Changing the Life of a Child in Kentucky

On a trip to Pike County, Kentucky, our U.S. Projects Specialist, Shelley Oxenham, met with our Volunteer Coordinator at Phelps Elementary School, Brandi, as well as with a few students enrolled in our program. Shelley recalls that one student in particular, Danny*, really stood out to her.

Even as a young boy, Danny was very aware of the poverty in which his family lives; and he knows that he would go without so much in his life if he weren’t receiving help from his sponsor. While Shelley talked with Danny, he told her, “Having a sponsor has changed my life. She has helped me with so much. I need so much. That is what my sponsor is for, thankfully.”

After meeting with Danny, Shelley learned from Brandi that without his Children Incorporated sponsor, Danny would never have decent clothes, shoes, school supplies, or hygiene items, which are all so important to him – as they are to all children – while he’s growing up.

*Name changed for child’s protection.
Our Partnership with the Vonage Foundation Is Helping Children in the United States and South Korea

We are excited to announce our new partnership with the Vonage Foundation, the philanthropic sector of the business cloud communications provider Vonage. The Vonage Foundation upholds the company’s mission to be a good corporate citizen through charitable giving, volunteerism, and supporting causes that matter to their employees. Thanks to their contributions, Children Incorporated is able to help students in the United States and South Korea – two countries where Vonage currently has offices.

Funds donated to our United States projects will go toward the purchase of iPads and tablets for children at the St. Michaels Special Education School in Arizona, as well as support the installation of security lighting around the school’s buildings. The Vonage Foundation has also agreed to sponsor children in both Arizona and South Korea as part of their work with our organization.

Thank you, Vonage Foundation!

Thank You for Your Donations to Support Relief in Guatemala!

We are so fortunate that, thanks to your donations to our Guatemala Relief Fund, we were able to help provide towels, clothing, hygiene items, and cleaning supplies for families affected by the Volcano of Fire eruption last summer. In addition, because of your contributions, Children Incorporated was also able to send funds to replace book bags, school supplies, and soccer uniforms for children who had lost them to the disaster.

Thank you so much for donating to this special fund to assist children and families in rebuilding their lives.
Giving Deaf Students in Lebanon a Chance to Develop

At our affiliated project the Father Andeweg Institute for the Deaf in Beirut, Lebanon, the aim is to help every child develop into the best possible version of themselves. Thanks in large part to contributions from our sponsors and donors, children in attendance there are able to learn and develop a full language to support their memory and learning, and to help them achieve their academic and vocational potential, and feel safe and confident in the modern world. Students at the school create happy childhood memories, develop lasting friendships, and grow to be healthy and resilient both physically and emotionally.

TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN FURTHER SUPPORT THE FATHER ANDEWEG INSTITUTE FOR THE DEAF, CONTACT US TODAY.
A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS FOR SO MANY FAMILIES

Christmas is a magical time for many. Advent, the period leading up to it, is a season of new beginnings, fresh starts, hopes, and possibilities – the very things those who struggle are often missing in their lives, and so desperately need.

We want to thank all of our supporters for sponsoring children, making donations to our Hope In Action Fund, and helping us to provide not only food and clothing, but also special gifts, to children who might otherwise have gone without during this past holiday season. Because of your kindness, many children around the world felt the Christmas spirit.

New Shoes and Socks for Kids in 2019

This past December, we asked you to help us to purchase 2,000 pairs of shoes and socks for children at our affiliated projects around the world, because we know that you believe as strongly as we do that having new shoes will help kids be able to attend school and obtain an education.

To date, you have donated more than $16,000 to our Shoes and Socks Fund so that children will not have to wear ill-fitting or worn-out shoes – or go without shoes at all. We greatly appreciate your efforts toward helping us reach our goal!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: CHILDRENINCORPORATED.ORG/SHOES-AND-SOCKS-FUND/
Dear Sponsors,

Last year, I visited Genoa Elementary School and Dunlow Elementary School in West Virginia, where we offer our sponsorship program. While the staff at the schools was extremely welcoming to me - and they clearly take their responsibility of caring for students quite seriously - the heaviness of poverty hung in the air. As I interacted with several students enrolled in the Children Incorporated sponsorship program, I was moved by their obvious need.

As I spoke with one little girl, she told me that her sponsor writes her letters and encourages her to study hard and always do her homework. She said that she always looks forward to the letters she receives, for they remind her that someone cares about her and wants her to succeed in life. A little boy at the same school showed me some of his artwork, and he told me that his sponsor sent money for the supplies he used to create his little masterpieces. He was very thankful for the gift.

It saddens me that the assistance offered by Children Incorporated is still so vitally important in the lives of these youngsters; yet I am also grateful that we can be there to extend a helping hand and offer support that is truly life-changing. That is what Children Incorporated is about: improving the lives of children and their families as they face financial hardships and trials of all kinds. For more than half a decade, we have been touching lives and offering hope and opportunity in areas where necessities are often in short supply. That, friends, is why our organization exists; and you, through your generous support of our work, make it all possible.

Sincerely yours,

Ronald H. Carter
President and CEO
Thank you for supporting children in need for the past 55 years!