



**MIRACLE  
FOUNDATION**

*Bringing life-changing care  
TO THE WORLD'S ORPHANS*

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NOVEMBER 2016 NEWSLETTER

*Photo by Ambassador Lynne Dobson*

In 2000, 183 nations of the United Nations signed on to a historic agreement called the Millennium Development Goals, committing to eradicate extreme poverty by 2015.

And in the last 15 years the number of people living in poverty was cut in half, hunger was cut in half, 2.3 billion people got access to clean water, maternal mortality dropped by almost half, and infant mortality plummeted. Now 80% of girls around the world are in school (as opposed to only 50% in 2000). The number of new HIV infections has fallen by nearly 40% since 2000. And while the fights for gender and racial equality are still being fought, even those are better than before.

The really great news is that in 2015 the United Nations announced the next iteration: The Sustainable Development Goals. These 17 Global Goals lay out a vision for improving the lives of people all over the world *even more* by 2030.

The global community has taken on these goals in full force. Imagine a world that works for everyone. Just ask millennials, one of the most generous generations ever, and they'll tell you this can happen. Most of them are working on it.

**I share this news with you so you know your support is contributing to a much bigger global movement.** In spite of all of the bad news in the world, there are also significant historic positive changes being made, and you are playing a role in this powerful transformation.

Thank you for doing your part.

This holiday season, I'm counting my blessings. You're one of them. There are a lot of little kids out there thankful for you. Thanking you for caring about them even though they're a stranger. I know you get fulfillment from helping them. They wouldn't be who they are without you.

Maybe things aren't so bad after all?

*Candice Bandreup*

## Letter from the Founder



It seems like every time I hear the news, it's bad news. It's not only depressing, it lacks perspective and is an injustice to all the people (like you) who are doing their part to make this world work for everyone.

Clearly there is so much bad and even sad news out there, but we are also making **huge** strides in our commitment to improve life for humanity.

This is the news I want to share with you because the support you are giving is a piece of it. The work we are doing is part of a global movement to create a world that works for everyone.





## It's a season of miracles. Give one. Get one.

Honor your loved ones in a truly meaningful way by giving orphaned children the ultimate holiday miracle: A bright future. Plus, NEW for 2016 – your generosity goes even further! A generous donor will match all donations up to a total of \$25,000, so your miracle makes an even bigger impact.

### Give a Miracle:

1. Choose which gift you'll give an orphan: Energy, education, warmth or growth.
2. Make a tax-deductible miracle donation in a friend or family member's name.
3. Select a card to print for your honoree with a description of the gift that's been donated in his or her name.
4. Write a personal message for the card and slip it in an envelope.
5. Feel good knowing you've helped an orphan child, given a thoughtful gift and made your holiday shopping easier than ever!

Which gift will you choose?

\$250 gives the gift of energy—provide life-saving medical care for 50 orphans.\*  
 \$100 gives the gift of education—orphans receive school bags filled with books & supplies.\*  
 \$50 gives the gift of warmth—two orphans get cozy coats, scarves and mittens.  
 \$25 gives the gift of growth—provide nourishing food and milk for a child for a month.

\*Purchase a gift of \$100 or more and *Get a Miracle*: A Miracle Foundation luggage tag in our signature orange color. We'll send the luggage tag to you so you can share the love this holiday season.  
 Note: Purchase your gift(s) by 5 pm CST December 21 to ensure luggage tag delivery by Christmas!



Visit [MiracleFoundation.org/Holiday](http://MiracleFoundation.org/Holiday) to start giving miracles today!

## Mark your calendar with these IMPORTANT DATES

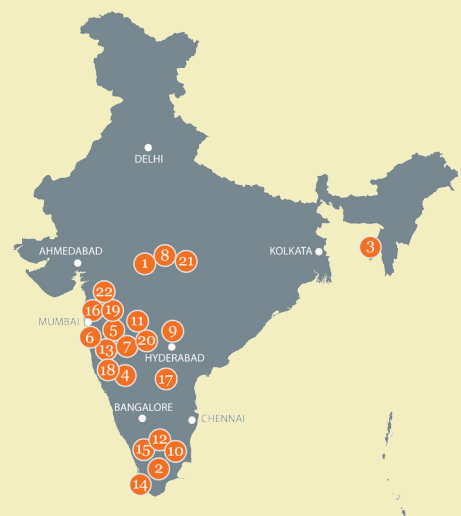
**NOVEMBER**  
**19** **NOVEMBER 19, 2016**  
Global Citizen  
Festival

Coldplay and the Miracle Foundation are partnering up for the first-ever Global Citizen Festival in Mumbai. Join us to raise awareness for the world's orphans. Learn more via the hashtag #OrangelsForOrphans.

**DECEMBER**  
**9** **DECEMBER 9, 2016**  
Holiday Open House  
Join us for our annual Holiday Open House at our Austin office from 3-8 pm. There will be food, drinks, fun, and plenty of holiday cheer.

**JANUARY**  
**11** **JANUARY 11-20, 2017**  
Ambassador Trip  
We still have a few spots available! Email Heather to learn more at [Heather@MiracleFoundation.org](mailto:Heather@MiracleFoundation.org).

## Orphanage LOCATIONS



# Meet **Miracle Maker**, Consero Global

*Consero Global, a company based in both the US and India, has engaged their employees to raise funds for the Miracle Foundation in both countries. Thanks to Consero's generous support, we are continuing to bring life-changing care to the world's orphans.*

*Consero President Bill Klein reflects on his company's partnership with the Miracle Foundation:*



*Consero President Bill Klein*

Last year, several of us at Consero were fortunate enough to get to visit one of the orphanages in India supported by the Miracle Foundation, and it was an unbelievable experience. Seeing "before" photos of the facility, the children, and what seemed like an utterly hopeless existence, and then seeing what today is a clean home with nurturing housemothers, modern classrooms, and happy children, helped me understand why the Miracle Foundation chose the name they did for their organization.

*Bill plants saplings with the children and staff at Anbarasi orphanage.*

The structure, transparency, and measurability of the Miracle Foundation's program allows them to partner with orphanages to completely change the lives of children who otherwise have no hope. With the focus on those most desperately in need, I can think of no other cause where a dollar can make a bigger difference. As an example, achieving the fundraising goal we've established for 2017 will provide English education to 300 children for an entire year. Learning English is a critical part of these children's education as it increases their future earning potential by 4x, allowing them to reach their full potential and become self-sustaining members of our world community and breaking the generational cycle of poverty. As a result, their children and their children's children will not become orphans.

I was truly overwhelmed by the generosity I saw last year from all of my friends and family in support of us hitting



our goal. Consero is proud to raise funds for such an outstanding organization and for children who desperately need a miracle. There's something both selfless and selfish about helping change the life of someone who has no chance without you – it feels so good to give.

*Interested in learning more about how you can engage your company's employees to create miracles for orphans? Email Heather at [Heather@MiracleFoundation.org](mailto:Heather@MiracleFoundation.org) today!*



### Thank you to our new sponsors!

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## Thank you, Organic India!

Organic India is a generous donor to the Miracle Foundation, and we're so grateful for their long-time support.

A global company based in India, Organic India is most famous for their delicious organic teas sold at Whole Foods Market. Employing marginal farmers in tribal villages, the company embodies the phrase "consciousness in action" and is dedicated to creating a world of shared abundance.

# Coldplay Gig in India to Raise Funds for Miracle Foundation

Miracle Foundation is proud to be an official nonprofit partner of the first-ever Global Citizen Festival in India. The November 19 concert in Mumbai will be headlined by Coldplay, Jay Z, Aamir Khan, and several other Indian artists.

Global Citizen India is focusing on three major issues to eradicate extreme poverty in India: Quality education, gender equality, and water & sanitation. Miracle Foundation is the nonprofit representing quality education.

People won tickets to the inaugural Global Citizen India Festival by raising funds for Miracle Foundation and two other nonprofits, engaging their friends and family to join them in solving some of India's biggest challenges.

Miracle Foundation will be a nonprofit partner of Global Citizen India for the next 15 years. Founder Caroline Boudreaux is ecstatic about the partnership, saying "Together, we're going to change the lives of orphaned children. Let's do this!"

Lead singer of Coldplay Chris Martin is the curator for the Global Citizen Festival in India, and we're honored to be a nonprofit partner of his incredible project.

