevate the lives of children in our programs in Thailand and the Philippines,” says Susan Soonkeum Cox, Holt’s vice president of policy and external affairs. “The support from MoneyGram demonstrates how effective partnerships are between local NGOs and companies like MoneyGram that are committed to making a difference in the lives of the families in the communities they serve.”

MoneyGram has a deep commitment to essential literacy and education. Through its Global Giving Program, the company supports education programs around the world. The Philippines and Thailand are both remittance-leading countries that benefited from these programs.

**About MoneyGram International**

MoneyGram International, a leading money transfer company, enables consumers who are not fully served by traditional financial institutions to meet their financial needs. MoneyGram offers bill payment services in the United States and Canada and money transfer services worldwide through a global network of more than 244,000 agent locations—including retailers, international post offices and financial institutions—in 192 countries and territories. To learn more about money transfer or bill payment at an agent location or online, please visit [www.moneygram.com](http://www.moneygram.com) or connect with us on [Facebook](#).

**About Holt International:**

Holt International, founded in 1956, is a Christian organization finding and supporting permanent, loving families for children who are orphaned, abandoned or separated from families, or at serious risk of separation. This work is an expression of God's compassion for children. Holt International is today recognized as a global leader in child welfare and permanency planning, providing services and advocating for the best interest of children, while setting the highest ethical practices. Learn more about Holt International at [www.holtinternational.org](http://www.holtinternational.org) or connect with Holt on Facebook.

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