



# ANNUAL REPORT

2018

 World's Children

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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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# 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,

Can I say this to you? It will sound odd, I know, but what stands out about my trip to India earlier this year are the toilets. Not how bad they were, but how clean and tidy they were. Those were the children’s toilets that had been restored or newly constructed thanks to you. To me that was an indication how your support was truly improving the lives of the children.

To be fair, it wasn’t just better toilets that impressed me. It was the concrete wall that now surrounds the Annai Scholastica boys’ and girls’ dormitories and school. That wall keeps out drunken men who used to prowl the grounds at night hoping to intercept a girl alone and vulnerable. And the wall allays the children’s fear of poisonous snakes and scorpions that once crawled in from the jungled hillside behind their dorms.

It was the rows of beds, neatly covered with sheets and pillows, that we saw in many dormitories. The beds now stood where each night the children previously unrolled thin, straw mats that provided no comfort and no protection from mosquitos.

In a couple of homes the improvement that most excited the kids was a new washing machine. What kid do you know who would get excited about a washing machine? But for those children it meant no more hand-washing their clothes in a bucket two or three times a week. And that time saved meant more time for homework or play.

Andy and I met college students who had traveled all night by bus just to thank us for the scholarship support they had received from their sponsor. It almost moved us to tears many times to hear the gratitude they felt for what you have done for them.

This annual report tries to capture how you have made the children’s lives better. There is more that needs to be done, of course, but so much about their lives has improved. Thank you for being the difference between having to grow up in a bleak institution or growing up in a place that feels like home.

With gratitude,



David Purviance  
Executive Director

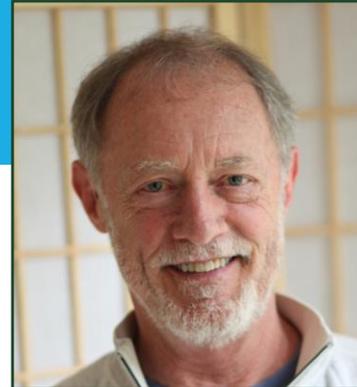
# LEADERSHIP IN 2018



**Patrick Spiger**  
*Board President,  
Retired Business Owner*



**Jean Purviance**  
*Board Secretary,  
Financial Director*



**Bruce Moore**  
*Board Treasurer,  
Business Consultant*



**Roslyn Moore**  
*Director,  
Author and Retired Teacher*

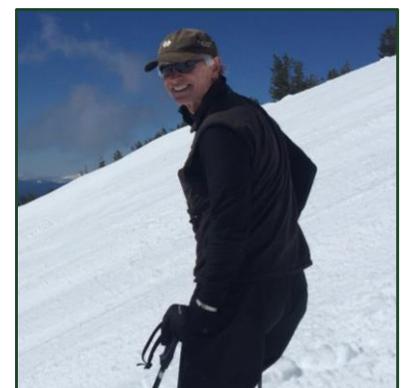
The World's Children Board of Directors is a group of dedicated individuals who care deeply about the plight of vulnerable children around the world. We are grateful for their oversight, their time and expertise.



**Meghan Fitzgerald**  
*Director,  
Ph.D. in Health Policy*



**Marie Long, MD**  
*Director  
Neurosurgeon*



**Butch Goette**  
*Director,  
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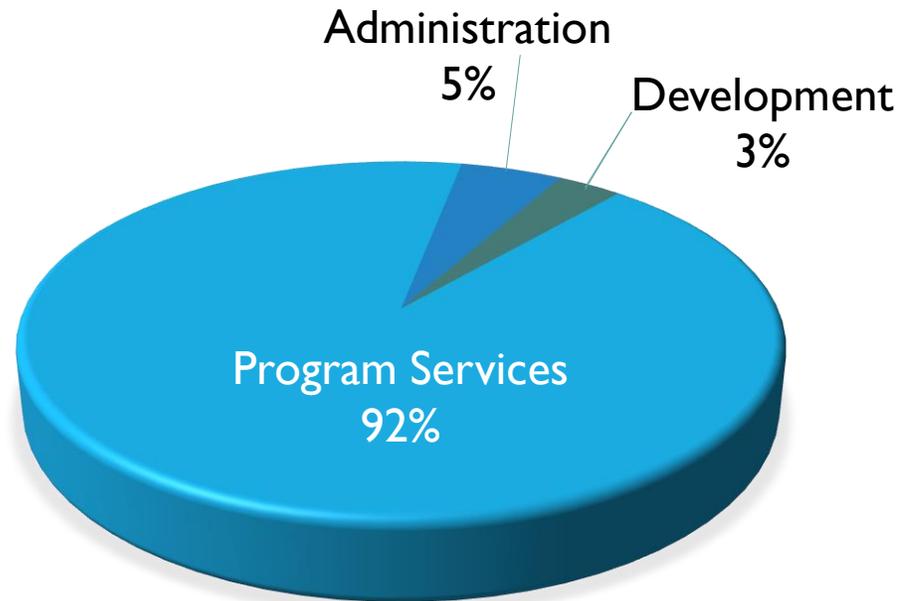
# OUR MISSION

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.

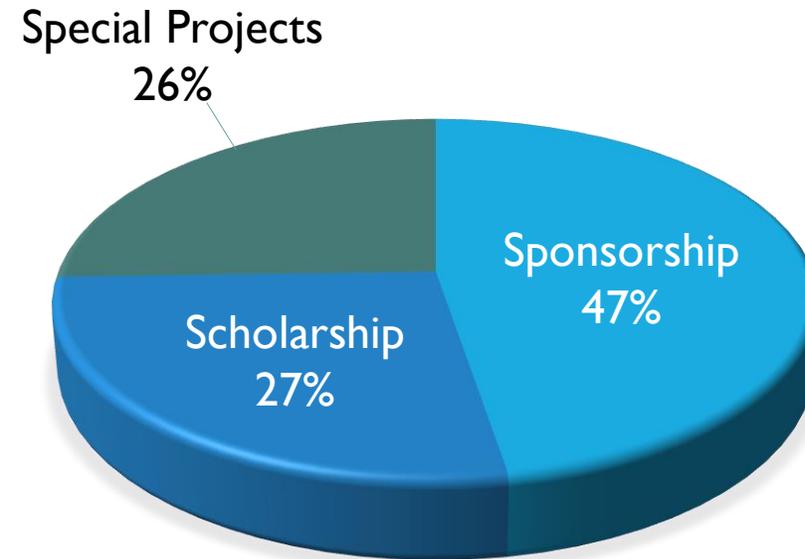


# 2018 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

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



**2018  
Activities**



**2018  
Grants\***

# 2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2018 Total Revenue	759,669.00
2018 Total Expenditures	734,851.00
2018 Total Overseas Support	493,456.00
2018 Net Assets (including WC Endowment Fund: \$230,273)	738,892.00

2018 Total Expenditures	734,851.00
Program Services	673,467.00
Administration	37,513.00
Development	23,871.00

2018 Overseas Support	493,456.00
Sponsorship	233,698.00
Scholarship	134,090.00
Special Projects	125,668.00

These figures are derived from WC's 2018 Financial Statements as of December 31, 2018. They were reviewed by an independent certified public accountant.

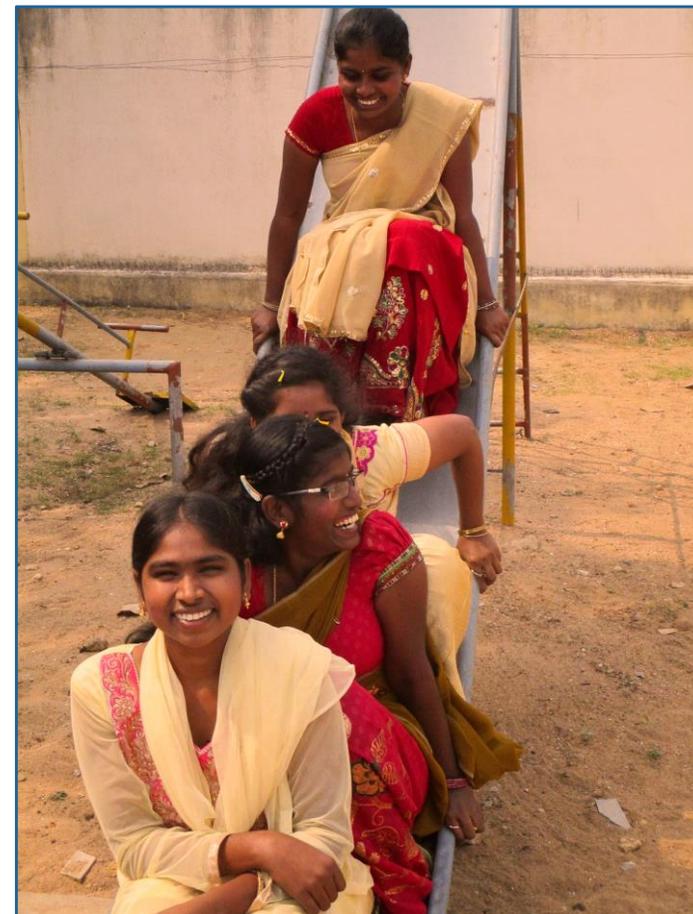
To see the complete 2018 Financial Review and 990 Form, go to:

[www.worldschildren.org/financials](http://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: sponsorship, scholarship, and special projects.

We currently support children in 29 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 760 sponsors and donors living in almost every state who sponsored around 900 children last year. We also have a college scholarship program for underprivileged young people – primarily young women in India.



# OVERVIEW OF OUR WORK

**Breaking it Down:**  
With your help, we attempt to better the lives of children through three specific programs

SPONSORS &  
DONORS

WORLD'S CHILDREN



(WC Staff)

1. SPONSORSHIPS

2. SCHOLARSHIPS

3. SPECIAL PROGRAMS

# 2018 PROGRAM IMPACT SUMMARY



**760** sponsors and donors contributed to WC programs



**40** projects were funded to improve the children's homes in 2018



**892** children were sponsored in 2018



**342** scholarship students received assistance in 2018



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



**19,781** people were educated about child trafficking in India and how to prevent it

# CHILD 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.

"I have come to this level means because of your generous heart. I will not forget you in my life. I will be ever grateful to you...God may bless you all abundantly with the same love and care you show to others. Once again I thank you for your generous help that you render to me."

-Ananthi (top right)  
8<sup>th</sup> grade, St. Joseph's Home for Children



Drawing (above) by Rajitha (bottom left), Graduated in 2018, St. Joseph's Home for Children

  
World's Children 2018 Progress Report

Child's full name (do not use initials): Lakshmi

Name you call the child (Example—Maria, Laxmi, Anil, etc.): Lakshmi

Home name: Sherman Girls Hostel

Year/class just completed (2017-2018): 3<sup>rd</sup> Year/class now entering (2018-2019): 4<sup>th</sup> std.

Favorite subject(s): Kannada

Subject(s) most improved: Mathematics

Subject(s) needing improvement: English

Learning attitude: Good

Favorite leisure activities: Listening stories, playing

Special interests: Games

How does the child interact with others? She is good with all other children in the hostel.

Health condition this year: Good

First language spoken: Lambani, Kannada

Language used in school: Kannada, Hindi

Classes or subjects taken	Grades or exam marks	Passed or failed
<u>Kannada</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>passed</u>
<u>English</u>	<u>A+</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Mathematics</u>	<u>A+</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>E.V.S.</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>"</u>

Home administrator's detailed evaluation of the child: Lakshmi is cute and smart child. She is now adjusted in the hostel. She has learnt discipline, good behavior and cleanliness in the hostel. She loves to listen stories and play during leisure time. She and her parents are extremely thankful to you for your love and kind help.

Name of administrator: Miss. Sujalatha John Date: 12/7/2018

World's Children Progress Report 2018



Lakshmi's (above) inspiring progress report (left), 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Sherman Girls' Hostel

# MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Each disbursement, the homes are allocated a certain amount of funds for a monthly birthday party, in addition to their sponsorship funds, for the purpose of celebrating the children born in that respective month.

The kids eat cake, receive new toys, and play with friends. These celebrations bring an overwhelming amount of joy into the children's lives, all thanks to the generosity of WC donors. Here are a few photos of the birthday celebrations in 2018.

# SCHOLARSHIPS

Our second largest program is our college scholarship program for underprivileged young people – primarily for young women in India, but also for young men. WC provided scholarships to **342** impoverished students for the calendar year of 2018, and **265** scholarships for the academic year of 2018-19. Featured below is one of our success stories from 2018.



Ancilin, Fatima Home  
Graduate of 2018

Almost I have completed my degree course and ready to join a good job. I am willing to ready to help the poor children like me. Hope God will give enough strength and health. God is with you and keep you good health and mind. I am begging you Uncle & Aunty won't stop to help other children like me. You are creating healthy world.

Thank you !

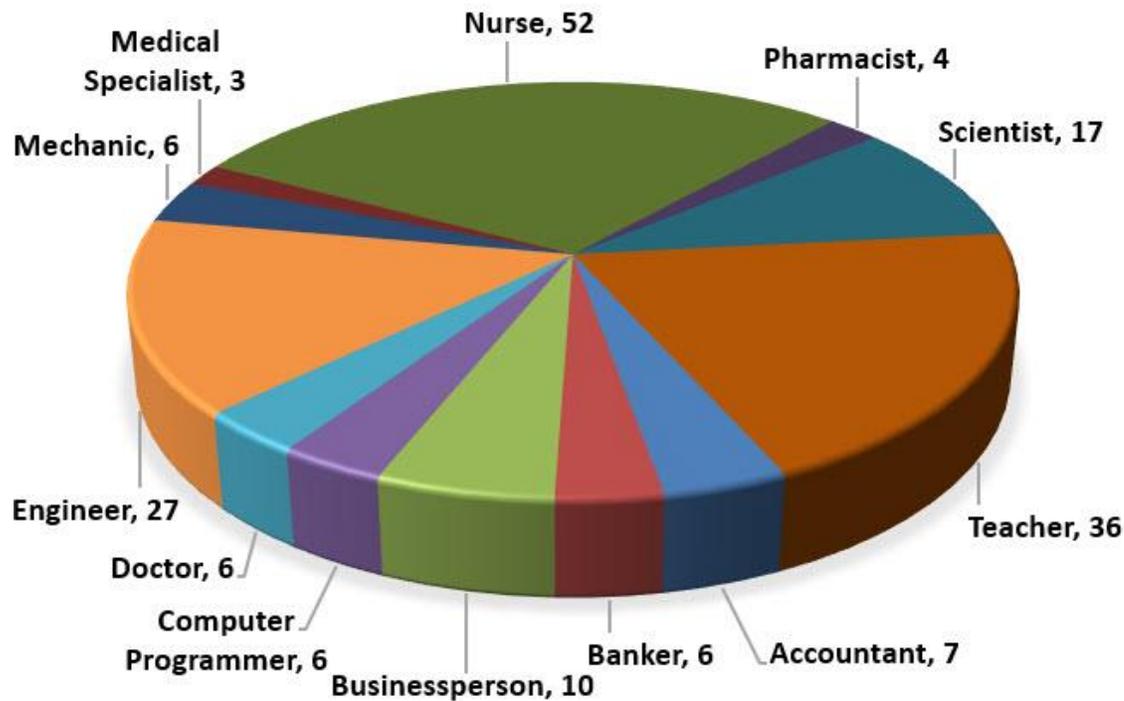
Your loving son  
Ancilin Thoma

Ancilin graduated in 2018 after studying the hospitality industry, specifically catering technology. As a semi-orphan, Ancilin would not have had the support or opportunity to receive this education without the help of his World's Children sponsors.

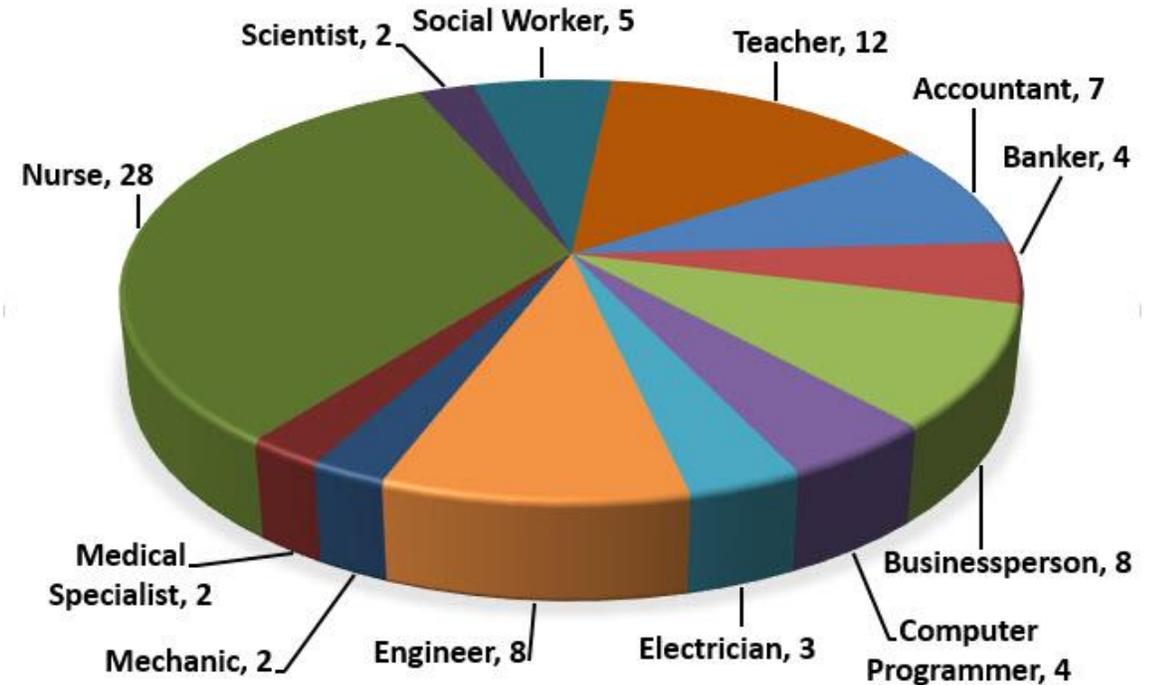
# 2018 SCHOLARSHIPS FACTS AND FIGURES

265 students received scholarships for the 2018-19 academic year. See fields of study for graduating students (left) and continuing students (right).

180 World's Children 2018-19 Scholarship Students are Continuing. Here are the Careers they are Working Toward:



85 World's Children 2018-19 Scholarship Students are Graduating. Here are the Fields they are Entering:



For more stats: <https://www.worldschildren.org/scholarship/>



# SPECIAL PROJECTS

**Special Projects** for children is our third area of funding. Our donors make the orphanages feel 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.

# 2018 SPECIAL PROJECTS IMPACT

220 Children now sleep in their own bed

207 Children have new or improved access to clean water

628 Children have access to new computers and electronic equipment

81 Children now bathe in warm water

173 Children have significant improvements to their home infrastructure

307 Children have improved kitchen and laundry equipment

195 Children have improved safety from mosquitos

124 Children have newer, safer playground equipment

628 Children have improved home security

305 Children have improved study facilities

330 Children have new or repaired toilets

19,781 children and adults have been educated about child trafficking

# PREVENTION OF CHILD TRAFFICKING PROJECT



In 2017 World's Children took on a new project: **Prevention of Child Trafficking**. We were 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 get young women they can sell to brothels. In one year alone 126 girls were missing from this area. WC agreed to fund a three-year Prevention of Child Trafficking project they have started.

**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 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.

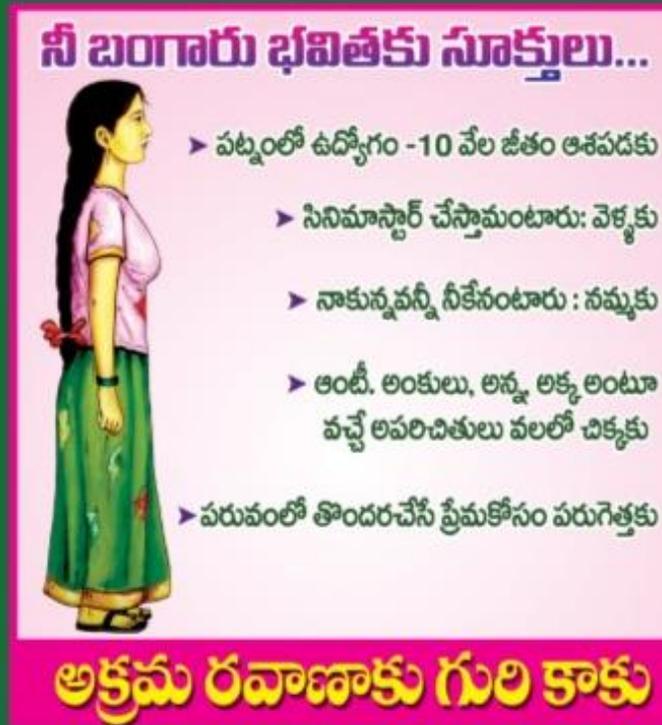
# PREVENTION OF CHILD TRAFFICKING POSTERS

## Posters provide graphic warnings about child trafficking

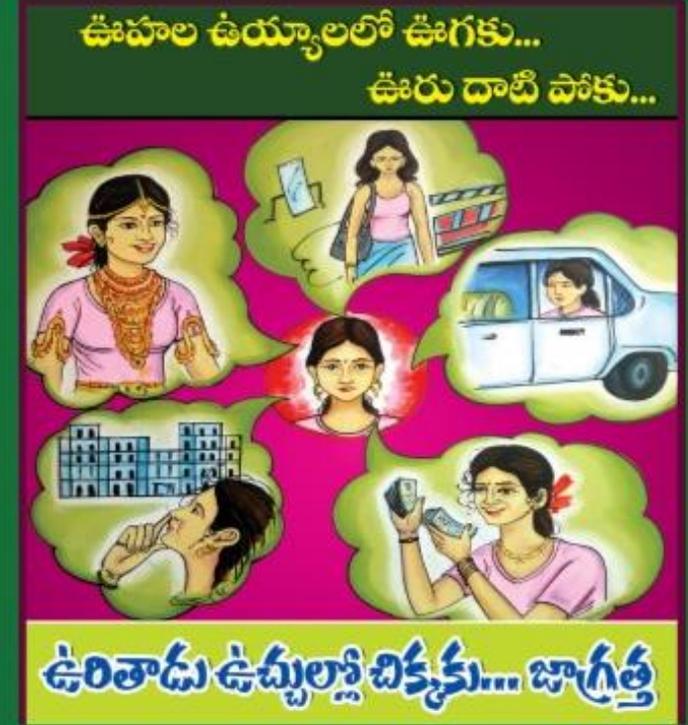
The Sisters feature colorful lessons about how to prevent child trafficking with posters. Each of the three posters works to educate young women, the most common victims of child traffickers.



“Girls, you can become your own superhero”



“Don't believe false promises of wealth and fame”



“Don't be Tempted”

# KERALA FLOOD RELIEF



Photo by CNN



Photo by CNN



Photo by CNN

In July and August of 2018, a severe flood affected the Indian state of Kerala due to unusually high rainfall during the monsoon season. It was one of Kerala's worst floods in nearly a century; over 350 people died within a fortnight, while at least 661,000 were displaced and all 14 districts of the state were placed on high alert.

Upon hearing about the devastation from our administrators, World's Children raised funds to provide some relief for victims. Bed spreads, blankets, hygiene products, clothing, packed food, towels, plastic storage containers with lids and medical aids were given to families in the area.

# HAPPY HOME- NEW DORMITORY & STUDY HALL



## BEFORE & DURING:

Constructing a third floor girls' dorm for Happy Home was the largest project we took on last year. The children were living and sleeping in an unsuitable environment, so World's Children donors decided to step up to the plate and tackle this huge project. The outcome was incredible...



# HAPPY HOME- NEW DORMITORY & STUDY HALL

Now the girls live, play and study safely in their beautiful new dormitory.



# NAMBIKKAI ILLAM- COMPOUND WALL

“Our children are very happy and feel safe. Earlier they were scared to come out in the evening to go to the restroom since there was no compound wall. At the same time not only children we too were scared about the thief and the dangerous insects and creatures like snakes and scorpions which are coming from outside the campus. We have no words to thank you for your kind help.”

-Sister Brigit



# METHODIST HOME- COTS, BEDS & LINENS

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**



“All through these years our boys in the hostel were sleeping on the hard ground (stone floor) with one carpet and a single bedsheet with severe low temperatures during the winter season... Now this great help of yours has changed all the children’s lived to a much better level of comfort and warmth. The boys are all so excited and enjoying their sleep.”

-Administrator Pearl Sunder Raj

# METHODIST HOME- BOYS' TOILET REPAIRS



“Due to lack of proper amenities, our children suffered a lot to relieve themselves. Now we got them repaired and made them good and comfortable to use.”

-Administrator Pearl Sunder Raj



# AMALA RAKKINI SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND- WATER FILTER SYSTEM



“Children are able to have their fill and we have no fear of sickness due to water. Since the water facility is in the school campus itself, the visually challenged children need not wander for water. Rather easily, they can drink and save their time. The mentally ill people who are on this campus also get benefitted by the drinking water facility.”

-Reverend Bro. J. Leveil

# ASSUNTA ASHA NILAYAM- WALLS/ROOF REPAIR

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**



“It is because of your generous contribution today our building is protected by rain. It will not sink rain water into the walls. Building is well protected by covering terrace. We are having open place to play indoor games to practice yoga and also to study. We have enough place to dry clothes. We will not have any problems to dry our children’s clothes this rainy season.”

-Sister Rosemary

# ATHIPET GIRLS' HOME- BEDS & MOSQUITO NETS

**BEFORE:**



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“During the rainy season and winter, our children sleep on the floor with only the support of a rope mat.”

-Sister Elizabeth Rani

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Thanks to WC Donors, the children now sleep on beds, and are protected from mosquito borne illnesses by nets around the windows.

**AFTER:**



# SACRED HEART COLLEGE OF NURSING-TABLES & CHAIRS



“Past years, the girls struggled more to do their record and reading work. Some of the girls felt back pain for uncomfortable position on the floor. Now, they are very excited to have this amazing furniture for them.”

-Sister Anto Suji

# SHERMAN GIRLS' HOSTEL- BUNKBEDS, SHEETS & PILLOWS



Until recently, the children at Sherman Girls' Hostel were sleeping on the floor of the prayer room and dining room in the hostel. World's Children was able to allocate enough funds for the administrators to purchase bunkbeds, mattresses, and bedsheets.



# SHERMAN GIRLS' HOSTEL- REFRIGERATOR



“The door of the refrigerator got spoiled and rats are entering the fridge, spoiling vegetables and food items. I wanted to repair and use it again but the mechanic told that it is not possible to repair the door. So, we are urgently in need of a fridge”

-Ms. Sujalatha John, Superintendent

The girls now have a brand new refrigerator that will keep their food safe from rats and spoilage.

# NIRMALA MATHA- COTS, MATTRESSES, SHEETS, PILLOWS & MOSQUITO NETS

**BEFORE:**



“Girl children are very happy to have this good opportunity and feel safe to stay here. In the past our kids are struggled more for inconvenient sleep materials like bed spread, pillows and mattress. Now they stay here free from contagious disease.”

-Sister Lumina

**AFTER:**



# KARUNYA CARE- BATHROOM RENOVATION

“We had four bathrooms near the compound which were old and in bad condition. The toilets did not have strong foundation and were very small and often there was block and children found hard to manage. After your generous contribution we have constructed the new toilets. The above problems were eliminated and have got good toilets.”

-Sister Arokya Mary

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**



# BALAVIKASITA- SOLAR WATER HEATERS

“We have been praying and waiting the last 6 years to provide this hot water bathing facility for girls and boys. You have relieved us of the greatest guilt of not being able to provide the children with hot water bathing facility all these years.”

-Uttam and Shoba, Balavikasita Sadan Administrators



# BALAVIKASITA- LOCKERS FOR CHILDREN

**BEFORE:**



“All the girls and boys are so happy to have their safety lockers, because they can now keep their things secured. Each child is given a separate locker so that they can have their personal belongings kept under lock and key.”

-Uttam & Shoba,  
Balavikasita Sadan Orphanage  
Administrators

**AFTER:**



# BALAVIKASITA- PHOTO COPIER



We were able to provide Balavikasita Orphanage a photo copier in order to help the children with their homework and college assignments. Office work has also been much easier for the administrators.

# BALAVIKASITA- STEEL GRILL DOORS



WC donors were able to purchase these steel grill doors for the boys' dorm at Balavikasita Sadan Orphanage. The doors have provided the children with additional safety and comfort, making the environment more worry-free for everyone.

# SHANTHI NILAYAM- SOLAR STREETLIGHTS

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**



Shanthi Nilayam Orphanage is in a rural location surrounded by fields. Those living in the home were unable to leave after sunset, due to the threat of unseen poisonous creatures, such as snakes and scorpions. Solar street lights have enabled the home to keep electricity costs down while ensuring the safety of the children.

# PANDRAVEDU- 30 COTS, MATTRESSES, SHEETS & PILLOWS

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**

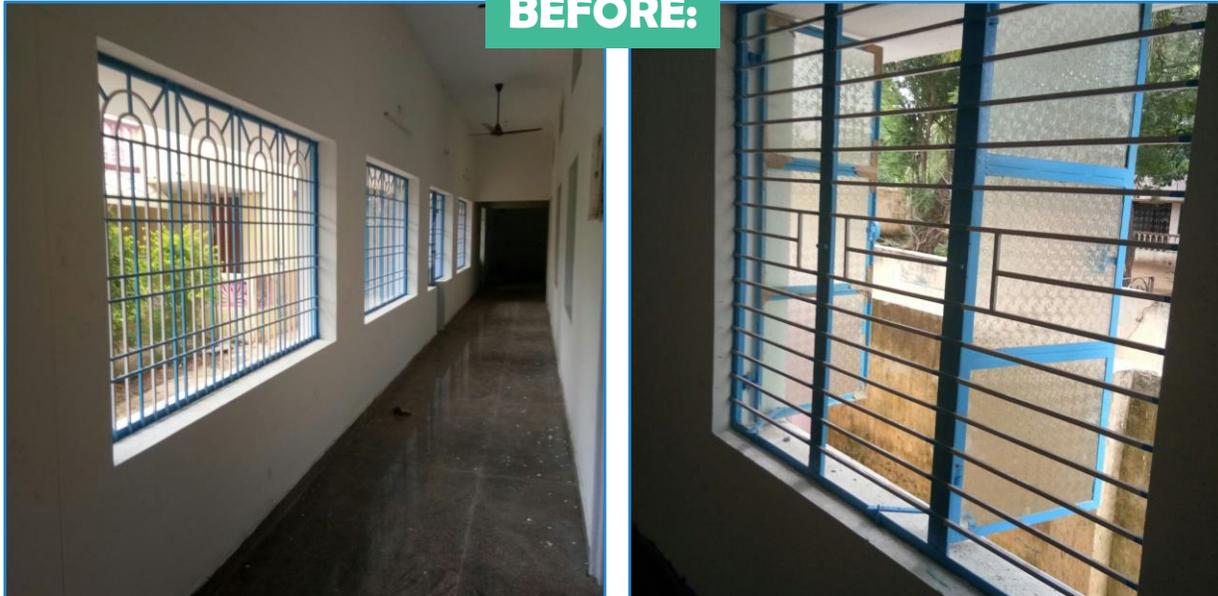


The children at Pandravedu now each have comfortable beds to call their own, rather than sharing blankets on the floor.

# PANDRAVEDU- MOSQUITO NETS

World's Children donors provided mosquito screens for the windows in the dormitory to protect the children from mosquito borne diseases and illnesses

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**



# BRIDGE OF HOPE- WASHING MACHINES

“Thank you very much for extending your gracious hands and enabled us to lessen the burden of the great women who have been washing children’s cloth by hand for many years. It had been very daunting task for years. Now these women are giving more time to love on the children instead of spending too much time on washing cloth.”

-TSION Alemayehu,  
Country Representative



# ST. ELIZABETH'S- BATHROOM REPAIR

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**



“We and the children are very happy to see the wonderful and beautiful toilets. The dirty water was coming through the damaged pipes and through the windows snakes were entering in. Now there is safety for children. They are saved for hygiene and cleanliness.”

-Sister Catherine

# ST.ANTHONY'S- COMPUTERS & PRINTER



**These computers are providing a lot to our children's education. Our college students use it every day for taking notes and references from online... Our small children are using it for learning computer operation so every child is getting a lot of benefits from these computers.**

**-Sister Anne**

# ST. JOSEPH'S- WATER FILTER

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**



We and our loving and kind children are very much grateful to you. Whenever they are drinking water they are thinking of you both with their heartfelt thanks and love. So thank you so... much!

-Sister Rosaline

# METHODIST GIRLS' HOSTEL-WASHING MACHINE



Previously, the girls were sharing buckets in a crowded space to get their laundry done on the weekends. The addition of a washing machine in the home has been life changing for the children.

# ST. ELIZABETH'S- NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**



“They are enjoying and love to play on them. It is so nice to see them happily moving around from one to the other.”

-Sister Catherine

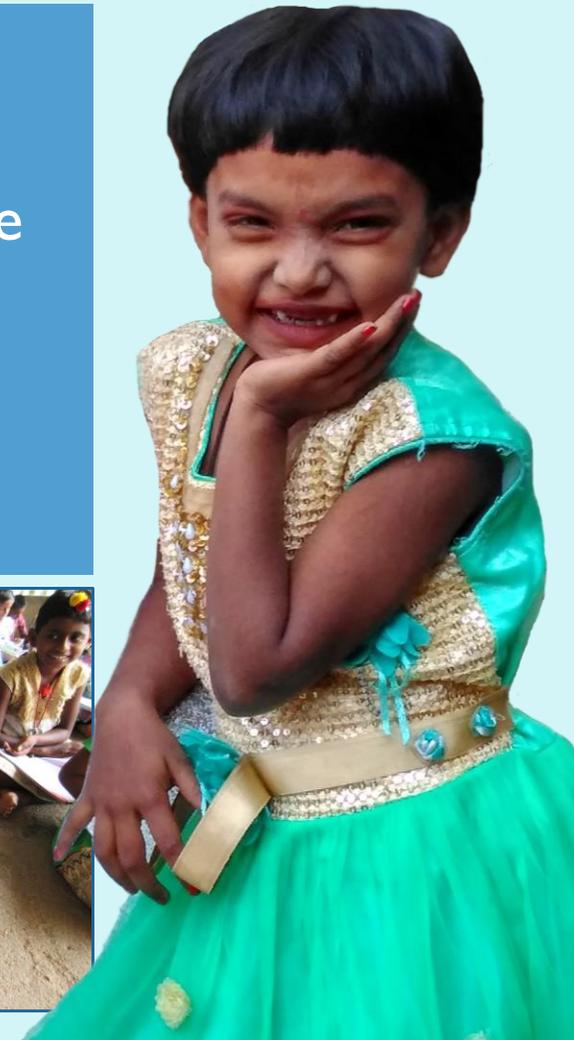
## ADDITIONAL PROJECTS COMPLETED, NOT PICTURED:

- Karunya Care- Library
- Lucile Colony- Sewing Machines
- Raichur Girls' Home- Bedroom Pedestal Fans
- Raichur Girls' Home- Children's Learning Computer
- St. Mary's Orphanage- New Computers
- Sr. Seline's- New Refrigerator
- Sherman Girls' Hostel- New Gas Connection
- St. Joseph's Home for Children- TV & DVD Player
- Nambikkai Illam- New Computer
- St. Anthony's- Study Hall Ceiling Fans
- St. Anthony's- CCTV Security Cameras
- Bridge of Hope- Bread Machine
- Sherman Girls' Hostel- Borewell



# LOOKING FORWARD TO MANY MORE YEARS TO COME!

- World's Children has funded 22 projects in 2019 so far.
- The Prevention of Child Trafficking Project continues and we are getting some great updates to share with you.
- We are in the process of funding as many scholarships and sponsorships as we can.



# 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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