

Straight from the heart: Children from SOS...

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Straight from the heart: Children from SOS Children's Village in Lemont put crayons to paper and drew images of what Christmas means to them. Five of these images have been reproduced on holiday cards as a fundraiser for the village, home to 46 abused or abandoned children ranging in age from 11 months to 13 years old.

Among the card's designs are an angel and "a humble home of love" that includes a fireplace, mantel with a stocking and a Christmas tree. A line on the order form reads: "It's been said that children create the most beautiful work. No wonder. They simply draw what they feel."

That sentiment is echoed by Kimberly Newson-Phillips, managing director of development for the village. "We let them spend time learning to be children," she said. "We wanted to give them a chance to express themselves."

Packs of 10 cards are available for \$15. Call 312-541-8173.

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