



# FALL 2022 STORIES OF HOPE CHILDREN INCORPORATED



## Children Incorporated Responds to Major Flooding in Eastern Kentucky

Historic thunderstorms struck southeastern Kentucky in July, producing 16 inches of rainfall within a five-day period and triggering flash flooding throughout the region. Buildings, homes, and roads were damaged due to high water, and the aftermath of the storms was devastating for both our affiliated schools and families in these communities, some of whom lost everything and were forced to live in tents on their property or move into hotels or shelters.

In early August, our volunteer coordinators started reaching out to us requesting support, and we began sending emergency relief funding — all thanks to our amazing donors. To date, we have sent over \$65,000 to help families with immediate needs such as bottled water and nonperishable food, cleaning supplies, antibiotic ointment, band-aids, and clothes. We are so grateful for donations made to our Hope In Action Fund for our Kentucky flood relief efforts!



*To find out more about our work supporting families during their recovery from flooding in Eastern Kentucky, read our blog series, [Stories of Hope](#). Visit our website at [www.childrenincorporated.org](http://www.childrenincorporated.org).*



# The Spirit Airlines Charitable Foundation Supports Our Work in Costa Rica

In June, Spirit Airlines marked fifteen years of flights to San Jose, Costa Rica, and wanted to celebrate by giving back to children, families, and communities in the area, so they contacted Children Incorporated.

“Lanie Morgenstern, the Senior Manager of Corporate Social Responsibility & Strategic Partnerships with Spirit Airlines, was very enthusiastic about our work in Costa Rica when we spoke about a potential partnership,” explained Children Incorporated Director of Development, Shelley Callahan.

“Lanie felt that our work directly lined up with the mission and vision of the Spirit Airlines Charitable Foundation. The Foundation was interested in providing immediate educational and basic needs support to children living in poverty who attended our affiliated site, La Milagrosa, in the center of San Jose.”

“I also felt that this partnership was ideal for the children in our program. The \$10,000 donation from the Spirit Airlines Charitable Foundation allowed our volunteer coordinator to purchase food items, hygiene items, mattresses, clothes, shoes and school supplies for the children we support,” explained Callahan. “These items were especially important considering how difficult the pandemic has been for families.”

Thank you, Spirit Airlines, for your valuable partnership with Children Incorporated!



*Shelley pictured with Lanie in San Jose, Costa Rica*



*Children at La Milagrosa with shoes and hygiene kits*



*Children in front of one of many new mattresses purchased*

## Introducing our New Weekly Blog Series, *Stories of Hope*

We are happy to announce the launch of our new blog series, *Stories of Hope*, in May 2022!

*Stories of Hope* takes readers around the world to visit our affiliated sites in 20 countries, while highlighting our work supporting children, families and communities in four key areas — education, health and well-being, emergency relief, and community support. Visit our website to read more about each of these areas of impact. You can also subscribe to the *Stories of Hope* blog to receive weekly emails about how you are directly changing the lives of children living in poverty through your support of our organization.





# Visiting our Affiliated Sites in Mexico Again

After more than two years, Children Incorporated is getting back to in-person visits with our volunteer coordinators — starting with a trip to Mexico this past spring.

“After only having contact with our volunteer coordinators over phone, email or video chat, we are thrilled to travel again to conduct meetings and site visits,” explains Children Incorporated Director of International Programs, Luis Bourdet. In May, Luis and Children Incorporated Director of Development Shelley Callahan were able to visit all four of our affiliated sites in Mexico, where they heard directly from our coordinators how the pandemic affected their sites, and how important the support from our sponsors was during such uncertain times.

“While children were at home and out of school for COVID-19, our coordinators were grateful to still be able to help them with basic needs, which was invaluable to families already struggling living in poverty. We are so thankful that the children are now back in school and getting some sense of normalcy, with the continued support of their sponsors,” said Luis.

Read more about our site visits in Mexico by visiting [www.childrenincorporated/stories-of-hope/](http://www.childrenincorporated/stories-of-hope/).

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☐ I would like to give an additional gift to my sponsored child: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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☐ U.S. ☐ International ☐ Boy ☐ Girl

I would like to pay for my sponsorship:

☐ Monthly (\$30) ☐ Quarterly (\$90)

☐ Semi-annually (\$180) ☐ Yearly (\$360)

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# Helping Children During A Crisis in Sri Lanka

This year, Sri Lanka has faced its worst economic crisis since its independence in 1948. Fuel shortages and inflation have left millions of Sri Lankans without kerosene and food, leaving many to borrow money or sell their personal items to feed themselves and their children.

Thankfully, our sponsors and donors are able to offer support to children at our three affiliated sites in Sri Lanka — Chrishanti Lama Sevana, Touch a Life with Hope Center, and the Wijewardane Children's Home. Monthly funding has allowed our volunteer coordinators to purchase food, mosquito nets and other basic needs items which the children desperately need.

We have children currently on our waitlist in Sri Lanka, waiting for a special person to sponsor them. If you would like to sponsor a child in Sri Lanka, please contact us today.



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## REFLECTING ON THE PAST 10 YEARS

In my ten years as CEO of Children Incorporated, I can truly say that serving in this capacity has been one of the most significant experiences of my life. I have grown so much since I started my position in 2012, and I have learned more about life and people and business practices than I ever dreamt possible. Now in its 58th year, Children Incorporated continues to change lives and improve personal situations and circumstances for thousands upon thousands of children. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to some very special people. First, I'd like to acknowledge our former board chair and long-time Children Incorporated sponsor, Mr. Dana McDaniel, for recognizing my potential back in 2012 and offering me the position as President and Chief Executive Officer. Also, I must mention Dana's successor as board chair, the late Steve Holton. Steve always believed in me. He was a friend and an ally; he is truly missed. Additional thanks to our current Board chair, Liz Collins, for her undying support of both Children Incorporated and of me.



Great applause goes to the amazing staff of Children Incorporated who always go above and beyond to make sure that children and families are served. And, in closing, please allow me to thank you, our supporters, who make all of our work possible. Your generosity and compassion is truly what it's all about. Your desire to make the world better by giving is not to be taken lightly. Children Incorporated, as an organization, is thankful, and I, as an individual, am grateful.

From the heart,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald H. Carter".

Ronald H. Carter  
President and Chief Executive Office  
Children Incorporated

# Highlight: Our Special Projects at Work

Children Incorporated supporters help families and communities around the world through three primary approaches: child sponsorship, donating to our Special Funds, and funding our Special Projects.

*What are our Special Projects?*

Throughout the year, our volunteer coordinators inform us about Special Projects at their affiliated sites that include school expansions, group home or community center renovations and repairs, and garden projects — just to name a few.

These requests focus on efforts to help improve and sustain our affiliated sites around the world so they can continue to support more children and families in the future, while also making their communities better.

Thanks to our donors, we are able to provide funding for many of these Special Projects, ensuring that our reach goes well beyond the individual children we support.

If you would like to receive additional information about our current Special Projects or make a donation, please contact Children Incorporated at [hello@childrenincorporated.org](mailto:hello@childrenincorporated.org) or call our office.



*At the Montero School in Bolivia, a new agricultural training center is currently under construction.*



*In Honduras, the Maria Reyna Home has received funding to renovate the kitchen and purchase new cooking supplies.*

## LEAVING A LEGACY OF A LIFETIME

When you are evaluating your personal, family, and financial needs, as well as your long-term charitable giving, please consider a legacy gift to Children Incorporated.

Individuals choose to make legacy gifts for many different reasons. For some, it is a way to ensure that their memory lives on. For others, it is a way to ensure that Children Incorporated is able to continue its important work. By creating a legacy, you are making a significant contribution to the future sustainability of the work that is most meaningful to you.



## New Tablets for Girls in India



Thanks to our amazing donors, girls at the St. Mary's Girls Hostel in India have received tablets for online learning. These tablets allow the girls who live and go to school at the hostel during the week to also continue their studies at home on the weekends. Both the girls and their parents express their gratitude for the support of their education!





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### *Back to School for Children Around the World*



*From Lebanon to the  
Philippines to Paraguay, we want  
to welcome students back to in-person learning!*