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ON THE ROAD WITH CHILDREN INCORPORATED



Tablets Are Offering Education to Children Around the World

Many children in our sponsorship program are experiencing exceptional difficulties during the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, as schools have had to shift to virtual learning. These adjustments have been hard on parents, teachers and children — especially for those students who don't have the technology they need at home to keep up with their course work.

Thankfully, because of our amazing donors, Children Incorporated has been able to provide tablets to children in our programs in Latin America, India, and in the United States over the last few months so that they can continue learning until schools are back to in-person classes in the near future. These tablets will allow students to keep up with their studies and do not have to be returned when classes resume so children can keep learning at home after the pandemic as well!



Tablets allow children in our program to keep up with their lesson while at home during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Thank you for all the support you gave to our COVID-19 Response Fund in the past year. We have not only been able to provide tablets for children in need, but also food, clothes, shoes and hygiene items to some of the most vulnerable children in the world.

Our Warm Clothing Fund Brings Smiles to Children in Need

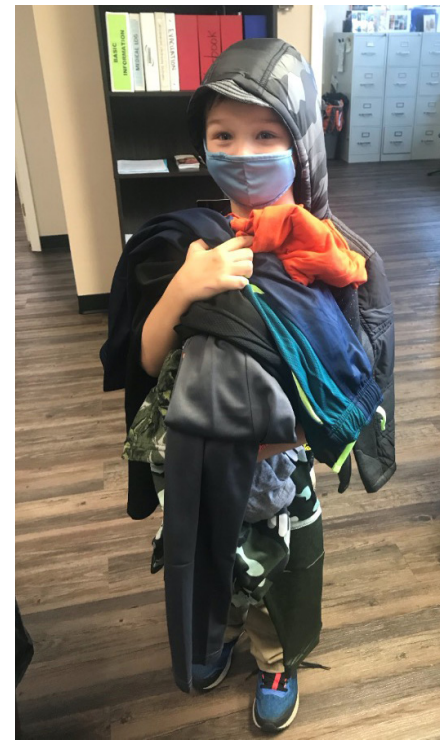
Every year, your donations to our Warm Clothing Fund do more than just keep children properly clothed — they also bring immense joy to children who otherwise might never get new winter clothes.

Our volunteer coordinator, Monica, at Gouge Elementary School in North Carolina wrote to us about Brian*, after she provided him with an armload of winter clothes:

“I showed Brian the new clothes I bought him, and he is loving it. He said, ‘I just love clothes!’ And I took the picture in that moment. The mask is hiding his laughter. We both got tickled because he got so much clothes, he couldn’t hold all of it. The socks are in his book bag.

This was definitely the highlight of my week. Thanks to Children Incorporated sponsors for all you do, and for letting me be a part of this!”

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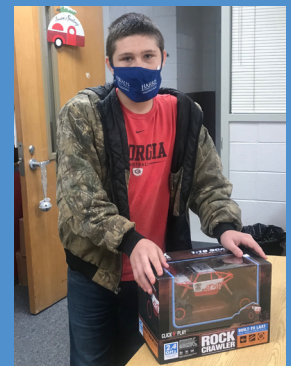
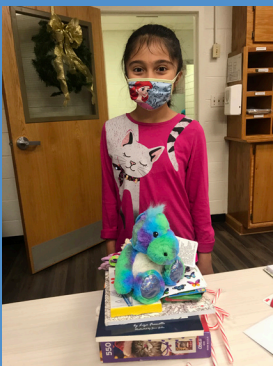
Brian poses proudly for Monica to show off his new winter clothes

Providing Joy During the Holiday Season

Our sponsors and donors are often the only reason children in our program receive holiday gifts, and for that, we are incredibly grateful — especially after an exceptionally difficult year for so many families.

On behalf of all our volunteer coordinators around the world, we would like to share a message from Sandy at Beaver Creek Elementary in Kentucky to express our gratitude for the holiday gifts you provided:

“Thank you for all the support you give our children. You are our backbone. We couldn’t survive without Children Incorporated. Merry Christmas to all Children Incorporated staff and sponsors.”



AN INTERVIEW WITH BOARD MEMBER, LIZ COLLINS

Our Board members are incredibly valuable members of the Children Incorporated family. Our President and Chief Executive Officer, Ron Carter, recently sat down with our Board Chair, Liz Collins, to discuss her long and valuable relationship with our organization.

Ron: Liz, you first became involved with Children Incorporated in 2003 when you accepted a job as a sponsorship coordinator. You later served as Director of Marketing and Development. What are your recollections of your time as an employee of Children Incorporated?

Liz: I loved being able to share all of the amazing work that went on in our programs with our donors. As a result of their giving and the tireless efforts of our volunteer coordinators, we changed a lot of lives.

Ron: Do you have any special memories of that time?

Liz: I do. The stories of the children who graduate from high school and went on to college are special to me. I recall one particular story of how we were able to send funds to have a child's driveway paved so that he could use his wheelchair to get to the bus. Before that, his brother had to carry him down the driveway to the bus each day. I also think about the incredible artwork of Roberto Andrade, one of the children in Latin America who benefitted from our program. There are so many more wonderful memories!

Ron: As Board Chair, what are your impressions of Children Incorporated?

Liz: Children Incorporated might be among the smaller sponsorship organizations, but it is by far the most personable. That's what I love, and I truly believe our donors and volunteer coordinators value that attribute as well. We're transparent in our funding, and we're extremely conscientious about our overhead so that much more of every dollar raised can go to the children, families, and the communities that we serve.



Ron: I agree that our personality as an organization, as well as our transparency, are the keys to our continued success. But I also have to say that we have a wonderful network of volunteer coordinators, and our small but loyal staff really is incredible.

Liz: Yes, I agree completely. That old saying "It takes a village" really applies. That is how I see Children Incorporated. The staff, our donors, and the volunteer coordinators, all working together, make it all happen. And, it's a village I'm very proud to be a part of and to serve in.

We are very grateful for Liz and all of our Board members for their dedication to our mission. Thank you for your time and efforts!

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☐ 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.

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☐ PAY BY CREDIT CARD ☐ PAY BY CHECK (ENCLOSED)

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Expiration Date _____

☐ Please update my information:

Phone Number _____

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STILL IN NEED OF ORDINARY SCHOOL SUPPLIES

School closures have meant big changes for families and children in our program, but despite the adjustments that the pandemic required, students still need the most basic items that Children Incorporated has always provided for them. While many of our sponsored children are learning remotely at home, either partially or wholly, they still need ordinary school supplies, especially the younger ones. Emily*, received a bundle of new supplies at home thanks to her sponsor and promptly wrote to him to say that she loved everything — especially the dry erase board and matching magnets. From her photos, you can see that Emily's sponsor has made her incredibly happy as she adjusts to home learning!

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A NEW SCHOOL ROOF IN KENYA

While children were out of school for remote learning, we were able to continue to support our projects thanks to donations to our Hope In Action Fund so administrators could repair buildings before students returned. At our affiliated project, the Dandora Center in Nairobi, Kenya, a new roof replaced an old worn one which will protect the children from poor weather and heat when they are back in their classrooms in the near future.



Thanks to You, Kids in Brazil Have New Shoes!



A Special Thank You to Our Partner, the Jeunesse Kids Foundation

In January 2021, we were approached by the Jeunesse Kids Foundation to participate in a fundraiser they were hosting virtually. Jeunesse Kids is dedicated to creating a positive impact in the lives of children worldwide, and the foundation is funded and supported by a vast community of caring individuals who are passionate about building a better tomorrow for young people in underprivileged communities around the world — which very closely aligns with Children Incorporated's mission and vision.



Thanks to the efforts of all of the Jeunesse Family, their fundraiser raised over \$102,000 for Children Incorporated from donors around the world over the course of a weekend which will go towards purchasing tablets for virtual education children in Peru, Argentina, the Philippines, Kentucky and New Mexico, repairing a greenhouse at the St. Michael's Special Education School in Arizona, and to expanding on skills training programs at the Montero School in Bolivia. Their support has been very valuable to our organization!



St. Michael's School greenhouse



The Montero School in Bolivia



A student with a new tablet

From Sponsored Child to Attorney: Our Higher Education Fund at Work

We want to send our congratulations to Kris in Honduras for receiving her University Degree at the end of 2020. Kris has been in our sponsorship program since 1999. Thanks to her sponsor and our Higher Education Fund, she was able to attend school over the last twenty years and now has graduated as an attorney. We are so proud of you, Kris!

Each year, our Higher Education Fund gives students who otherwise might not be able to attend college or university the change at an education beyond high school thanks to our generous donors. We couldn't do it without you.



Kris is one of many of our sponsored children that has benefited from our Higher Education Fund

Find out more about how your donations are changing the lives of children in need by reading our On the Road Blog Series on our website. Visit www.childrenincorporated.org/ontheroad



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*Thank you for all your support during the
COVID-19 pandemic. We are incredibly
grateful for all that you have done for children
in our program!*

