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THE MIRACLE FOUNDATION

Empowering Orphans to Reach Their Full Potential

message from Caroline

Dear friends,

You are all amazing. Your creative ways of helping children are remarkable and inspired.

I love what I do. Not just because we're making a difference for the orphans we support - I love what I do mostly because of **YOU**. You're not involved with an organization like ours unless you're committed to making the world a better place. You're only reading this and helping if you think big and outside of yourself. To care for the stranger, the other, the ones that you aren't naturally responsible for, says so much about you. Thank you for taking a stand for children — you are a part of a beautiful solution that is altering history. You are making everyone's future better.

I love you for putting yourselves out there and giving up your hard-earned time and money to take care of little kids on the other side of the world, that you might not ever meet. I appreciate you for making them matter and becoming global parents to them. I am in awe of the way you keep them top of mind and the way you sacrifice for them. Here are some examples of what you have done to support the children:

- One family gave up their spring break trip and donated the money to the orphans instead. What a great lesson for your children!
- A single mother who couldn't feed her own children made a promise to God that if He would help her, she would pay it forward and give to the poor. He did, and she does!
- One donor was educated in a lonely, strict boarding school and knew what it felt like to have no one. He turned his pain into empathy and helps hundreds of orphaned children have a loving home.

All of you understand the reciprocity of giving. I tell people it is the highest form of selfishness because it feels so good to give.

Knowing you gives me courage. Together, we are changing the world and transforming the lives of children without parents. Thank you all for putting your best selves into this work. The children, and I, appreciate you so much.

Caroline Boudreau



Important Dates

Ambassador Reunion
Saturday, October 17, 2015
Austin, Texas
Invitations to follow

Holiday Open House
December 11, 2015



Above photos by Ambassador Lynne Dobson



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Sponsorship is Rewarding

For most Miracle Foundation sponsors, they say that what they get back from sponsorship is more than they give.

Amy Brees was one of our first sponsors, and says that it is such a small price to pay to change a child's life. "\$100 a month, we don't miss — and it makes such a huge difference to someone on the other side of the world."

For Amy, the most rewarding thing about sponsoring was going to India to meet the children personally. "It was so incredible to give them love and encouragement. Traveling to India changed my life; now I have been 3 times and want to go again. It is an incredible place, and working with The Miracle Foundation is something everyone should experience."



Amy Brees with one of the children at the beach

Sponsor **Billy Baker** had no idea about the global orphan crisis before becoming involved with The Miracle Foundation. When he realized we were treating the issue as a business would – identifying the problem and providing tools to improve the situation while rewarding improvement with additional support – he was sold.

"The entire process made sense to me, and I thought they had the potential to make a difference in people's lives. I

ORPHANAGE UPDATE

FUN-FILLED FIELD TRIPS

Did you know that part of donations fund exciting field trips for the kids?

Experiencing life outside their orphanage is a real treat. It expands their world and ensures they have a real, fun childhood.

These excursions can be a day trip to the beach, an amusement park, a museum, a temple - or even a sleepover at another orphanage!

The kids LOVE these field trips. They always talk about where they want to go next and know they always have a new adventure right around the corner. Thank you for giving them this great gift!

MUKTA AMBASSADORS CALLING SPONSORS

Sponsors are a real gift to us. To thank them and give them an idea what is happening on the ground, the 10 Ambassadors visiting the 46 smart, sweet, and silly girls at Mukta will be calling sponsors to thank them for their support and share fun stories from the trip.



Sponsors, if you see a long phone number pop up on your phone sometime this month, it may be an Ambassador calling from Mukta. Thank you for your support, and we hope you have a blast talking to our Mukta Ambassadors!

contribute to other organizations and frankly, I can't see and feel that my dollars are increasing the footprint I leave for changing lives. With The Miracle Foundation, I know my presence and dollars are making a difference — I can see and feel it!"

For Billy, the most rewarding thing about sponsoring is seeing the joy in the lives that are being changed by the support. "Anyone who contributes anything to any organization wants to feel like they are making an impact. Those kids have a sense of community, safety, support and love like I have never witnessed."



Billy Baker with his son Boone and children of New Life



L to R: Travel Coordinator Barbara Joubert (photo by Ambassador Lynne Dobson); Ambassador Jim Innes; Ambassador Valerie Hausladen.

Ambassador Journal: Testimonials



Chris Monheim Poyner — Real Estate Agent, Keller Williams

I practically had to drag Caroline to India the first time. I wanted to meet the boy I had been sponsoring through another organization. Caroline didn't believe he existed but I hoped he did. We went to meet Manus and yes, he was real! I had no idea at the time that a small act of kindness on my part would yield such a powerful movement. I'm proud to be a part of this journey and the first Ambassador.

Ken Kuznia — Catalyst, Recruiter

I went to India to experience something bigger than myself. It's a beautiful country! What surprised me the most was the warm friendliness of the people, the vibrant colors of the clothing, and the lush landscapes. My heart opened up on that trip and a realization hit me that we are all in this world together; what each of us does affects all of us.



Shelley Seale — Writer & Author

I wanted to go on a Miracle Foundation trip because I had seen the impact it had on Caroline, and I wanted to experience that as well. I thought I would be spending time with a bunch of sad orphans, and was completely surprised by what a place of joy, giving and peace the orphanage was. The feeling I have with those children is why I have gone back many more times, and create the Miracle newsletters.



John Messer — New Board Member, Accountant

What made me go on an Ambassador trip was hearing the story of The Miracle Foundation from Caroline; not only did the experience sound amazing, but the business model for taking each orphanage from such a low to such a high in a measured and incubated process was something I just had to see for myself. When "my gang" of children followed me in the rain to our van on our last night to say goodbye, I felt as though my heart was going to explode.



Susan Williams (1954-2015) — Nurse

Susan was a dedicated Ambassador before she passed away last February. Daughter Stephanie says, "She went to India because she wanted to help these children. She felt like it was her mission; she started sponsoring two of them while in India and was so proud of those kids." Since her mother's passing, Stephanie has started a legacy campaign in her honor, to fund the Anwasha orphanage.



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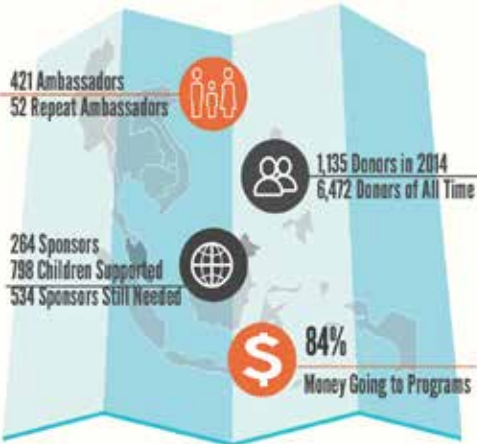
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Téa Leoni

"As a UNICEF Ambassador, I know the kind of help that is required for children around the world. The Miracle Foundation's dedicated team has created a replicable prototype with the potential of being a history-shaping solution for orphaned children. I'm proud to support them with a monthly donation and encourage others to give."



Steve Hicks

"I have admired Caroline for many years; had written checks and hosted events, but it was not until I went to an orphanage that I really understood the impact. To have clean water, healthy food, an education and safety is something many of us take for granted. When you provide this to these 'throwaway' children, a true miracle happens."



Cookie Phillips

"I have been supporting The Miracle Foundation since 2009 because I have seen first-hand the transformation that happens when children in need get the love, respect, nourishment, education, and opportunity that they deserve. The best part is that The Miracle Foundation provides the opportunity to go to India and be with the most beautiful children!"



**Keri & Eric
Stumberg**

"God has given us a son whom we love with all our hearts and we believe and want with everything in us for all children to know they are loved. We're proud to support The Miracle Foundation and children without parents."