



ANNUAL REPORT 2019

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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Forward



Dear Friends and Supporters,

Some of you know that I have been visiting the orphanages supported by World's Children for the past 15 years. Even before I became the executive director of WC, I made numerous visits to the homes while I lived in India from 2003 to 2008.

There were two things that always struck me during those visits. First, was the incredible love that the homes' administrators poured into the kids. They weren't doing what they were doing because of the pay – most of them were Catholic nuns, and we know they are paid very little. **No, they were doing it out of love and I could see that love reflected in the smiling faces of the children I met during my visits.**

The second thing that struck me with almost every visit was more sobering. I was appalled at the deteriorating conditions at almost every home. Roofs were leaking; electrical wiring was frayed and hanging within reach of children; there were no beds and no mosquito nets; screens on doors and window (if there even were any) were rusted out; toilets were located outside the dormitories where the children would have to go in the dark of night, and those toilets were unlit with moldy, crumbling ceilings and walls; children invariably slept on thin, straw mats on the floor; ate their meals sitting cross-legged on the floor; and did their homework each night sitting on the floor. That was just the basics of their living conditions.

There also was no playground equipment, no sports items or board games, no recreational books to read, no television sets. The girls played jacks with small stones and jumped rope with whatever frayed rope or cord they could find. The boys played cricket with broken tree limbs and wadded up clothing for a ball. I couldn't blame the administrators for the conditions I observed. They barely had enough funds to feed, clothe and educate the children. The sponsorship funds they received from World's Children would only stretch so far.

So when I became the new WWC executive director in 2009, one of the first things I did was to start a fundraising campaign to improve the conditions in the homes. We called it our Annual Campaign. We wondered that first year if our sponsors would respond. Boy, did you ever! And you have continued to do so every year since.

The infrastructure in the homes is so much better now. And the smiles on the faces of the children so much broader. All because of you. **As you read through our Annual Report for 2019, look at the faces of the children.** I said in the beginning of this letter, that many years ago I saw the love of the children's caretakers reflected in the kids' faces. Now you can see something else in their faces: you can see that they are truly happy, living in facilities that are more like a home than an institution. That is thanks to so many of you who decided to give a little more in addition to your monthly sponsorship gifts. I hope you enjoy seeing the fruits of your kindness.

With loving thanks,



David Purviance
Executive Director

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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.

OUR MISSION

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

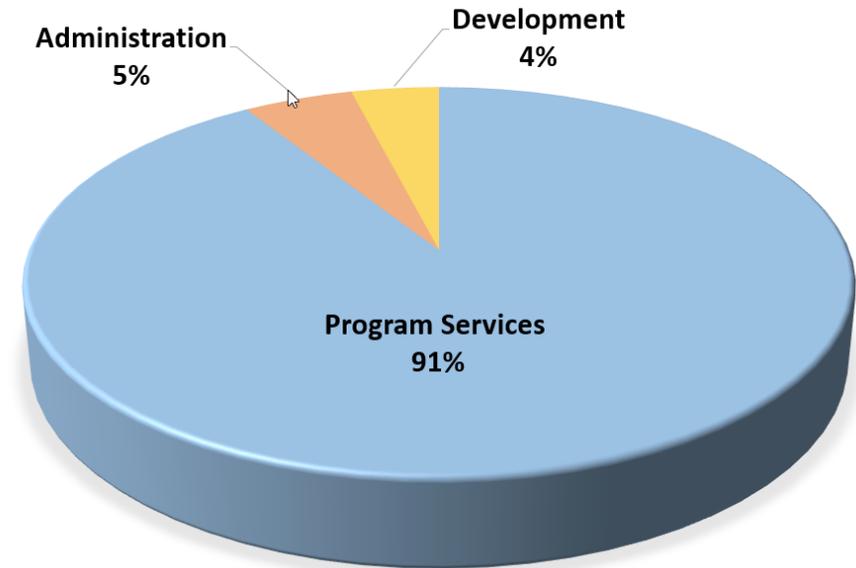


World's Children has cared for orphans and vulnerable children around the world since 1965. We assist the most desperate children—orphans, unwanted girls, abandoned or abused children, and children with HIV/AIDS. World's children has three primary programs: Sponsorships, Scholarships and Special Projects.

2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

2019 Activities

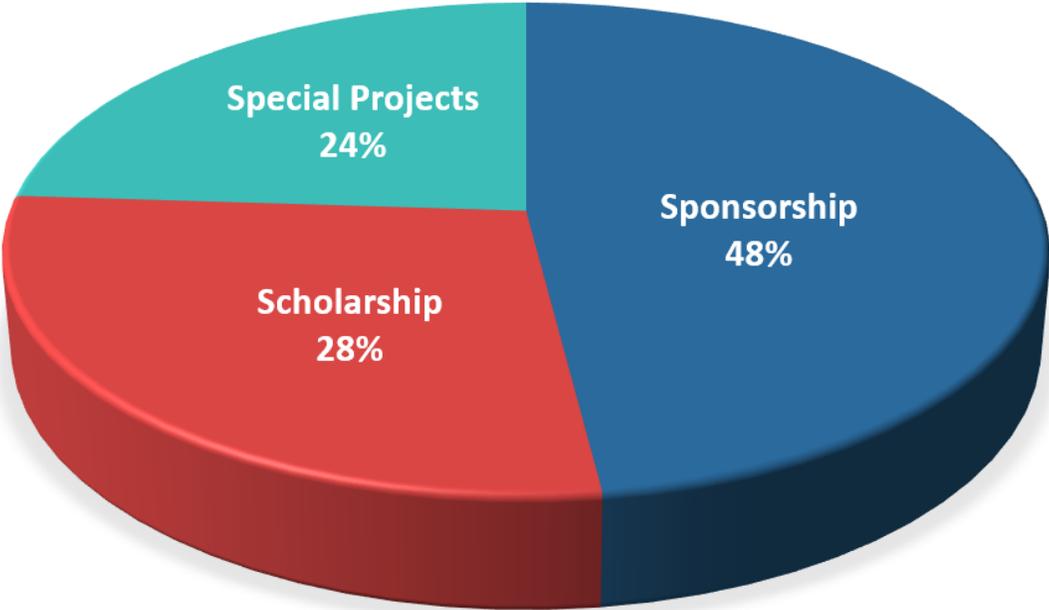
2019 Total Revenue	\$949,661
2019 Total Expenditures	\$799,677
2019 Total Overseas Support	\$510,114
2019 Net Assets (including WC Endowment Fund: \$237,643)	\$888,876



Program Services	\$729,435
Administration	\$42,926
Development	\$27,316
2019 Total Expenditures	\$799,677

2019 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW CONTINUED

2019 Grants



Sponsorship	\$244,298
Scholarship	\$143,810
Special Projects	\$122,006
2019 Total Overseas Support	\$510,114

OVERVIEW OF OUR WORK

Breaking it Down

With your help, we are bettering the lives of children through three programs:

SPONSORSHIPS

SCHOLARSHIPS

SPECIAL PROJECTS

World's Children Staff



David Purviance,
Executive Director



Andy Gillihan,
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Jean Purviance, Finance and
Communications Director



Stephanie Welbourn,
Operations Coordinator

WHERE WE WORK

We currently support children in 32 orphanages and two nursing colleges in three countries: India, Guatemala and Ethiopia. Five of those orphanages are for children affected by HIV/AIDS. We have about 700 sponsors and donors in almost every state and many international countries sponsored approximately 930 children in 2019. We also have a college scholarship program for underprivileged young people – primarily serving young women in India.



India



Guatemala



Ethiopia

2019 PROGRAM IMPACT SUMMARY



700 sponsors and donors contributed to WC programs.



30 projects were funded to improve the children's homes in 2019.



927 children were sponsored in 2019.



276 students received scholarships for the 2019-20 academic year.



32 homes (housing >3,000 children) received direct support in the form of sponsorship and/or project funding.



151,000 people in 48 villages were educated about child trafficking in India and how to prevent it over the course of a three year project.

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.



This is the closing of a letter that Abisha from Happy Home for Children sent to her sponsors.

Thanks a lot for all your love concern and all the support in educating me and help me reach my goal. It provides me a lot of happiness and sense of security and belongingness. You are the role model of me. I shall become like you one day and construct the life of many other poor children like me who are left in the Home^{of} their own people. Every day I think of it and thank you and thank my God who have given to me as my sponsor.

Your loving child
Abisha



In addition to drawings and letters, sponsors receive yearly progress reports about their child. Sai (whose nickname is Honey) lives at Assunta Asha Nilayam Home. She earned a great 4th grade progress report in 2019.



World's Children 2019 Progress Report

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

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

Home name: Assunta Asha Nilayam

Year/class just completed (2018-2019): 4th Year/class now entering (2019-2020): 5th

Favorite subject(s): Telugu

Subject(s) most improved: Maths

Subject(s) needing improvement: English

Learning attitude: Excellent

Favorite leisure activities: Playing with toys ,slider and swing.

Special interests: Playing

How does the child interact with others? She talks with few whom she feels comfortable

Health condition this year: Good

First language spoken: Telugu

Language used in school: Telugu

Classes or subjects taken	Grades or exam marks	Passed or failed
<u>Telugu</u>	<u>A+</u>	<u>passed</u>
<u>English</u>	<u>A+</u>	<u>passed</u>
<u>Maths</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>passed</u>
<u>Science</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Passed</u>
<u>Grade</u>	<u>A+</u>	<u>Passed</u>

Home administrator's detailed evaluation of the child:

Honey is doing well, she is healthy. She is intelligent. She is the class leader. She Studies well, actively participates in all the activities. She is sociable, loving, and friendly with all the children. She is happy child. She likes to share all that happen in the school.

Name of administrator: Sr.Rosemary Pothireddy Date: 21.6.2019



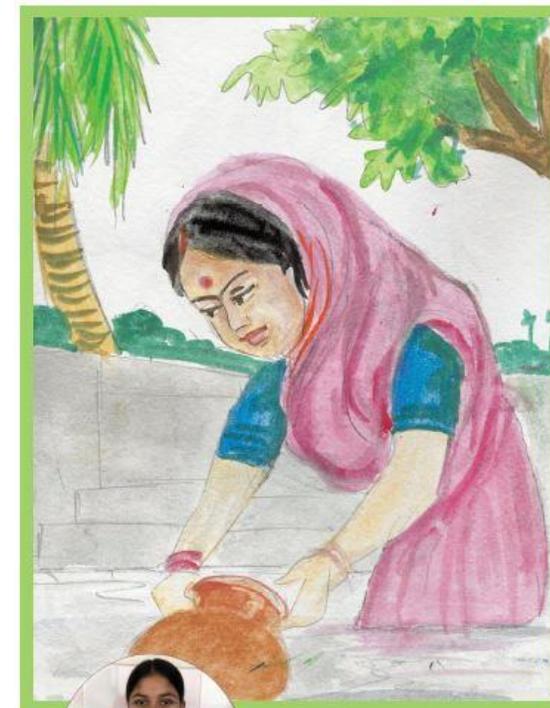
Sponsors also receive drawings like this one made by Chand who lives at Shanthi Nilayam Home. Chand has been sponsored for eight years.

ART FROM THE HEART



Poomari

Balavikasita Sadan



Ropa

Sherman Girls' Hostel

Every year we receive hundreds of hand-made art pieces from the 30 orphanages we support, which we then forward to the sponsors. When we see a particularly moving drawing, we scan it and save it. World's Children publicly exhibited this art for the first time in 2019 at the Sisters, Oregon Fourth Friday Art Walk.

MONTHLY BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

In addition to funding sponsorship, World's Children provides an additional amount to celebrate birthdays. Every month, each home has a birthday party for all the children born in that month.

The kids eat cake, receive gifts that all the children can share—like soccer balls and games. They also have time to play with their friends.

These parties bring a great amount of joy to all the children, thanks to the generosity of WC donors who give a little bit extra to create these fun occasions.





“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

SCHOLARSHIPS

Successful Outcomes

World's Children aims for successful outcomes through our scholarship program for disadvantaged young men and women in India. In 2019, World's Children provided scholarships for 276 students for a total amount of \$143,810.00 in aid. This includes children who come up through our sponsorship program and other needy students at two nursing colleges where we support the most vulnerable students.

Please read the following heartfelt letter from Deepa, a WC scholarship recipient and recent graduate.

Scholarships at a glance

276 Scholarships

198 Students are continuing

81 Students graduated

Degrees received

Nursing, Engineering,
Banking, Accounting,
Computer Technology,
Teaching and Vocational Training

Featured Scholarship Student



“Many people mocked us (three sisters) and told us that we are girls and cannot make our father proud but we already proved all of them wrong as we moved on successfully. My father is struggling hard for us to get educated. He is unable to pay for the loans he took for our college studies. My father hides his pain, but we understand him. I want to repay him for every drop of his sweat, for every pain he undergoes for us, and for every bit of his hard work and prove to everyone that girls are not less than boys. I and my family will always be thankful for your support.”

– Deepa, Chartered Accountant ,WC Scholarship 2020 Graduate
(Deepa’s sister Delcy is also receiving a scholarship and Delphina has applied.)

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.

2019 SPECIAL PROJECTS IMPACT

30 Children now sleep in their own bed

658 Children have new or improved access to clean water

296 Girls are now able to bathe in privacy

131 Children now bathe in warm water

444 Children now have tables and chairs for doing their schoolwork

325 Children have improved kitchen and laundry equipment

50 Children have improved safety from mosquitos

261 Girls have a new safe dormitory

380 Children have back-up lighting for safety when the power is out

71 Children have improved toilets and hand-washing stations

123 Children have a new covered area for playing and doing homework

94 Children have new tables and chairs for eating their meals

PREVENTION OF CHILD TRAFFICKING PROGRAM



The Prevention of Child Trafficking Program began in April 2017 and ends April 2020. A group of nuns we have worked with for several decades asked us to provide funding for a three-year project to help end child trafficking in a vulnerable part of India where they work. In one year alone, 126 girls went missing from this area.

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

This project has proven to be highly successful. The sisters and their team have educated approximately 151,000 people in 48 villages about the tricks traffickers use.

Continuing the Program: The cost of the three-year project was \$52,097. The sisters have given us a proposal to continue the program for another three years, targeting several other vulnerable communities. With your help, we intend to continue this crucial effort.



PREVENTION OF CHILD TRAFFICKING POSTERS

Posters providing graphic warnings about child trafficking were placed in public areas in the villages.



“Girls, you can become your own superhero”



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



“Don't be Tempted”

THE GIRL FUND



The Girl fund promotes Health and Empowerment for adolescent girls. This program has been in operation at Balavikasita Orphanage since October 2016 under the direction of Shobha Rani.

Educating girls can change the world, but first we need to make sure they don't miss school for lack of the necessities needed for self-care.

Extra funding provides hygiene products, supplements, added nutrition, medical care, education about puberty and empowerment.

In addition, the Balavikasita team provides life skills sessions to boost the girls' emotional strength, mental toughness and maturity. The girls are encouraged to feel confident in voicing problems that they experience in everyday life. 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, says Shobha.

When funding permits, we hope to expand this successful program to more orphanages.

BETHEL ORPHANAGE HANDWASHING STATIONS AND TOILET RENOVATION

“All the boys are so happy and excited about the sanitary improvements made for their use. It is all made possible by the providence of God shown through you. We do appreciate your kindness and sacrifice.”

— Sister Mary Imelda,
Bethel Orphanage Administrator



PRIVATE BATHING ROOMS FOR GIRLS AT FATIMA HOME



The girls at Fatima Home used to take baths in a common area, which created many health issues for the girls. Stomach pains, headaches, vomiting, fevers and diarrhea became common. The girls were in desperate need of a private bathroom and bathing area, and World's Children donors provided this solution.

SOLAR WATER HEATER AT SISTER SELINE'S MEMORIAL HOME FOR CHILDREN



World's Children donors gave these children the gift of hot water for bathing.

12 PRIVATE BATHING ROOMS FOR GIRLS AT NIRMALA MATHA



“Our elder girls are at the peak of joy to get these facilities. Because they have undergone so much struggle in life, they have never dreamt that they would experience such a joyful life. Your kindness is a great blessing to them and to us, and we are all touched by it.” –Sister Lumina, Nirmala Matha Administrator

DOOR AND WINDOW REPAIRS AT RAICHUR GIRLS' HOME

The broken screens on windows and doors at Raichur Girls' Home posed a serious safety threat and a health threat. The entrance was not secure and therefore the children were unprotected against snakes, scorpions and bugs that could creep in during the night.



Now, with new screens on windows and doors, the children can sleep safely without worrying.

DINING TABLES AND CHAIRS AT BALAVIKASITA



Every child should have a comfortable place to enjoy their meals. World's Children donors provided funding so that every child at Balavikasita Sadan would have clean and rust-free tables and seats for eating.

NEW BUNKBEDS AT PANDARAVEDU CHILDREN'S HOME



The 15 new bunkbeds at Pandaravedu provide 30 children with the opportunity to sleep in beds rather than on the floor.

50 TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR STUDENTS AT SACRED HEART NURSING COLLEGE



The environment in which students study has a huge impact on their success. The students at Sacred Heart Nursing College no longer have to worry about back pains or distractions that come from sitting on the floor. They can focus on getting the most out of their education. In 2018, World's Children donors provided tables and chairs for the third and fourth year students. In 2019, donors provided chairs and tables for the first and second year students as well.

25 BENCHES AND DESKS FOR ATHIPET HOME



“The children feel good and comfortable to do their daily homework like writing records and reading books. After getting the benches and desks the girls do their project work with much interest. Saying thank you hardly seems good enough after all the good things you have done for our children through your vast generosity.”

—Sister Elizabeth Rani, Athipet Home Administrator

PROTECTIVE ROOF OVER TERRACE AT LITTLE FLOWER HOME



“You really put a broad smile upon the faces of our children in which they joyfully running over the terrace for their day to day personal work. It’s very useful to our children to dry their cloths and cultural practice and to protect our building from heat, rain, and other useful purposes. We are very grateful to you for your constant support to our home.” – Sister Anjala, Little Flower Home for Children

TILTING WET GRINDER AT LITTLE FLOWER HOME



“Your timely and significant act of providing a wet grinder machine to our home is so helpful to provide tasty and healthy food to our children. Children feel so fortunate and cared because of the good food. Thank you once again for your generous and continuous support.”

—Sister Mary Victoria,
Little Flower Administrator



A wet grinder is an industrial machine used for grinding scraped coconut, lentils, soaked grains into a fine paste or batter. In Indian cuisine, the paste or batter is used to make medu vada, idlis, and dosas, as well as masala and chutney.

KITCHEN POTS AND EQUIPMENT FOR BALAVIKASITA SADAN

Uttam asked, “We have been finding it hard to cook and serve the children without these cooking essentials specially in the wake of having two homes. Now, we have to divide all the kitchen items we had between the two homes. So we hope you will support us in this.” When donors heard this needful request, they fulfilled it.



SUMP AND WATER STORAGE TANK FOR ASSUNTA ASHA NILAYAM



“This is an immuno-compromised children’s home for orphans. Our capacity is 35 and at present there are 31 children and four staff members. Our sump and water storage tank was in bad shape and we requested support. Thank you so much for responding to the needs of these children. Now we have a clean big sump and water storage tank. I express my heartfelt thanks to you.” – Sister Rosemary

EMERGENCY CCTV FOR SISTER SELINE'S MEMORIAL HOME FOR CHILDREN

We received this pressing request for immediate funding for a closed circuit television security system.



“I would like to inform you about an urgent policy of the Government of Andhra Pradesh. Installation of CC TV Camera at prominent locations of the home and back- up (DVR) of it to be maintained for 90 days.They demand us to comply with this policy within 15 days.”
–Sister Nirmala

World’s Children, through our Greatest Need Fund that is generously supported by donors was able to provide this CCTV immediately and meet the urgency of the situation.

Sister Nirmala went on to say, “Every three months the Child Welfare Committee visits our hostel. All of them had approved our hostel for providing good diet of nutrition, hygiene and discipline.”

SOLAR BATTERIES FOR SWADHAR HOME FOR CHILDREN



Swadhar requested solar batteries because they frequently face power outage problems. World's Children donors provided these solar batteries.

“Thank you so much for the kind support for the solar batteries. Children and all of us are so happy for the supply of batteries.”

—Sister Suseela

GIRLS DORM AND DINING HALL FOR NAMBIKKAI ILLAM—FIRST INSTALLMENT

Before



Sister Amutha asked WC to help them with the construction of a dormitory and dining hall for the orphans, semi-orphans, deserted and neglected street children they serve at their children's home in Tamil Nadu, India.

GIRLS DORM AND DINING HALL FOR NAMBIKKAI ILLAM CONTINUED

The Problem



“Our children were living in a 40 years old and damaged building. The ceiling of the roof started to fall and walls were cracked. We were afraid to allow the girls to use and sleep inside the rooms.

Our government sealed this old building and demanded us to demolish it soon. Due to the warning of our state government we have demolished it.

Our children have no place for sleeping and eating their food. At present, the children are sleeping in a single room with insufficient space. Sometimes the communicable disease threatens us. If they become ill, they need privacy and comfort but now the sick kids are staying in a common room with the other children.

The children are sitting on the veranda and for their daily meals. Most of the time when our children are having their meals the wind blows and dust fills their plates. During rainy season it's impossible for them to sit outside on the floor since the whole place will be filled with water.” – Sister Stella

GIRLS DORM AND DINING HALL FOR NAMBIKKAI ILLAM CONTINUED

The Solution

Thanks to World's Children donors, construction of a much-needed new dormitory and dining hall is now underway.



MORE PROJECTS FUNDED IN 2019

Not Featured

- Repairs and new tires for Jeep at Raichur Methodist Girls' Hostel
- Borewell at Nithya Sahaya Matha
- Surgery for Mrs. Sheeba at Fatima

In Progress

- 35KV diesel generator for Sacred Heart Nursing College
- Laptop, projector and screen for 127 children at Little Flower Home for Children
- Battery-powered lights and water purifier for Raichur Methodist Girls' Hostel
- Water Heater for Miriam Boarding Home
- Camera for Nambikkai Illam
- Refrigerator for Nithya Sahaya Matha Hostel
- Borewell for Pandaravedu Orphanage
- Borewell for Sacred Heart College of Nursing
- Solar lights for Sacred Heart College of Nursing



STATE OF THE CHILDREN

In 2019, Executive Director David Purviance and Andy Gillihan Operations Director visited 23 orphanages in India supported by World's Children. Andy also traveled to Ethiopia to visit Bridge of Hope Orphanage that is also supported by WC. The purpose of the journeys was threefold:

1. To evaluate every project that WC donors have funded over the past five years to see what other projects are needed to make the children safer and healthier.
2. To meet with the administrators of each home to explain standards for sponsorship support and to check that the children are receiving the proper care they need.
3. To spend considerable time at each home just being with the children—to ask them if they are happy, if they are treated well, and if they need anything they are not getting.



David and Andy meet with administrators during a visit to Karunya Care and Support Center in India.



While Andy was in India, he spent time at each home talking with the scholarship students.



While they were in India, you can see that David and Andy had fun with the kids as well as taking care of business.

ANDY MET THE KIDS AND CARETAKERS AT BRIDGE OF HOPE IN ETHIOPIA



LOOKING FORWARD



- So far in 2020, World's Children has funded 20 projects.
- The Prevention of Child Trafficking Project has been renewed for three more years and is moving into more villages in India.
- With your continued support, we will fund as many sponsorships, scholarships and special projects as possible.



HOW TO SUPPORT WORLD'S CHILDREN



Sponsor a child



Sponsor a home



Sponsor a scholarship student



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