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Dear Friends,

Lately you have seen the word “hero” in a lot of our correspondence with you. There’s a reason for that—we keep finding heroes in the most unexpected places. In our last newsletter, you read about Laura Sanchez in Mexico who was newly divorced, raising two children and working full-time as a school teacher. And then, from observing students in her classroom, she learned of children who had no parents to care for them. Laura took them into her own home. With this newsletter you are going to learn about more heroes that we have found.

Ukraine foster families take in war orphans

I think we are all very concerned about what is happening in Ukraine and our hearts go out to the tens of thousands of women and children who had to flee for their lives dragging just a single suitcase or backpack when war came to their villages and towns. But what you don’t read about in the news is what is happening to the hundreds of newly orphaned children in Ukraine who lost both mother and father and suddenly found themselves alone in the world.

World’s Children has contacted child welfare authorities in Uzhhorod, Ukraine to determine if we might help those children in some way. As you will read in the accompanying newsletter, Ukraine decided not to open new orphanages for these war orphans, but instead has asked families to take in up to ten children in something like a large foster family. We were told about several of these families and have contacted them, offering help that the Ukraine government just can’t provide. If you are so moved, you can sponsor a family in Ukraine that has taken orphaned children into their own home.

Caring for street children in Africa

And then there is Joseph Muthaura in Kenya, Africa. In 1996 Joseph began to notice more and more street children in the small town where he had grown up. Just like Laura Sanchez, he took three into his own home.

*When sanctuary is offered to
a few street children, word spreads quickly.*

As more and more showed up at his door, Joseph just kept taking in street children. Over the next 27 years Joseph would provide a home for 458 children. Today his orphanage, called Acts of Mercy, is home to 130 children. He has very little support and when we learned about him and made contact, he was overjoyed because finally someone discovered him and offered to help his mission caring for unwanted children. In the newsletter, be sure to read about heroes in Rwanda and Zambia.

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Heroes among us

You will also read in this newsletter the amazing success stories you helped create for college students who as kids growing up in an orphanage had nothing and now they have a career and a life path. You are a hero for those young people who took the helping hand you offered and became self-sufficient young women and men. There are others you will learn about in the newsletter also.

*Everyday people doing incredible things to
protect vulnerable children need our help.*

You've all heard the story of the father and daughter who were walking along the seashore. The young girl sees sand dollars along the beach that are quickly drying out and will soon die if not returned to the ocean. She picks up each one and tosses it into the surf. Her father, perhaps a bit agitated that their walk is slowing with every sand dollar, says: "Sweetheart, you can't save every single one of them." And as his daughter picks up and throws another sand dollar back into the ocean she says: "Maybe not, but I can save this one."

Isn't that the same for us? We know we can't save every child in the world, but together we can save this one, and this one, and that one. I hope as you read our newsletter you will decide that maybe you can save one more child, or one brave family. As I have written in my letters to many of you, not all the heroes are in Africa, India, Ukraine or Mexico. There are heroes in our own country who have offered their help to keep one child alive, one orphanage going, buy one bed for a child who was sleeping on the floor or help one student get through college. Thank you for all you do for the children who no longer have parents or a home. You are truly a hero to them.

With gratitude,



David Purviance
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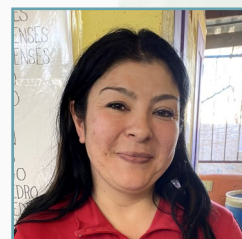
P.S. Please consider passing this newsletter along to someone you know. Maybe they would like to become a hero to a child in need.



Update—Casa Hogar Mexico



In the last newsletter we introduced you to Laura Sanchez and her family-style home for vulnerable children in Mexico. We asked you to help her with food security so she wouldn't have to worry about feeding the children. Forty people became recurring donors and 56 gave generous one-time donations. Thank You!



We have not met our goal of \$2,665/month but we are so close. To date we have raised \$2,022/month to cover Laura for at least one year.

In the photo on the left, several of the girls who live at Casa Hogar are putting together a colorful banner.

New—Helping Foster Families in Ukraine



WC is now supporting foster families in Ukraine like this one. Families are taking in up to 10 children who are orphaned from the war. We are also helping children in Internally Displaced People (IDP) camps—children like Karina.

Karina is 16. She writes: “We were forced to leave the city of Bakhmut in the Donetsk region because the war had started. Our house is destroyed. We arrived in Transcarpathia in May 2022. Twenty-four animals came with us. Dad works as a rescuer in the fire department. Dad stayed there to save people. I am very proud of my dad! In 2014, Dad was the first to go to save people in the city of Debaltsevo under shelling.

Dad is my hero. I played sports. In February 22, there was shelling and I was injured. I was in a cast on my leg for more than 2 months, the other leg was cut. The war destroyed all our plans and desires. My dream is to return home when the war ends. And now I plan to study to become a border guard. I also want to defend my country! I am finishing the 11th grade with flying colors.”—Karina

Find out how you can help a child like Karina. Read all the details on our website at:

www.worldschildren.org/projects/Ukraine

News from India and Ethiopia

India Scholarship Program 2022-23

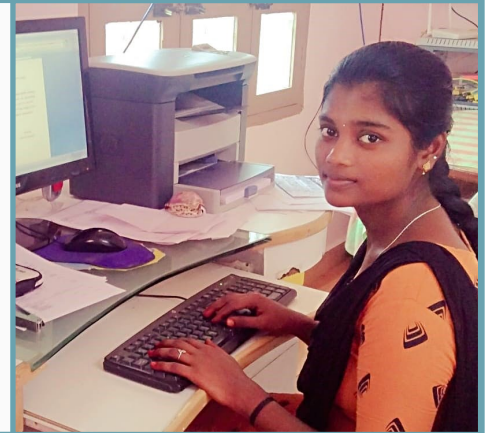
268 students received scholarships
75 are graduating in 2023

Fields of Study

Nursing, teaching, engineering, banking, business, computers, science, agriculture, pharmacy, and other medical fields

Kalai—Graduated with Master of Science in Computers

“It is my dream come true as there was no support from my family for my higher studies. My mentally challenged parents and drunkard brothers were not in the position to help me in any way. But, now with thanks to World’s Children, I finished the masters and I am working as an administrator in an institution called Mercy Home, which is the home for the mentally and physically challenged children and women. I teach in the school and also take care of the administration.” — Kalai



Projects are completed and underway —

Thanks to you, the 64 girls at Anna Vitiello Home for Children in India now have beds, mattresses, pillows and bedding (left).



Happy children at Bridge of Hope
send their greetings to you.



Children at Bridge of Hope are busy
working on their homework (left).

New — Zambia Home for Girls



Lloyd and Mable Bwino are heroes who rescue at-risk girls from the streets and bring them into their family-style home to care for them and be sure they get love and a good education. Our goal is to help them rent a larger home to take in more girls. You can now sponsor a girl like Helen or Mercy through World's Children.



Helen is 17 in the 9th grade and she speaks Bemba and English. She came to Zambia with her father as refugees from the Congo. A few years later her father passed away leaving Helen an orphan. Helen has been living from hand-outs and good Samaritans at her church.



Mercy is the eldest of three girls in her family. She is seven years old and in the third grade. Her father passed away and her mom sells vegetables in the market. With just a single mother, life is tough for this family. She can't manage to take them to school and they survive on generosity from their church.

New—Education Program in Rwanda

In Rwanda education is free, but children must have a uniform, and the proper school supplies, otherwise they will not be allowed to attend. Children in this region usually eat only one meal a day. Their parents work small plots of land for basic survival.

Children do not have access to books or computers. The only books they see are when they are at school. If children complete school, they can have a bright future, otherwise they will subsist as their parents have for generations.

Alexis Hakizimana started an education program because he attended a village school like the children that surround him in this photo. Getting an education motivated him to escape the poverty of his youth. He now holds a nursing degree from the University of Rwanda and a BA in agriculture from the U. of Nebraska. Alexis began to identify children who couldn't go to school because they lacked school supplies and he started helping the most needy attend school. He is their role model.



You can now sponsor the education of a child through the Rwanda Children's Education Fund.

New—Acts of Mercy Home in Kenya

“There are an estimated 250,000 children living on the streets in Kenya.” —NIH

Acts of Mercy Orphanage is a home for orphaned children in Kenya. This orphanage was founded by Joseph Muthaur (right) in January 1996.

It all began when Joseph took three street children into his home who were in desperate need of care. Since then, 458 children have lived in the orphanage and now are members of their community, leading successful lives. A volunteer who helped at the orphanage said:

“Joseph at Acts of Mercy Home is the greatest person I’ve ever met. He has devoted his whole life to these neglected, orphaned and sick children, and to this day he takes care of them. This place captures the heart.”
—Kasia, a volunteer

Currently the orphanage has 130 children—83 are girls and 47 are boys. Of those, 24 children are mentally and physically challenged, 13 are studying in college, 42 are in secondary school and 51 are in primary schools.

The children remain at this children’s home until they can support themselves as young adults. Before a child leaves the home, Joseph makes necessary arrangements so the child can be self-sufficient. The mentally challenged children stay in the children’s home for a long time.



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www.worldschildren.org/sponsor

You can learn more about all of the programs World’s Children offers. See more photos and descriptions of these exciting new programs and meet the kids who are being helped by heroes. Thank you for making life better for vulnerable children around the globe.

