



World's Children

Annual Report

2017

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Our Vision

A world in which every child has a safe, nurturing place to call home, and a chance to achieve their potential through education.

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Just for Fun



Just for the fun of it, we challenge you to find this sweet boy, Marti, a former street beggar in India. He's hidden on one of the pages of this report.

Email us the page number in the subject line and we'll send you a small gift. Email: info@worldschildren.org

We thank you for reading our report and for putting smiles on the children's faces.

Because you care, lives are changing forever

"Although the travel was hard, it was a blessing for me to meet the children of the orphanage. I expected an orphanage to be a sad place, but it was, in fact, one of the happiest places I've ever been!" –World's Children Sponsor

Dear Friends,

I love what this sponsor wrote to us after he visited one of the orphanages supported by World's Children. Whenever I visit the children's homes I experience the same thing he did—happiness and joy.

You may find that surprising, just as I did at first. Given their background, why wouldn't the children be sad, dejected by their fate, and utterly despondent? **I think there are two main reasons why they feel joyful even though they must live in an orphanage.**

The first reason is because of the unconditional and healing love they are given by the women and men who care for them. An unforgettable moment during one of my India trips was the time when a little boy was tightly hugging his orphanage administrator. Unlike the other children he looked really sad and I asked the administrator about him.

"Yes, David, he is still sad because his mother died recently. But over time he will become a happy boy because I will give him the love he needs," she said as she hugged him tightly to her. What saintly people the orphanage administrators are!

But there's a second reason why these children overcome their grief and are able to have a happy childhood. That reason is you. The sponsored children know someone half a world away cares about them.

And the unsponsored children also know that people far away care about them, because they have new beds, protection from mosquitoes, filtered water, dining room tables, lights at night from a new generator, washing machines, a protecting wall or front gate and many other things that make their lives normal and enjoyable.

Many of you regularly give extra for birthday and Christmas celebrations, or you give to the greatest need fund, and you donate to our annual campaign projects. All of these "extra mile" kindnesses improve the children's lives.

Most of you will never have the unforgettable experience of seeing for yourself what you are doing for the

children. But we hope our Annual Report will give you a sense of how much better their lives are thanks to your generosity.

With all our gratitude,

David Quinn

Executive Director



Leadership in 2017

The World's Children Board of Directors is a group of dedicated individuals who care deeply about the plight of vulnerable children around the world. We are grateful for their oversight, their time and expertise.



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Our Mission

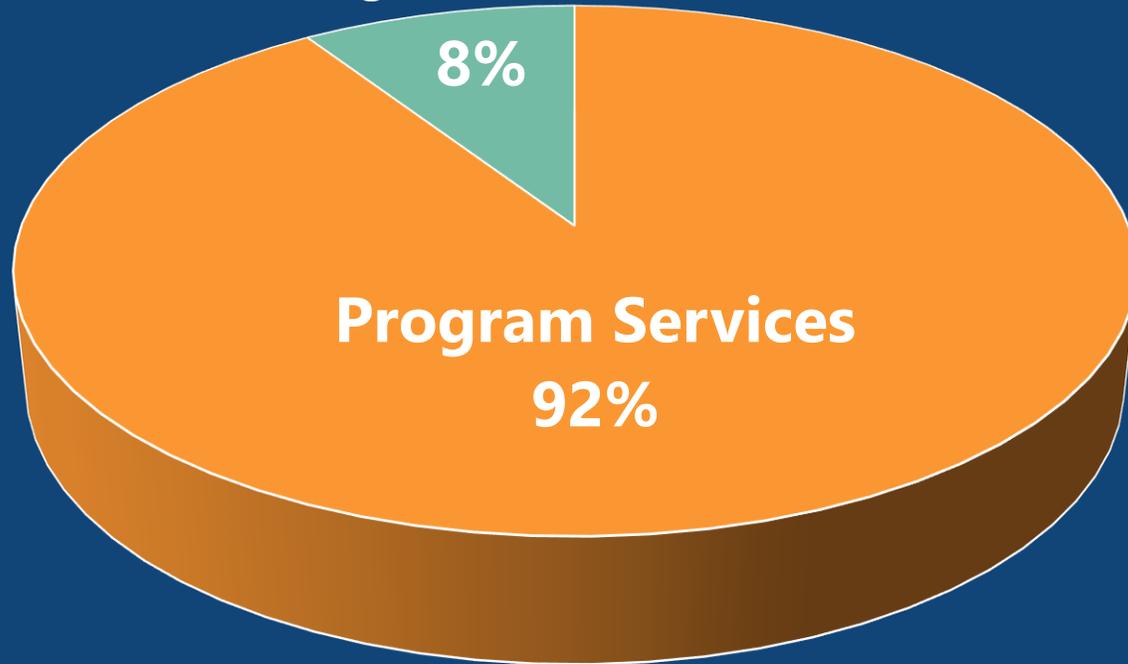
Children are often helpless victims of poverty and disaster and yet they will be the ones to shape the future. Our mission is to provide support and education for orphans and vulnerable children in the poorest countries around the world.



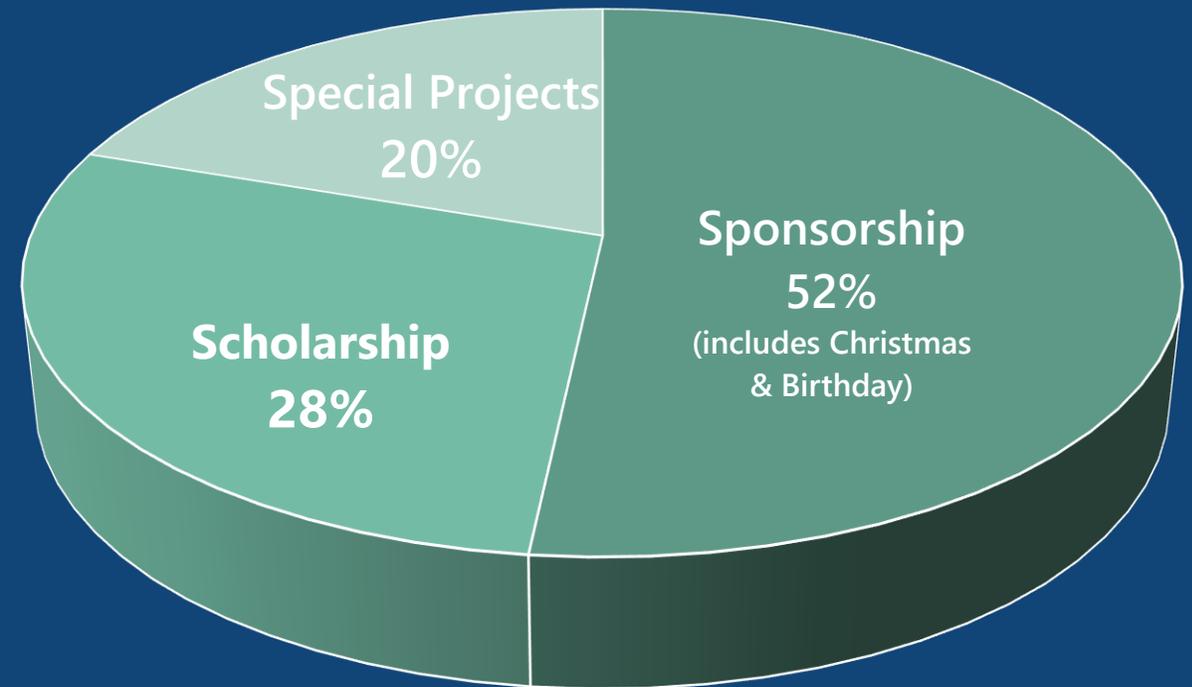
2017 Financial Overview

World's Children adheres to strict standards of accountability and transparency.

Fundraising and Administration



2017 activities



2017 grants

2017 Financial Summary

2017 Total Revenue	\$731,787		2017 Total Expenditures	\$772,689
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2017 Total Overseas Support	\$520,010		Fundraising & Administration	\$ 62,022
2016 Net Assets (including WC Endowment Fund: \$230,639)	\$714,074		2017 Overseas Support	\$520,010
			Sponsorship	\$266,872 (52%)
			Scholarship	\$146,840 (28%)
			Special Projects	\$106,298 (20%)

These figures are derived from WC's 2017 Financial Statements as of December 31, 2017. They were reviewed by an independent certified public accountant.

To see the complete 2017 Financial Review and 990 Form, go to:

www.worldschildren.org/financials

Overview of Our Work



World's Children has cared for orphans and vulnerable children around the world since 1965. We assist the most desperate children—orphans, unwanted girls, abandoned or abused children, and children with HIV/AIDS. World's children has three primary programs. These are: sponsorship, scholarship and special projects.

We currently support children in 30 orphanages and two nursing colleges in three countries: India, Ethiopia, and Guatemala. Five of those orphanages are for children affected by HIV/AIDS.

We have about 850 sponsors living in almost every state and they sponsor around 1,000 children. We also have a college scholarship program for underprivileged young people—primarily young women in India.

2017 Program Impact Summary



949 sponsors and donors contributed to WC programs.



37 projects were funded to improve the homes in 2017 (and 30 were completed).



946 children were sponsored in 2017.



303 students participated in the WC Scholarship Program in 2017. (242 continuing students and 61 graduates from the 2016-17 year).



34 homes (housing >3,500 children) received direct support in the form of sponsorship and/or project funding.



14,296 people were educated about child trafficking in India and how to prevent it.

Sponsorship

The World's Children Sponsorship Program is our largest program. We help orphans and vulnerable children who live in an orphanage or children's home due to a wide variety of circumstances. Your sponsorship fee is used to purchase nutritious food, clothing, medicine, books, supplies, and other necessities. The children's homes are like large families. Sponsors receive letters, photos, drawings, and progress reports about their child.



**Monthly Birthday Party
at Bethel Orphanage**



Excerpt from letter to sponsor

"I love you so much. I wish many good things in a new year. I wish, be strong, be happiness, be lovely, be healthfulness, be prosperous."
—Meretu (left) Bridge of Hope, Ethiopia, 5th grade, birthday unknown



**Mangal
(drawing below)**



**Sravanthi (Progress
Report right)**



**Drawing by Mangal (above)
Sherman Home for Girls, India**



World's Children 2017 Progress Report

Child's full name (do not use initials): [REDACTED]

Name you call the child: Sravanthi

Home name: Bethel Orphanage

Year/class just completed (2016-2017): IV Year/class now entering (2017-2018): V

Favorite subject(s): English

Subject(s) most improved: Science

Subject(s) needing improvement: Mathematics

Learning attitude: Very quick in learning

Favorite leisure activities: Reading books &

Special interests: Dancing & Drawing

Watching Television

How does the child interact with others?: Happily & openly

Health condition this year: Good

First language spoken: Telugu

Language used in school: English & Telugu

Classes or subjects taken	Grades or exam marks	Passed or failed
Telugu	A	Passed
Hindi	A	Passed
English	A	Passed
Mathematics	A	Passed
Environmental Studies	A	Passed

Home administrator's detailed evaluation of the child: Sravanthi is an active and an intelligent girl. She is excellent in studies and scores good marks. She likes our school and teachers and she stands first in the class. She takes part in all the activities of the school and won prizes too. She is responsible and happy to be in the hostel. She is very polite and kind with everyone. She helps her companions to study well and to keep clean everything. She comes forward to take part in any kind of activity. She has a smiling face and growing well and healthy.

Name of administrator: Dr. Mary Amelinda Ammireddy Date: 20 July 2017

Sponsor a Home

If you don't wish to sponsor an individual child, you can help an orphanage. We are getting great reports and photos showing what it is like in the homes. Here is an example from Swadhar Home for Girls in India.



Scholarships

Our second largest program is our college scholarship program for underprivileged young people – primarily for young women in India. In 2017 we provided scholarships to 242 impoverished students, many of whom grew up in an orphanage. Featured below are some of our neediest applicants in 2018. Please lend your support!



Jeena
BSc Computer Sci.
(1st year)

Keen to combat superstition

Jeena comes from a home with four daughters. After her mother died, her father and relatives abandoned the girls. She would be the first in her family with a degree. She is called “kind” and “lovable” at the WC orphanage where she has lived for seven years. Jeena wants to get her computer science degree and become a teacher.

“My family deserted us and are afraid to speak with us because they feel female children are a curse and burden... Education is the great and constant treasure of the poor female children. It prevents the poverty and save us from superstition and ignorance.”—Jeena



Anusha
MSc Math teacher
(1st year)

Bravely Overcoming Abuse

Relatives can be a great source of inspiration and help. Unfortunately, after her father died, her relatives systematically abused Anusha, her mother and sister. She recently sought comfort from her former mentors at the WC orphanage where she spent time as a child. Her mentors were afraid for her life. ***“Because of this continuous torture, Anusha couldn’t eat or sleep and became ill,”*** administrators said. Now recovering, Anusha deserves an encouraging person in her corner. She earns excellent grades and hopes to get her master’s and become a teacher so she can take care of the women in her life.

“Now my only aim is standing on my own and saving my mother and sister from the slavery of my uncle.”—Anusha



Premasheela
Bachelor’s
Commerce
(1st year)

Her nickname is ‘Puppy’

And, indeed, Premasheela has a positive outlook and abundant energy. Tragedies that could have held her back have instead fueled her ambition to get a business degree. Premasheela’s father died when she was 10 and her mother suffers from health problems. She often lacked for food and shelter before arriving at a WC orphanage seven years ago. She’s a hard worker who gets top grades and has won awards for dancing. She is determined to land on her feet, and could use a sponsor to cheer her as she does.

“After I have achieved my goal I wish to help my sickly mother and those struggling like me,”—Premasheela



Jasmine
Rehabilitation
Sciences
(Just 1 year to go!)

A Champion for Special Needs

Jasmine has just one year left in her degree. In her spare time, she helps children with visual impairments. She is compassionate, works hard in school and faces excellent job prospects. Last year Jasmine’s father, a milk truck driver, had a stroke and crashed. Since he cannot work, relatives are pressuring her to leave school and become a manual laborer. Jasmine is distraught. Since childhood, her dream has been to serve people with mental and physical handicaps.

“Whenever I see a challenged person, I feel a lot in my heart. I will devote my life for these people. Your scholarship can light up my life again.”—Jasmine

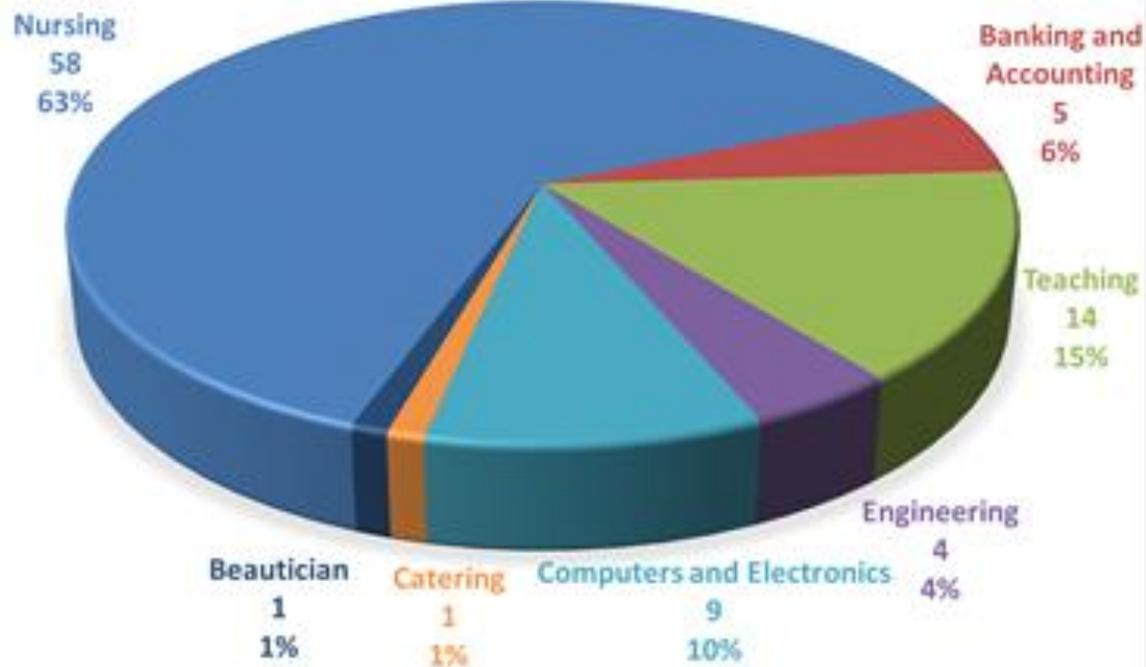
2017-2018 Scholarships Facts and Figures

242 students received scholarships for the 2017-2018 academic year. See fields of study for 92 graduating students (left) and 150 continuing students (right).

2017-18 WORLD'S CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

GRADUATING STUDENTS FIELDS OF STUDY

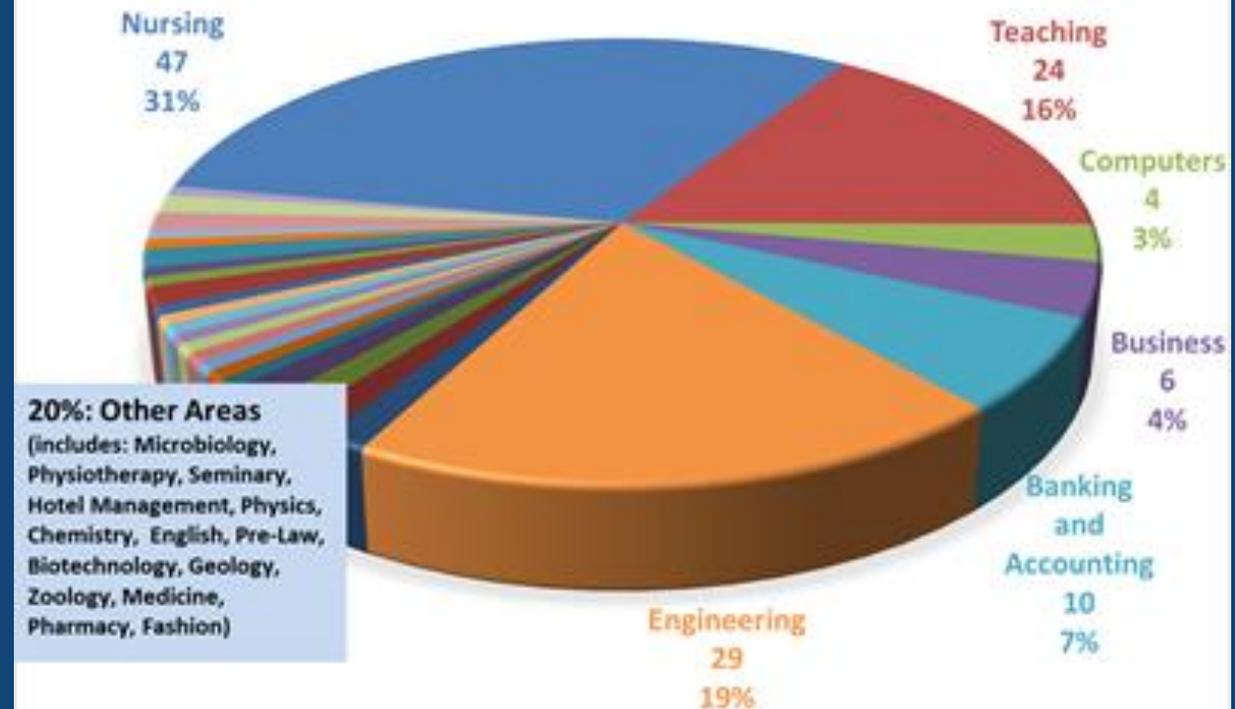
Total 2017-2018 Academic Year Graduating Students: 92



2017-18 WORLD'S CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

CONTINUING STUDENTS FIELDS OF STUDY

Total 2017-2018 Academic Year Continuing Students: 150



Special Projects



Special Projects for children are our third area of funding. We try to make the orphanages we support more safe and homelike by funding buildings and repairs, beds and mattresses, mosquito nets, water filters and wells, new toilets, dining room tables and benches, electrical generators, solar water heaters, recreational reading books, computers, playground equipment, gardens, chickens and cows, and other home needs.



New Project—Prevention of Child Trafficking

Last year World's Children was asked to support an effort to end child trafficking in a vulnerable part of India. A group of nuns we have worked with for several decades decided to educate 151,000 people in 48 villages about the tricks traffickers use to entrap young women they can sell to brothels. In one year alone 126 girls went missing from this area. In 2017 we agreed to fund a three-year Prevention of Child Trafficking project the nuns have started.

2017 Special Project Impact

387

children have new or improved access to clean water

169

children have safer and more secure facilities

827

children have new computers and electronic equipment

124

children have new backpacks for school

356

children have new or repaired toilet facilities

292

children have new laundry equipment

448

children have significant home infrastructure improvements

214

children can sleep safely, protected from mosquitos

658

children have an improved kitchen and dining facility

14,266

children and adults have been educated about child trafficking

Prevention of Child Trafficking Project



The Prevention of Child Trafficking Project is a three-year village education project that will cost \$18,000/year. World's Children is working with a group of Catholic nuns. We call them "The Sisters," to protect the anonymity of these brave women. We have worked with them for several decades and we currently support five orphanages that they operate.

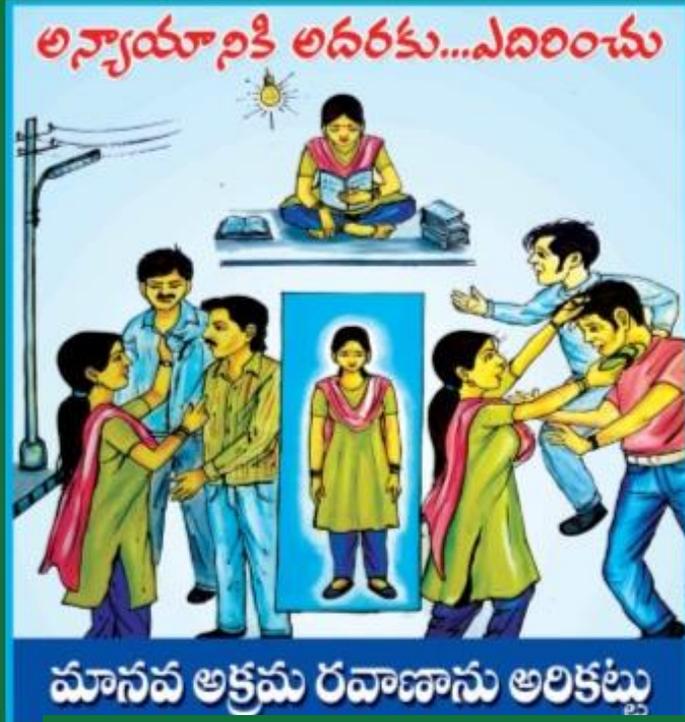
The purpose of the project is to stop child traffickers through education and a community watch program before they can buy or kidnap girls.

First Year Results: Since April 2017, when the project started, 11 girls have been rescued from traffickers; and almost 9,850 villagers have attended public meetings and video presentations. In eight schools, 2,425 children have attended assemblies and formed Child Vigilant Committees. 2,000 women have attended classes and formed 12 Community Vigilant Committees.

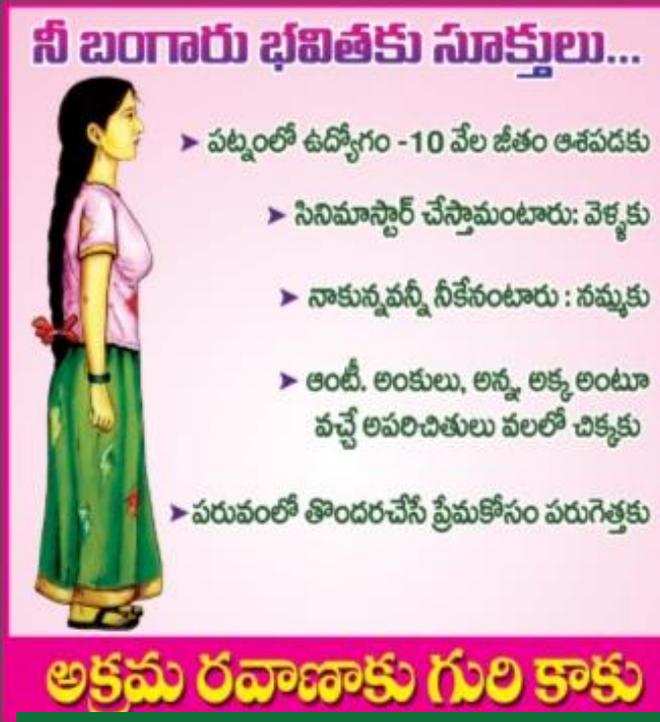
Prevention of Child Trafficking Posters

Posters provide graphic warnings about child trafficking

The Sisters feature colorful lessons through posters that tell how to prevent child trafficking. Each of the three posters works to educate young women—the most common victims of child traffickers.



Girls, you can become your own superhero!



Don't believe false promises of wealth and fame



Don't be tempted!

Nirmala Matha Home – New Kitchen

Before



After



The Nirmala Home for Children had to cook three meals a day—outside—over a wood fire—for 347 children. Can you imagine cooking for that many kids with nothing more than a campfire? Without a kitchen, their food was often ravaged by rodents and would spoil prematurely due to improper storage. Nirmala Home for Children now has an indoor kitchen, with adequate ventilation, equipment, and space for proper food storage.

Nirmala Matha Home – 3 Smokeless Stoves



“With the support of World’s Children, we constructed a new kitchen and we purchased three smokeless stoves. It helps our children to have their food without delay and it makes it easier for our cooks to prepare the food on schedule. The smokeless stove is necessary for the children's kitchen because it reduces the unwanted fumes and dirties.

We used to have women cooks because we have above 154 girls in the hostel. These women take care of the children with patience. Before fitting the smokeless stoves, frequently we changed our cooks because they suffered from the problem of back pain and other health issues.

Now they are happy to have the new smokeless stoves and also new amazing kitchen. We offer our wholehearted thanks and gratitude.”

–Sister Lourdu Mary, Home Administrator

Athipet Girls' Home – New Toilets

Before



“As of now there are 154 children in our orphanage. At times they are affected by various health problems, especially typhoid fever, dysentery and other communicable diseases. We came to know that insufficient toilets which are damaged is the reason behind the diseases.” –Sister Elizebeth , Home Administrator

After



WC donors provided new toilet facilities.



Pandaravedu Orphanage – New Dormitory

Before



The 42 girls had to sleep on the floor of the nuns' convent.



After



Now the girls have a new dorm.



"The old dormitory building was 42 years old and the ceiling was falling and the walls were cracked. It was very dangerous for the girls to be in that building. During the rainy season the rooms were covered by water. So we kept them to sleep on the floor of the hallway and kitchen of our convent for many years." –Sister Stella , Home Administrator

Shanthi Nilayam – Floor Replacement

Under Construction



After



The 48 boys living at the Shanthi Nilayam orphanage are all HIV-positive. To maintain their health it is important to have good sanitation. The old floor was deteriorating and could not be properly cleaned. This is the new floor provided by World's Children donors.

Sister Seline's Memorial Home for Children – New Roof



WC donors fixed this problem: "Children are facing so much difficult because of very hot weather as there is no roof covering on the building. During summer season they are unable to sleep." –Sister Sourcelly, Home Administrator

Annai Scholastica – New Toilets

Before



Girls often had to use a field where cobras live as their toilet.

“Now we have only two toilets for 65 girls. The girls are waiting for long time to go to toilet. Sometimes they wake up at 4 o’clock in the morning to use the toilet. If there is no water in toilet tank they may use field.” —Sister Anitha, Home Administrator

After



New toilet stalls

Annai Scholastica – New Well



“First time we dug 750 feet but did not get enough water, so we dig again same point. Now we are getting pure and tasty water. Now the girls protected from various health issues. They free from water borne disease.”

—Sister Stella, Home Administrator

St. Mary's Orphanage – Dining Tables and Benches

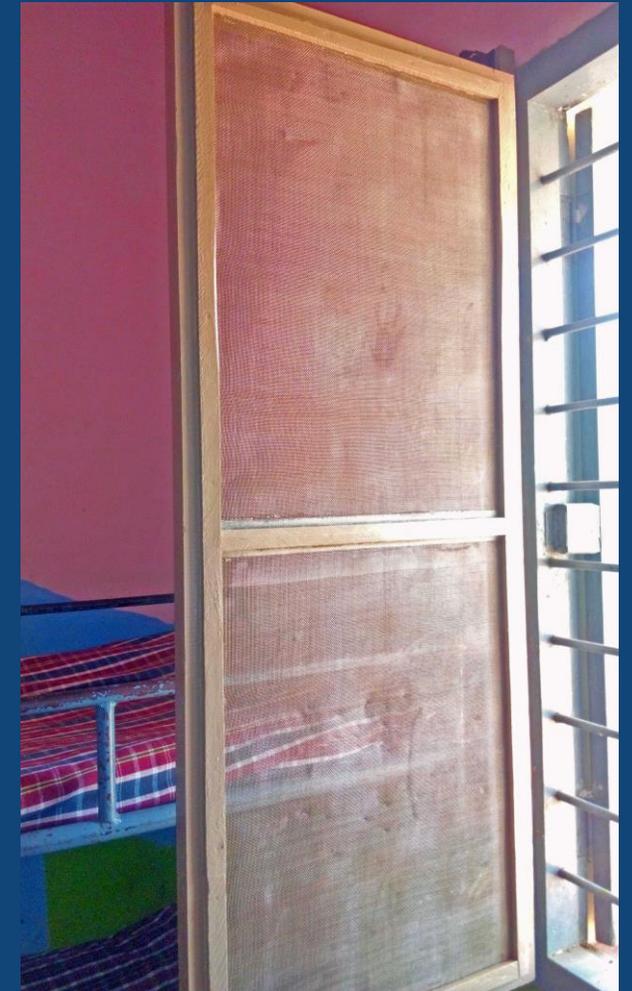


Father Melchior requested dining tables and benches: "We have no dining tables and benches for children to take their food. At present they sit on the floor and eat." So World's Children donors answered their request.

Bethel Orphanage – Mosquito Screens



World's Children donors provided mosquito screens for doors and windows to protect the children against disease.



Raichur Girls' Hostel – Water Tank Repair

Before



After



“I would like to thank you for your big heart to repair the water tank. It was about 75 years old and all four sides leaked. Now the problem is solved and the children are very happy.” —Manjula, Home Administrator

St. Michael's School – Computer Lab



The teachers at St. Michael's School noticed that girls who had finished high school had no plans for their future. They requested funds to provide computers so the girls could learn about computers and gain employment. WC donors funded their request.

Sherman Girls' Hostel – Generator



Frequent power outages made it difficult for the girls to study at night.
This new diesel generator solved that problem.

Katihar Boys' Home – Kitchen Renovation

Before



“Thank you for the generous contribution you have given for us to renovate our kitchen. We had a kitchen with Asbestos roof built at the beginning of the hostel 30 years ago. Now we have a secure kitchen, with concrete roof. We have very strong walls with 3 strong iron windows which can be closed at night. There are new facilities for water. We have fixed an exhaust fan to take away the extra smoke from the kitchen.” —Father Xavier, Home Administrator

After



See renovated white kitchen building behind boys (above). Inside kitchen (right).



Lucile Girls' Hostel – Computer Lab



The 94 girls at Lucile Girls' Hostel want to learn about computers. WC donors provided two computers and a printer. We hope to give them more in the future.

Gulbarga Boys' Hostel – Water Pipe and Tank Repair



“Our children are profoundly grateful to you for repair work and fixing up overhead tank to supply water connection to bathrooms and lavatories. Now our boys are enjoying with no struggle to use the facilities.”
—Manoha, Home Administrator

Athipet Girls' Home – Water Purifier



“Here our children are suffering a lot due to inadequate accommodation facilities and poor pure water source. And also they used to face some health issues because of water scarcity and hard water conditions. This salty water brings about headache, stomach pain, diarrhea and typhoid fever etc. Now the problems are gone out. Now our children are having pure and healthy water. And also it helps them to continue their studies without absent. Your helping hands and generous hearts have created much happiness and joy among our children. They are already experiencing relief from water caused diseases.” – Sister Elizebeth Rani, Home Administrator

Little Flower Home – Washing Machine

Before



After



“Thank you very much for your benevolent help that you have contributed to buy a washing machine for our Home Children. The washing machine is highly useful for our children. They are using the machine to wash their uniform dresses, bed sheets, night dress etc. During raining season it will be of great use. Children are feeling very happy about it.”

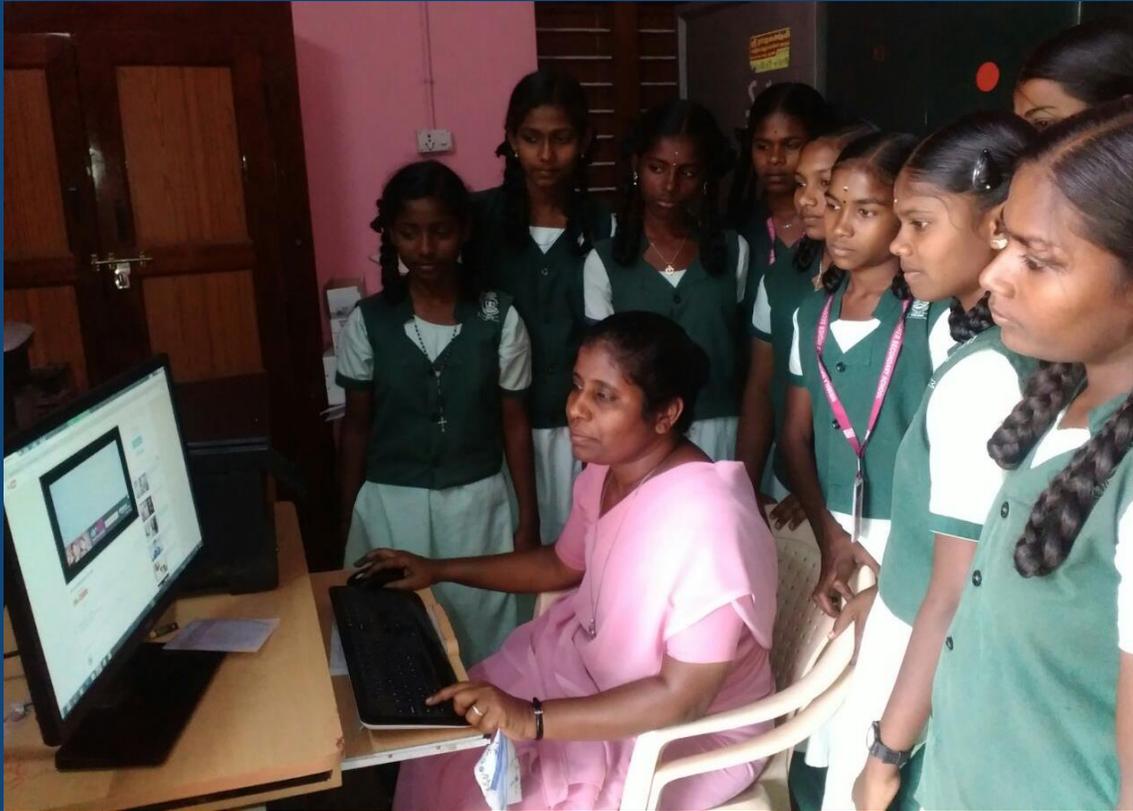
—Sister Marie, Home Administrator

Swadhar Home – Television



“We thank you for your kind contribution which is giving more of entertainment for our children, we also thank you for your support and care our children are over helmed when they received the television. Your financial gift helped our children to be more joyful and it is giving them more of entertainment.” – Sister Nirmala, Home Administrator

Nirmala Matha Home – Computer and Printer



“Now our government demanded us to submit many documents about the children and their backgrounds. We struggled more without computer and printer machine. Every month the government officials are giving new rules and regulation to running homes. With computer and printer it is easy for us to communicate with our government officials. With the help of our sisters our home children are using it to study their subjects' related things from Google. Thank you very much for your generous financial assistance to purchase a wonderful computer with printer.” —Sister Lourdu Mary, Home Administrator

Athipet Girls' Home – Computer and Printer



Athipet Girls' Home is facing the same issues as Nirmala Matha Home shown previously. Because of new demands from the government of India, these homes run by the Sacred Heart Congregation must now have computers and printers in order to manage their paperwork load. World's Children donors were understanding and happy to help.

Lucile Girls' Hostel – Washing Machine

Before



After



“All children are very happy to use new washing machine. Youngest ones are most benefited as they would find it difficult to wash their clothes themselves. They can put clothes into washing machine or others can also easily come forward to help them. Everyone will save their time in using washing machine which can be used for their studies. In rainy season it is difficult to wash and dry clothes. With this washing machine children will be able to wash and dry their clothes. This has been a great help to all the children. The joy of the children can be seen in faces which are visible in the photos I have attached” —Christina Paul, Home Administrator

St. Mary's Orphanage – Washing Machine and Refrigerator



“From morning to evening the children will be in the school. They will not have much time to wash cloths. They will not lose much time. That's why our children are very happy to have washing machine to St. Mary's Orphanage.”



“Refrigerator is very much needed and helpful for keeping all vegetable and edible things in it. Also we buy all kinds of vegetables at a time in a week due to increase of market prices everyday. This helps us to save time, energy and more of traveling expenses. Children are very happy to see and have refrigerator in this St. Mary's Orphanage.”

—Father Melchior, Home Administrator

Assunta Asha Nilayam – Kitchen Renovation

Under Construction



Assunta Asha Nilayam is a home for girls affected by HIV.

“Our kitchen, dining hall and dormitory was in a bad shape and we requested a renovation. It is because of your generous contribution, we now have a clean, mosquito and hazard free dining hall, kitchen, and dormitory.”

–Sister Cecily, Home Administrator

After



Nirmala Matha – Water Purifier



“We are very much happy to receive your kind financial support for our home. Here 347 girls are staying and doing their schooling. We are very glad to inform you that we have completed the purchase of a new water purifier and it has been installed in a suitable and hygienic place in our children's home. Thank you so much for your love, concern and support.”
–Sister Lourdu Mary, Home Administrator

St. Elizabeth's Home – School Bags



“After summer holidays all the children are back to the boarding home. Teachers and children are busy with academics and other activities. Now there is life in the boarding. Children are lovely and innocent.

We distributed the bags and the children are happily carrying their books in the bags, enjoy using them. The bags are so convenient that the children don't have to feel the burden in carrying the books in their hands.

It was a great and happiest day for them. We could see the brightness, joy and happiness in their faces. They never expected such good bags. Teachers and parents felt extremely happy.”

—Sister Catherine, Home Administrator



Healthy Girl Initiative

World's Children Pilot Program for Girl Health and Empowerment



As the girls gain the strength to speak up, work together and resolve their own problems, they're developing a greater sense of self-worth and confidence.



In 2016, World's Children partnered with **The Rosie Center** to initiate a pilot project at Balavikasita Orphanage in India under the direction of Shobha Rani.

- The Healthy Girl Initiative delivers girls' health education and better access to hygiene products, nutritious food, supplements and medical help.
- The girls see health professionals and learn what to expect from puberty. They visit local markets to learn how to make healthy food choices.

Program additions in 2017

- Shobha also created "health camps" to track improvements and chart height and weight changes.
- Life skills sessions were added to boost the girls' emotional strength, mental toughness and maturity.
- Shobha also added: team building, counseling and meditation.

"We are seeing good results."

–Shobha, Home Administrator and WC India Country Director

World's Children hopes to bring this program to more girls in the future.

2017 Special Project – Family Crisis Relief

Rescuing a family from debt



Maria is back in nursing college

World's Children had never heard of Maria V. before she applied for a scholarship last summer. But when we read her scholarship application we realized her situation was extremely dire. She and her mother, sister and brother were planning family suicide as their only escape from crushing debt.

Maria wrote that she had made it through her first three years at a nursing college in south India with great difficulty and encumbered with a sizeable debt. Her brother had stopped his own education and got a job as a driver to help pay her college fees. But then their mother developed cancer and suddenly all his wages had to go for her medical treatment. Their father was a drug addict who had abandoned his wife and three children. They were on their own.

The nursing school refused to allow Maria to enroll for her last year unless she repaid her debt and paid for the final year in advance. Maria owed \$1,935 and her brother earns less than five dollars a day. This family was stuck between a rock and a hard place and suicide seemed like the only way out for them.

When we read her scholarship application we decided she needed more than our normal scholarship support and we asked one donor if we could pool several of his gifts to the greatest need and pay off Maria's debt.



Maria with her mother and brother after learning a WC donor was paying her debt and fees

"Love, greetings and my heartfelt thanks from your loving sponsored daughter Maria. When I think of writing this letter my heart is melting with joy and thanks. How your loving compassionate love gave me life. It will not be overtaken from my heart." –Maria

2017 Special Project – Eye Surgery

He was going blind



Jeevith during and after the procedure.



Jeevith celebrates with his mother and sister.

Jeevith was sponsored by World's Children for most of his childhood. But he was slowly going blind and only one hospital in south India could perform the operation to restore his sight. A donor paid for the operation and now Jeevith can see again.

How to support World's Children



Sponsor a child



Sponsor a home



Sponsor a scholarship student



Donate to a project



Give to the scholarship fund



Give to the greatest need

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