



**CHILDREN**  
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## Dear Friend,

*Thank you for your interest in the mission of Children Incorporated.*

Our vision is ambitious, but simple: a world where every child has the opportunity, resources, and education they need to build a bright future. More than a billion children worldwide live in poverty. It's a sobering number, but change begins one child at a time, one sponsor at a time. It begins with you.

For a child facing daily struggles, hope is not a luxury; it provides the fuel for success. Through our unique sponsorship program, caring individuals like you provide more than just basic needs assistance; you deliver that critical affirmation and encouragement. You show them, directly, that someone cares.

Our sponsorship model is deeply personal. We assess the needs of each child on an individual basis, ensuring that your contributions provide tailored support for their specific circumstances, from vital nourishment and clothing to health and educational resources. This focus on personal, direct impact remains at the core of the Children Incorporated promise.

Your partnership offers more than aid alone; it helps lay the foundation for a child's belief in their own potential. Join us in transforming a life today.

Sincerely,

Liz Collins  
CEO, Children Incorporated

### OUR MISSION

We provide children living in poverty with education, hope, and opportunity so they have the chance for a brighter future.

Thanks to our supporters around the globe, we work with 225 affiliated sites in 20 countries to offer basic needs, emergency relief, and community support to thousands of children and their families each year.

### GET IN TOUCH

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Children Incorporated is driven by the conviction that completing an education opens doors to a brighter future.

## OUR HISTORY

In 1964, our founder, Jeanne Clarke Wood, witnessed the deprivation of children in Guatemala firsthand. She established Children Incorporated out of her home in Richmond, Virginia by writing letters to help the 95 children she met on her travels.

The support her friends and family provided formed the first Children Incorporated site affiliation. To date, we have provided opportunities, encouragement, and hope to over 500,000 children.

## WHAT IS SPONSORSHIP?

The sponsorship relationship enables a sponsor to support a child in need by means of monthly contributions and, if the sponsor so desires, through the exchange of correspondence. Sponsors may write to their children and in turn, children can write back. This is completely voluntary but available to those who wish to participate.

A sponsor's friendship and encouragement is priceless to a child in such circumstances. Indeed, many children value the relationships they establish with their sponsors as much as they value the financial help they receive. Our current monthly sponsorship rate is \$35, and it goes toward providing basic necessities, such as school supplies and fees, food, clothing, and access to healthcare, among other services.

*Thank you for believing in their future. Your generosity extends far beyond financial support—it brings dignity, opportunity, and lasting change. Every photo and story we share tells a story of persistence, growth, and potential. Stories made possible because of you.*



## CLOTHING & SHOES

### More Than Apparel — It's Foundation for Dignity

In a rural Appalachian town, Jamie walked to school in worn-out shoes with holes. The cold crept in; he had no coat that fit. Each step he took was a reminder: others would notice, judge, or exclude him.

Then a local volunteer coordinator delivered a small box: a new pair of shoes, warm socks, a jacket. In Jamie's words: "I felt like I could belong."



# Special Funds And Projects



## HOPE IN ACTION

### To Provide Hope When Challenges Arise

Sometimes, the challenges children face can't wait. A sudden illness, a family emergency, a natural disaster, or a missing basic need can disrupt a child's ability to learn, grow, and thrive. That's why we created the Hope In Action Fund — to step in quickly when urgent needs arise and provide support where it's needed most.

## SHARED HOPE

### Waiting For Sponsorship Shouldn't Mean Waiting For Help

Every morning, children in our program wake up hoping for stability — clean clothes, a full backpack, a decent meal. For roughly 500 children, that's a hope that hasn't yet found a sponsor. They're enrolled; they show up. But some essentials are still out of reach.

The Shared Hope Fund exists for moments like these. It fills urgent gaps: when a child's school supply is missing, when no sponsor has stepped forward, when emergency needs press in. Because while sponsorship may come, today's needs cannot wait.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

### So They Can Walk Into The Classroom With Confidence

Imagine walking into class on the first day without a backpack, with shoes that don't fit, or without a pencil or paper. For children already facing challenges at home, this added stress can make school feel impossible. School can bring more worry than excitement. Without new clothes or basic supplies, they feel unprepared and embarrassed — often too anxious to focus on learning.

By providing essential items like backpacks, notebooks, pencils, shoes, and outfits, you make sure children start the year with dignity and hope.



## FEEDING PROGRAM

### Because No Child Should Learn On An Empty Stomach

When children don't have enough to eat, it's hard to focus on school, or anything else. Hunger drains energy, blurs concentration, and steals the joy of childhood. Our Feeding Program Fund ensures that children receive nutritious meals every day so they can learn, grow, and thrive.

## MOSQUITO NET

### Preventing disease one net at a time

In Kenya, Ethiopia, Sri Lanka, and India, children need mosquito nets to protect them from mosquito-borne illnesses such as malaria and dengue, so they'll be healthy enough to attend school.

Each year, Children Incorporated purchases thousands of nets that we distribute to children and their families.

## WHAT IS SPONSORSHIP?

Child Sponsorship with Children Incorporated is a personal, one-to-one commitment. You will be paired with a specific child who will directly benefit from your monthly contribution of \$35. This recurring support provides essential needs such as clothing, school supplies, hygiene items, healthcare, and food. Your sponsorship helps meet these basic needs and gives the child hope and a chance for a better future by supporting them physically, emotionally, and socially.

## HOW LONG CAN I SPONSOR?

We hope you will assist your sponsored child until he or she leaves our program. This typically occurs when a student graduates from high school or moves away from an affiliated site. Due to the trying circumstances of the regions where they reside, we cannot predict or guarantee how long a child will remain enrolled in our sponsorship program, although we make every effort to provide services to children for as long as possible.

## HOW MANY CHILDREN DO YOU SERVE?

We have around 10,000 children enrolled in our sponsorship program at any given time. Since 1964 we have assisted more than 500,000 children! We maintain 225 affiliated sites in eight U.S. states, Puerto Rico, and 19 other countries.

## WILL I RECEIVE UPDATES ON THE CHILD I SPONSOR?

You'll receive updates that bring you closer to your child: usually a progress report and a new photo about once a year, sharing highlights of their growth, hobbies, and milestones. The children also write at least one letter each year, offering a special chance to connect with them personally. While timing may vary by location, these moments remind you of the wonderful difference you're making in a child's life.

## MAY I WRITE/SEND PACKAGES TO THE CHILD I SPONSOR?

Yes! Corresponding with your sponsored child can be a wonderful experience. Writing about your own family and hobbies is always a good place to start. You will find the site mailing address in your child's information brochure. For children in the U.S., packages of already-purchased items should be mailed directly to your sponsored child's affiliated site's address. Unfortunately due to high customs duties and the likelihood of loss, we do not recommend sending packages to our affiliated sites outside of the U.S. Children Incorporated cannot guarantee receipt of any packages you send internationally.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



## WHAT HAPPENS IF THE CHILD I SPONSOR LEAVES THE PROGRAM?

When a child leaves our program for any reason, we promptly notify you and provide details about another child who needs your support and encouragement just as much. If you feel called to continue your sponsorship journey with a new child, wonderful! If not, just let us know by phone or email—we're here to help.

While we cannot maintain contact with children once they leave the program, please take comfort in knowing that your generosity creates a lasting, positive impact on the life of each child and on their community for years to come.

## IS IT POSSIBLE TO VISIT MY SPONSORED CHILD?

It is possible to visit sponsored children; however, since we work with a network of volunteers we cannot guarantee that all sites are open to sponsor visits.

If your sponsored child's site does allow visits, you must contact us at least 45 days prior to your desired visit, so we can make arrangements with the site, parents, and site volunteers. Arranging a visit does also include a background check at the sponsor's expense.

## HOW DO YOUR VOLUNTEERS ADMINISTER AID TO AFFILIATED SITES?

Working with volunteers allows us to keep our programs highly efficient. Our coordinators are teachers, social workers, guidance counselors, school principals, or other childcare professionals who interact with the children on a daily basis. They observe firsthand the circumstances of each child's life, and have a "boots on the ground" perspective on what will work best to meet the unique needs of each child.

## DOES MY GIFT QUALIFY FOR A TAX DEDUCTION?

Children Incorporated has been a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization since 1964. Contributions, therefore, may be eligible for tax deductibility status.

We strongly recommend that you consult with your tax advisor when making such determinations.

# ADDITIONAL WAYS TO GIVE

## LEGACY GIVING

Legacy giving allows you to make a gift to Children Incorporated through estate or financial planning. A legacy gift takes your needs, as well as the needs of your loved ones, into consideration while helping support the mission of Children Incorporated well into the future.

The various options for legacy gifts may provide significant tax benefits as well. People choose legacy giving to leave a lasting memory or to ensure that Children Incorporated can continue its vital work. By creating a legacy, you help sustain the programs and support that mean the most to you well beyond your lifetime.

## MATCHING GIFTS

To participate in our employee matching gifts program, please contact your human resources department to find out about their matching gifts program, or contact us directly.

## CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP

As a corporate partner, you can make a significant difference. Most companies support a whole project or affiliated site rather than pairing with individual children. This approach allows a company an even greater impact, and the chance to support many children and the community as a whole.

We would love to work with you as a team to bring basic needs assistance and self-sustainability programs to children and communities in need.

## DONATING STOCK

If you are thinking about making a donation to Children Incorporated, a gift of stock may be more tax-smart than a cash gift. As stocks grow in value, they may appreciate substantially beyond the original investment.

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT OUR OFFICE TO  
DISCUSS ANY OF THESE WAYS TO GIVE

**1-800-538-5381**

We recommend that you consult with your attorney in deciding which way is best for you.



# THANK YOU

## Want to take next steps?

Our headquarters is located in North Chesterfield, and we are open Monday-Friday 8:30-5:00pm EST.

Should you wish for personal assistance, our sponsorship team will be happy to answer any additional questions, or help you choose a child to sponsor, just give us a call at 1-800-538-5381.

You can also find additional information, donate to a fund, or sponsor a child on our website! Head to [www.childrenincorporated.org](http://www.childrenincorporated.org) to find all the resources you need.

