Our Beds and Linens Fund is More Important Than Ever

Children living in poverty go without so much in life — including a comfortable place to sleep in their own homes.

“During my travels to visit our affiliated projects in Kentucky and other parts of the U.S., especially this past year, I have heard more and more stories from our volunteer coordinators who conduct home visits in which they have discovered children who have either no beds at all or too few beds. As a result, two to four or more siblings are sleeping together on one, old, worn mattress,” said Children Incorporated Director of U.S. Programs, Renée Kube.

“Our Bed and Linen Fund allows us to purchase new mattresses, bed frames, sheets, blankets and pillows for children so they can get a good night’s sleep and be ready for the school day. We are endlessly grateful for any contributions to this invaluable fund that helps us better support children in our program.”
New Shoes for Joseph in Arizona

Joseph*, like many of our sponsored children, is being raised by his grandmother. Joseph and his siblings live in Arizona and were abandoned by their mother after their father died.

When Joseph’s paternal grandmother suddenly found herself raising children, she had no income and no means to support them. She can scarcely provide food and shelter for her grandkids, and she has virtually no money to keep them clothed properly. Thankfully, Joseph has a caring sponsor who provides him with the items he needs as he rapidly grows into a young man.

Recently, our volunteer coordinator at Joseph’s school called him into her office to present him with brand new shoes. She recognized that Joseph plays hard, and his old shoes were badly worn and in need of replacement.

For unsponsored children in our program, our Shoes and Socks Fund offers them vital assistance to make sure they have proper footwear for school and for playing in their free time. We are endlessly grateful for much-needed donations to this important fund.

*Name changed to protect the child.

If you would like to donate to our Shoes and Socks Fund, please call or email our office to speak with a Children Incorporated staff member.

Apartments for Graduates in Honduras

Once sponsored children graduate from high school and move onto higher education, they often continue to live with their families until they can complete university or vocational training. Unfortunately, for some students, like those at our affiliated project, the Maria Reyna Home in Honduras, this is not an option. Coming from very poor families, and facing issues such as abuse, gangs, and drugs in the neighborhoods where they lived, these children cannot return home because it isn’t safe.

Thanks to contributions to our Hope In Action Fund, Children Incorporated was able to support the construction of apartments at the Maria Reyna Home so that those students attending college or university will have safe housing until they can find steady employment that will allow them to live on their own. Thank you to all our donors who contribute to our Hope In Action Fund!
**DID YOU KNOW...**

* that Children Incorporated was founded on October 19, 1964?

* that Renée Kube, Director of U.S. Programs, is now the longest tenured employee, with over 35 years of service?

* that Evlyn Manzano, one of our Sponsorship Specialists, is now studying to become a lawyer?

* that our board chair, Elizabeth Collins, is a former Children Incorporated employee?

* that Children Incorporated’s offices have been in three different locations over the last 55+ years?

* that our founder, Jeanne Clarke Wood’s, father wrote drug-store romance novels in the 1950’s?

* that our founder, Mrs. Wood, always cooked bean soup for the staff as a special New Years treat?

* that our Sponsorship Program, which is the heart of our organization, is almost equally divided between children in the U.S. and those in other countries?

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Name

- [ ] I would like to make a donation to Children Incorporated: $_______
- [ ] I would like to give an additional gift to my sponsored child: $_______
- [ ] I would like to sponsor a child with the greatest need.
  - [ ] U.S.
  - [ ] International
  - [ ] Boy
  - [ ] Girl

I would like to pay for my sponsorship:

- [ ] Monthly ($30)
- [ ] Quarterly ($90)
- [ ] Semi-annually ($180)
- [ ] Yearly ($360)

- [ ] Please send me information about leaving a legacy gift to Children Incorporated through my will or bequest.

Account Number

- [ ] PAY BY CREDIT CARD
- [ ] PAY BY CHECK (ENCLOSED)

Credit Card Number

Expiration Date

- [ ] Please update my information:

Phone Number

Email Address

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BRAND NEW ITEMS FOR GIRLS IN PARAGUAY

For many children living in poverty, having a sponsor is their only means of receiving basic necessities such as food, clothing and educational assistance. Some may never receive brand new items such as blankets and shoes without the support of a caring sponsor.

Thanks to you, children, such as the girls from Hogar Medalla Milagrosa in Paraguay, and others around the world are being provided for in ways in which their parents cannot. We are incredibly grateful for your support to make sure children experience the joy of receiving items that are new and just for them.

YOUR WARM CLOTHING FUND DONATIONS ARE KEEPING CHILDREN WARM IN NORTH CAROLINA

Thank you for helping children all over the United States during the cold winter months!
Protecting Children from Harsh Weather in El Salvador

Because of your donations to our Hope In Action Fund, Children Incorporated was able to provide funding for a roof cover over the playground at our affiliated project, Escuela Santa Luisa in El Salvador. The cover will protect children from rain and heat as well as offer a place for activities and assemblies for parents and students. This will mean more time for educating and for playing!

In Bolivia, Students are Learning Skills for the Future

One of the ways in which we support children beyond our sponsorship program is through our Skills Training Programs, which are implemented at many of our projects around the world. Thanks to these programs, students are given the opportunity to learn skills to help them obtain employment after they graduate, so that they can help support their families right out of high school and eventually become financially independent.

We received pictures of students at our affiliated project, the Santa Rosa School in Bolivia, participating in a Gastronomy Skills Training Course, thanks to support from Children Incorporated. These students are learning skills they can use at home or use to gain employment upon graduation.

Students are proud to show off their cooking skills thanks to the training they received.
Thank you for everything you do
to help children around the world! We
couldn’t do it without you.