



**CHILD
SPONSORSHIP:
2015 YEAR
IN REVIEW**



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Thanks to you, girls and boys like these in Nepal have something to smile about — the opportunity to learn.

Photo: Save the Children in Nepal

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Photo: Save the Children in Bolivia

In Memorium, Eynar Valverde

We dedicate this year's report to Eynar Valverde, our colleague and friend from the Sponsorship team in Bolivia, who recently passed away. As a sponsored child for six years in Bolivia's first Sponsorship impact area, young Eynar aspired to join Save the Children's team. He did just that. During his many years of service in Sponsorship Operations, Eynar would often remind his colleagues how proud he was to have achieved his dream. We honor your memory, Eynar. Your dedication to empowering children in desperate need inspires us all.

"The greatest satisfaction I have is to have worked for girls and boys ...and for the mission that is Save the Children."

ON THE COVER: 11-year-old Noelia from Bolivia now has a chance to reach her full potential, thanks to support from the Sponsorship program at her school.

Photo: Susan Warner

THE SPONSORSHIP STORY

Doing whatever it takes for children

Thanks to you, our sponsors, we've had another great year connecting caring individuals with children in need to create the opportunity for a better life.

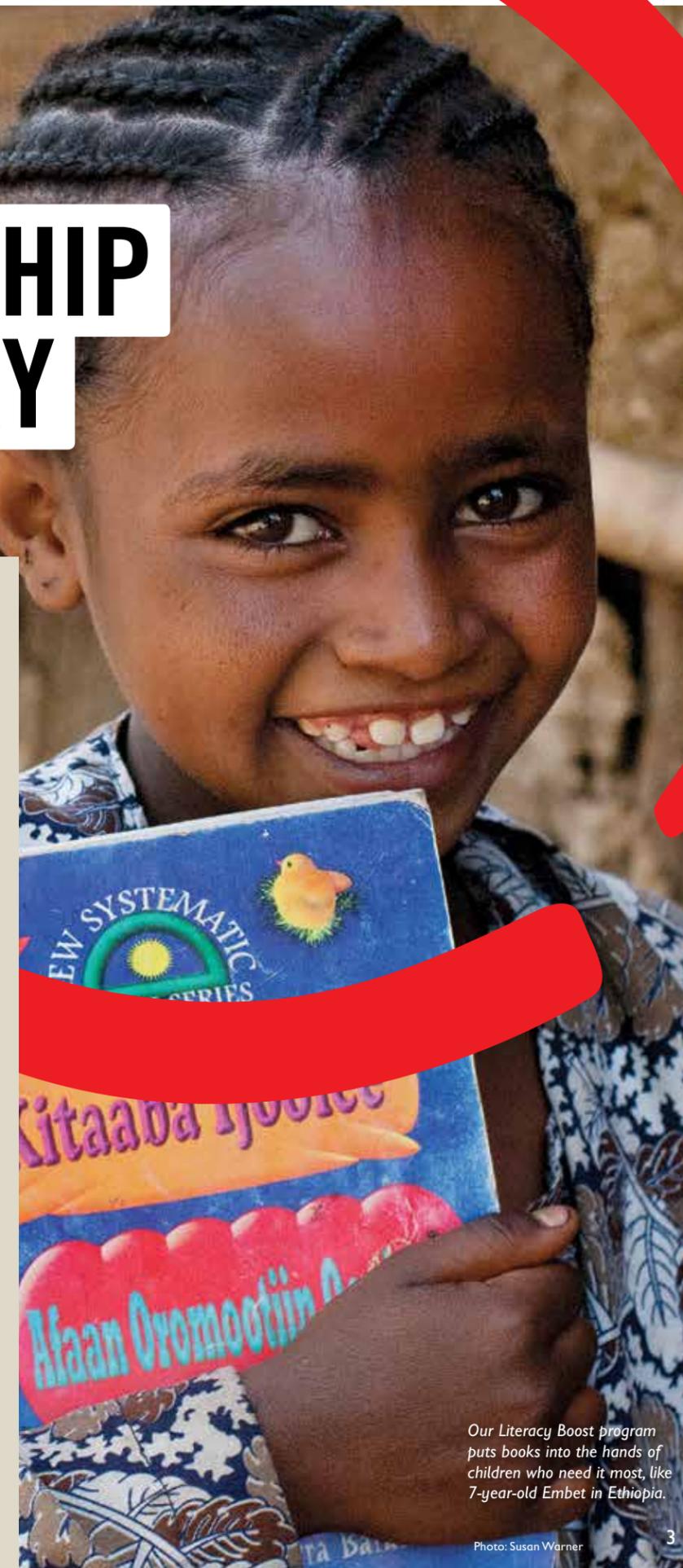
In 2015, Save the Children's Child Sponsorship programs reached more than 2.8 million children in 23 of the world's most deprived countries. We began offering donors in Mexico the opportunity to sponsor children in their own country. We also laid the groundwork to launch a brand new Sponsorship program in Niger, where children are faced with poor health care and the lowest literacy rates in the world.

Additionally, we're proud to say that Save the Children was awarded Charity Navigator's highest possible four-star rating for the 14th year in a row, an achievement that less than 1 percent of U.S.-based charities attain.

I want to thank Eynar's family for allowing us to share his story. His life was a testimony to the kind of hope and change that occurs when we join forces with families and communities around the world on behalf of children.

Already we've accomplished so much, but there's more to do. I hope you will continue this journey with us.

—Earl Moran, Head of Global Sponsorship



Our Literacy Boost program puts books into the hands of children who need it most, like 7-year-old Embet in Ethiopia.

Photo: Susan Warner



Children all over the world, like Lionel from El Salvador, tell us they love being able to create a friendship with sponsors by sharing letters and photos.

Photo: Save the Children in El Salvador

HOW CHILD SPONSORSHIP WORKS



Mark counts on a brighter future with the help of our math programs in the Philippines.

Photo: Save the Children in the Philippines



Amina from Mozambique learns how to prepare food so she can pitch in at home.

Photo: Save the Children in Mozambique



In South Carolina, Tariji, Snaora and Tynsley work on early reading skills with their teacher Dorothy.

Photo: Save the Children in the U.S.



Words are the building blocks to future success for these preschoolers in Vietnam.

Photo: Save the Children in Vietnam

Our innovative Sponsorship programs address the urgent needs of children where they live. We empower local people to create sustainable improvements in child health, education and protection — breaking the cycle of poverty for generations to come. Together with our sponsors, we are building a brighter future for the boys and girls who need it most.

THE NUMBERS THAT COUNT

2015 HIGHLIGHTS

Photo: Save the Children in Malawi

Our math programs give children in Malawi the tools they need to thrive in school.



Sponsors helped us reach kids in **516** communities in **23** countries around the world, including **73** new communities.

33,284 parents learned how to best support their children's early development, giving them a strong foundation for a brighter future.



We trained **19,528** school staff members so girls and boys can receive the quality education they deserve.

We treated **486,630** children for parasitic infections that lead to malnutrition and anemia, meaning they can focus more in school.



53,794 teens visited our health centers, keeping them healthy and informed for a successful transition to adulthood.

2,820,807 children

benefited from our life-changing Sponsorship programs — **29%** more than in 2014!

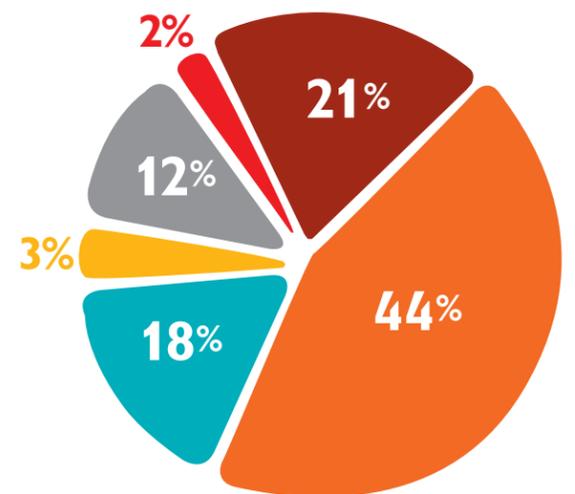


Sponsorship makes a lasting impact in the lives of school children like these in Indonesia.

Photo: Save the Children in Indonesia

Sponsors around the world contributed more **\$67.8** than **million** for children.

Your Sponsorship Gifts at Work



- Maternal and Child Health (NEW)
- Early Childhood Care & Development
- Basic Education
- School Health & Nutrition
- Adolescent Development
- Other (e.g., Emergencies, Livelihoods)

Best in Class



For the **14th year in a row**, Charity Navigator has awarded Save the Children the **highest possible four-star rating**.

Charity Navigator, the largest and most trusted charity watchdog in the U.S., evaluates nonprofit organizations on financial health, accountability and transparency. **Our consistently high rating recognizes our commitment to excellence.**

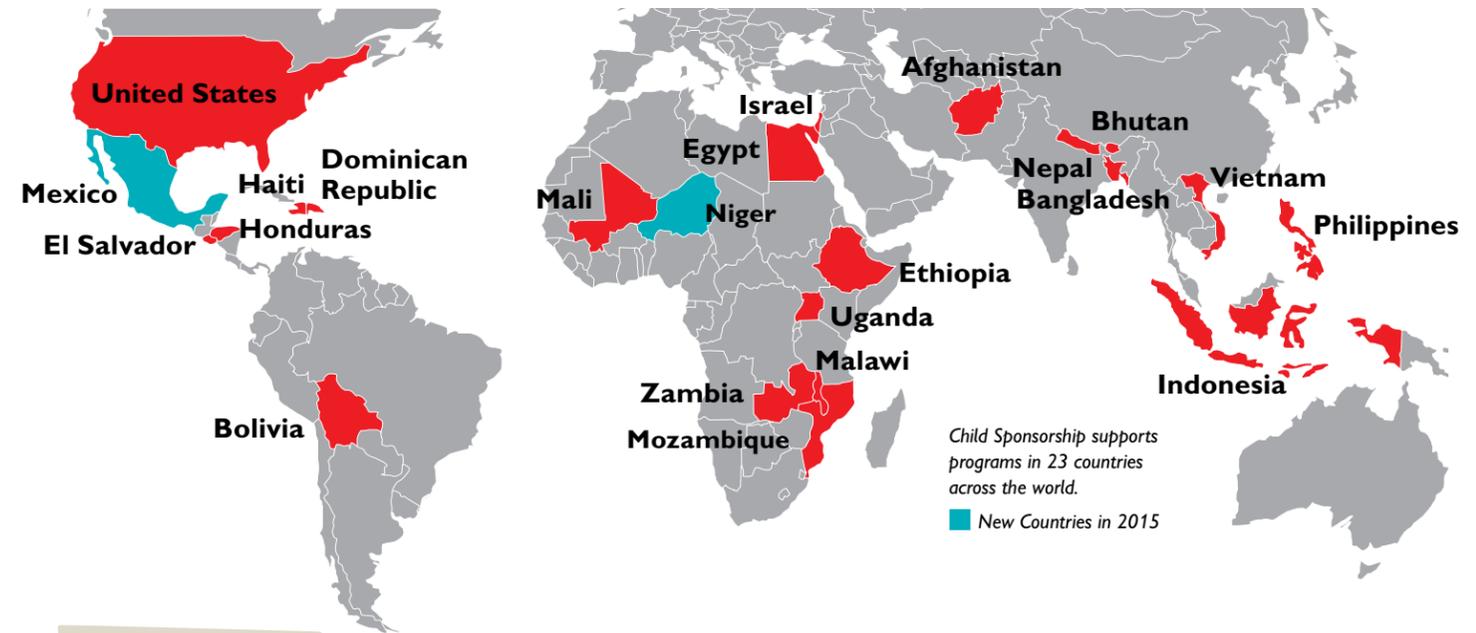
“Less than 1% of the charities we rate have received at least 14 consecutive four-star evaluations, indicating that Save the Children outperforms most other charities in America. This ‘exceptional’ designation from Charity Navigator differentiates Save the Children from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust.”

— Michael Thatcher, President and CEO, Charity Navigator

OUR IMPACT



By improving school conditions in Bangladesh, we're making sure these fifth graders can learn in a safe, healthy environment.



Child Sponsorship supports programs in 23 countries across the world.
■ New Countries in 2015

Where We Make a Difference

REACHING EVERY LAST CHILD



Photo: Save the Children in Niger

We're excited about expanding our global reach to **Niger**, where our newest Sponsorship programs began in early 2016. In 2015, our work with local communities has helped build exciting momentum towards the opportunities Sponsorship will bring to some of the world's most deprived children. The government in Niger is committed to improving its schools, with 25 percent of the country's national budget dedicated to education.

Sponsorship funding will provide further support for these desperately needed educational programs, a key component to increasing stability in this region.

Ranked 188 out of 188 on the Human Development Index, Niger has one of the lowest adult literacy rates in the world. Less than 20 percent of adults — and just 11 percent of women — are able to read and write. Our mission in Niger is to set children, and especially girls, on a path towards literacy and empowerment.

Source: CIA World Factbook 2016



We launched programs in Niger to bring a promising future to the children who need it most.

Photo: Save the Children in Niger



Making clean water accessible to children in Uganda means that handwashing can become part of their daily routine at school.

Photo: Save the Children in Uganda

ENGAGING COMMUNITIES

What a year for **Uganda!** In our first full year of Sponsorship, Save the Children launched education, health and nutrition programs in a total of 34 government-supported primary schools. Our goal has been to engage local communities in identifying and developing their own solutions to issues affecting the quality of education in their schools. In 2015, this included more than 5,800 adult community members. But we didn't just speak to adults. We worked with more than 2,430 girls and boys to hear directly from them what it's like to be a student in Uganda. Working hand-in-hand with the communities of Uganda, and listening to what kids there have to say, will lead to lasting results for years to come.

2015 HIGHLIGHTS in Uganda's Sponsorship-Supported Schools

18% → 100%
Schools with active management committees

0% → 100%
Schools with working bathrooms

0% → 100%
Schools providing vision and hearing screenings

40% → 100%
Schools with handwashing facilities



Photo: Save the Children in Uganda



Photo: Save the Children in Bolivia

In Bolivia, girls share what they've learned about healthy food choices at a fruit fair at their school.

Our Sponsorship Community Impact: An 8-10 Year Lifecycle

Your sponsorship commitment helps Save the Children achieve lasting impact for children. Thanks to you, we build partnerships and provide tools that help entire communities become self-sufficient within a matter of years — breaking the cycle of poverty for generations to come.

COMMUNITY BECOMES SELF-SUFFICIENT and Continues Work Autonomously

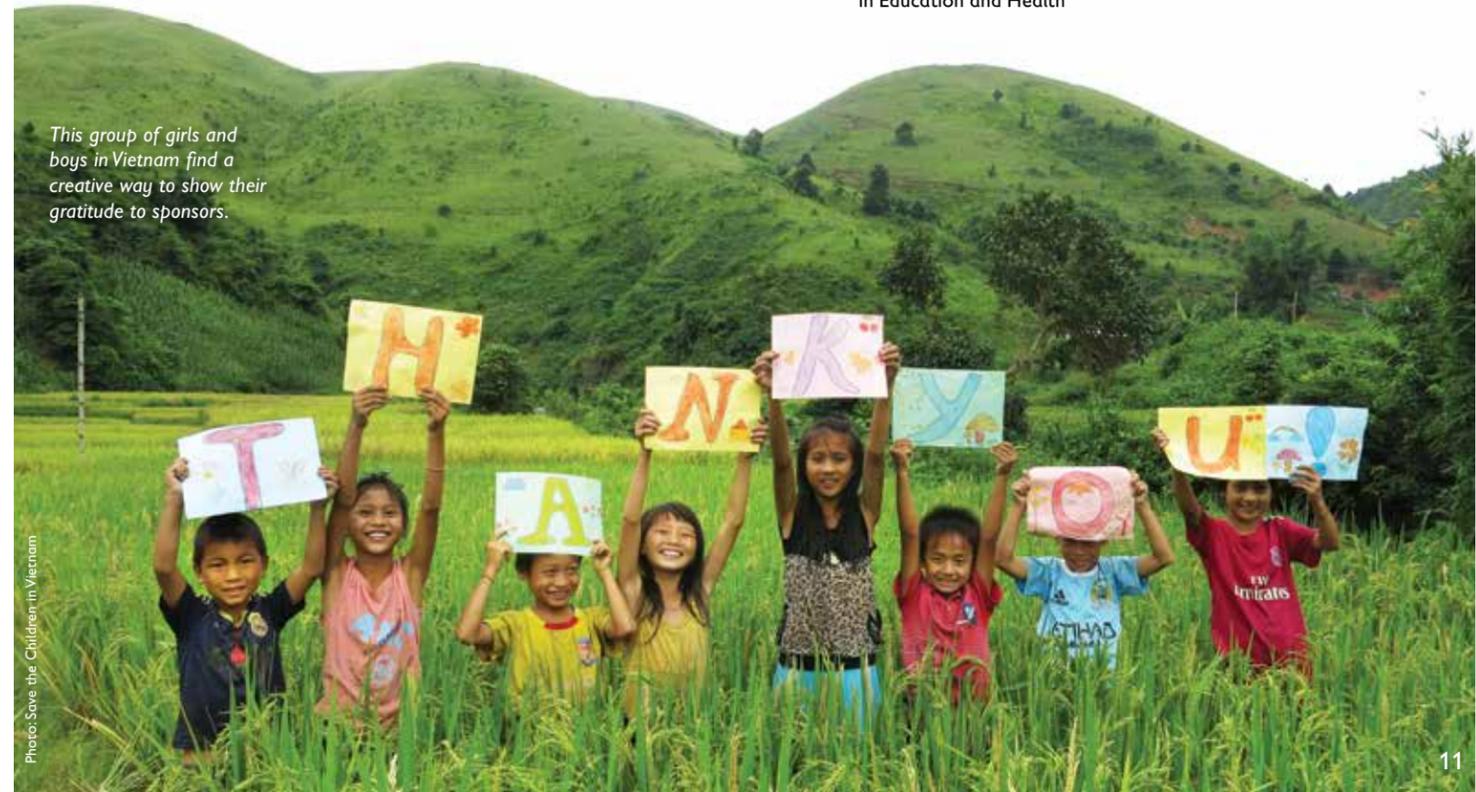
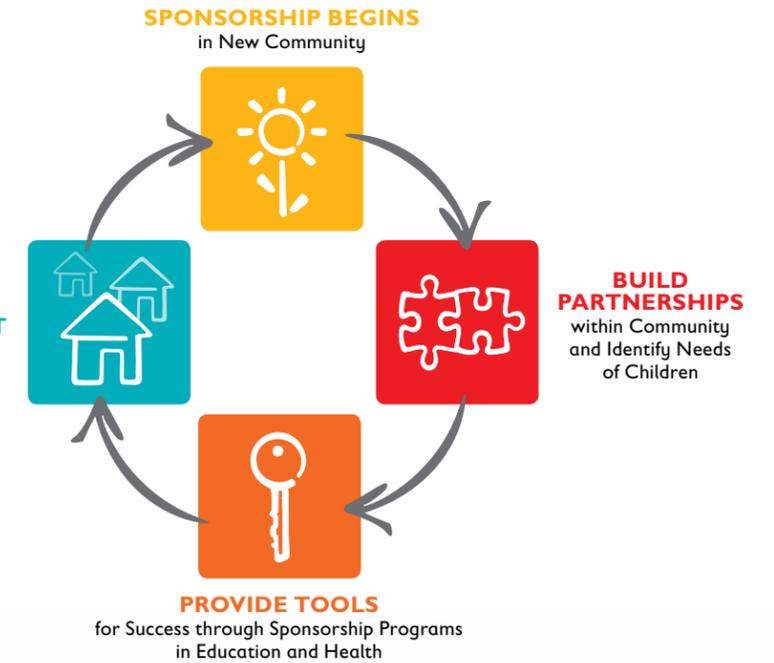


Photo: Save the Children in Vietnam

This group of girls and boys in Vietnam find a creative way to show their gratitude to sponsors.

Meet Rose

Rose (pink shirt, center) is 8 years old and attends primary school in a small village in Uganda. She says she doesn't mind the 45-minute walk to and from school because she loves to learn. "I enjoy learning mathematics, especially adding numbers," she says. Along with her seven siblings, Rose lives with her grandmother, who sometimes struggles to afford school supplies. We help make sure students like Rose have the tools they need to succeed in school. Thanks to Sponsorship programs, Rose has learned to read and write and is excited about getting to know her sponsor. "When I received my first letter from my sponsor, I was so happy and surprised!"

Sponsorship in Action

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

We celebrated the official launch of our Maternal and Child Health program in four countries: **Bangladesh, El Salvador, Egypt** and the **Philippines**. This program targets the major causes of death for babies and moms and provides access to high-impact, low-cost care that saves lives. No matter where they live, mothers everywhere want the same thing — a strong, healthy start for their children. We're helping make that possible for thousands of mothers around the world.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT

Early learning lays the groundwork for success in school. That's why we help communities nurture young children's emotional, physical and developmental needs to ensure they can thrive in preschool and beyond. We visit parents in their homes to provide one-on-one support, and we set up home-based and public preschools. These strategies promise young children a solid foundation for future success.

A few 2015 results you helped make possible:

In **Bhutan**, Save the Children has worked closely with the government since 2011 to strengthen the quality of early learning programs. In 2015, we partnered to conduct the first-ever national study on the impact of these programs. The study showed that children in high-quality early childhood centers learned more and developed more effectively. As a result, the government is now focused on improving early learning programs in all centers across the country.

In the **United States**, we're making a lasting difference for girls and boys living in poverty. Our Early Steps to School Success programs help children from low-income families build their language and literacy skills, so they're able to thrive in their first years in the classroom. In 2015, 85 percent of 5-year-olds in our programs achieved language development scores at or above the normal range. This means they have the best chance to start out strong in school, something every child deserves.

Meet Warda



Photo: Save the Children in Egypt

The Maternal and Child Health program makes a difference for mothers like Warda. She lives with her husband and children in a small house made of mud in a village in Egypt. It's not an easy life, but they're happy. This wasn't always the case. Warda lost her first child, Dalia, because the couple was unsure how

to treat her when she got sick. Grief-stricken, Warda participated in our programs that help educate mothers and provide them with the tools needed to take the best care of their children. Warda has since given birth to two babies and is working hard to keep them healthy and well-nourished.

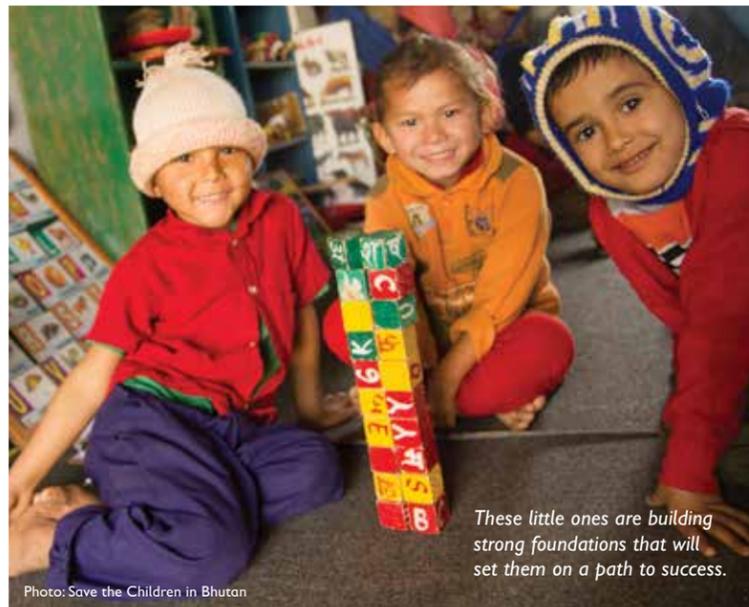


Photo: Save the Children in Bhutan

These little ones are building strong foundations that will set them on a path to success.

Meet Travis

Five-year-old Travis attends preschool in South Carolina. His teachers describe him as a wonderfully eager student with just one caveat: "He's too smart!" When Travis started preschool, his teachers noticed how excited he was to engage, and it didn't take them long to realize why. Travis has been benefiting from our Early Steps to School Success program since he was 8 months old. Travis also participated in the book bag exchange with his mother, who now loves to read, too. Not only have our programs helped Travis learn to read, his verbal development score is above the expected level for his age. Fantastic job, Travis!



Photo: Save the Children in the U.S.

BASIC EDUCATION

Education empowers children and sets them on a path of achievement, not only in school but also in the communities where they live. That's why we work with partners around the world to ensure that every child receives a quality education and gains the skills and knowledge they need to thrive, growing up to become self-reliant, active members of their communities.

Teachers in Ethiopia give back to their community by helping children build a strong foundation.

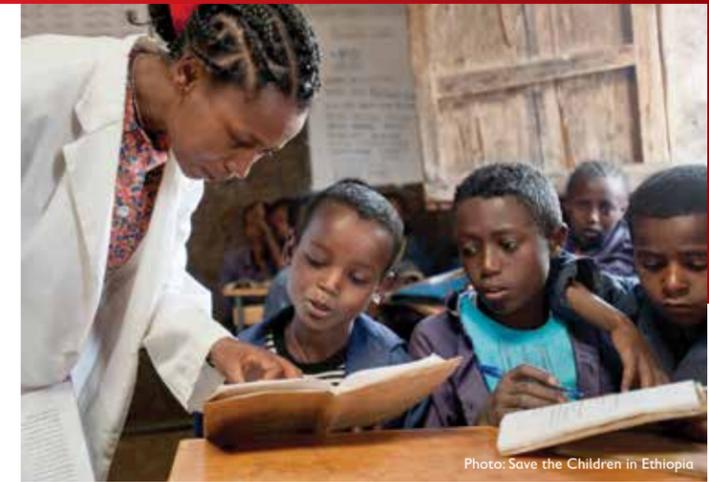


Photo: Save the Children in Ethiopia

A few 2015 results you helped make possible:

In **Ethiopia**, our Literacy Boost program, an innovative early grade reading program first piloted in Sponsorship, has been adopted by the government and is now being used in all government schools in the Tigray region. This means hundreds of thousands of kids in more than 1,800 schools in Ethiopia are now receiving the literacy support they need to become strong readers and active participants in the classroom.

In 2015, Save the Children trained teachers and provided materials for the in-school reading curriculum in Dessalines, **Haiti**, which reached 1,173 children. Our reading assessment shows that 95% of these children were able to improve their reading skills in French and Creole. By improving their literacy skills, these girls and boys have a better chance for a lifetime of success.

Schools Using Literacy Boost in Tigray, Ethiopia

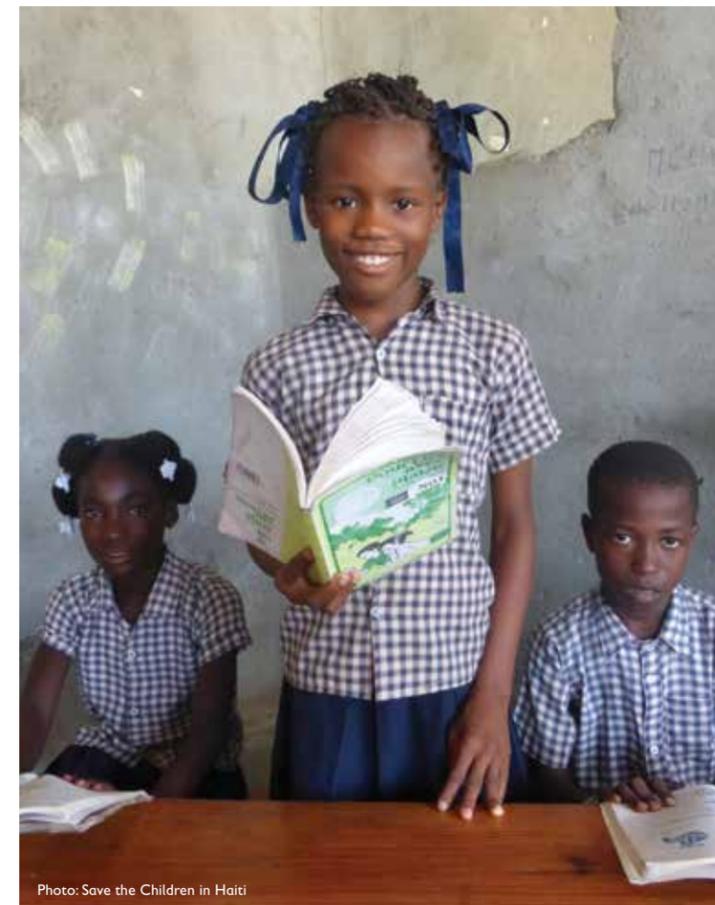


Photo: Save the Children in Haiti

Meet Jessica

Jessica is in fourth grade and is studying several new subjects, but French is her favorite. She is thriving in Save the Children's literacy program in her elementary school in Haiti. Jessica says she'd like to read French, along with Creole since it's her country's official second tongue. Reading both languages is important for Jessica because she aspires to help others by becoming a nurse one day. Speaking the two languages of Haiti will enable her to communicate more effectively with her patients. We wish you "bonne chance" and "bon chans," Jessica!

SCHOOL HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Children remain in school and learn more when they're healthy and well-nourished. Because every child has a right to live a life free of hunger and preventable disease, we work within local education systems and with governments to provide health education and care, including deworming treatments, clean water sources and sanitation support.

A few 2015 results you helped make possible:

All of our 77 partner schools in the Luzon and South Central Mindanao program areas in the **Philippines** conducted mass deworming efforts and provided essential vitamins, supporting growth and learning for more than 150,000 students, an increase from the 108,000 students reached in 2014. Access to these health services keeps children's immune systems strong, ensuring they are healthy enough to learn by treating parasitic infections that lead to malnutrition and anemia.

In **Malawi**, our malaria programs allow teachers and health workers to diagnose and treat malaria and other common health problems right at school, avoiding the need to travel long distances for treatment, which often comes too late. A total of 74,403 children were treated for malaria in 2015, and student attendance has risen dramatically. Based on these results, Save the Children is now working closely with the Ministry of Education to expand to additional regions — and save the lives of even more girls and boys.

Meet Naomi

Naomi lives in a small village in Malawi with her mother and younger brother Yobe. This past year, she started to feel achy all over. Using materials and knowledge received from Save the Children, her teacher was able to diagnose and treat her malaria. Naomi is grateful for Save the Children's program because she knows that things could have been much worse than just missing a week of school. Without treatment, she might have faced terrible sickness or even death. Thanks to our malaria treatment programs, children like Naomi at 58 schools in Malawi are able to stay healthy enough to learn.



Photos: Save the Children in Malawi

A school health care worker, Nonet, gives deworming tablets to students in the Philippines as part of Sponsorship-led efforts to keep children healthy and in school.



Photo: Save the Children in the Philippines

Child health promoters in the Philippines show off the deworming tablets they just took, serving as positive role models for their peers.



Photo: Save the Children in the Philippines

ADOLESCENT DEVELOPMENT

A positive transition from childhood to adulthood is important to the success of young adults — and their communities. We work with adolescents, helping them build life skills, manage money, develop relationships and understand reproductive health. These tools effectively empower young adults to stand on their own two feet for the rest of their lives and take an active role in helping their communities break the cycle of poverty.

A few 2015 results you helped make possible:

In secondary schools in **Bangladesh**, 18,406 adolescents attended teacher-led sessions where subjects like puberty and gender were discussed. Bangladesh health facilities also offered youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health services to 7,451 adolescents. When providers respond to young people's unique needs in a way they understand, adolescents can make successful, healthy transitions into adulthood.

In **Bolivia**, our work with young adults centers around three key goals: personal empowerment, sexual and reproductive health and economic opportunities. In 2015, 3,920 students began the process of formulating their "Life Plan" by analyzing and reflecting on their future after secondary school. This is up from 866 students in 2014. Our sponsors are helping us make huge strides in setting Bolivian adolescents on a path to independence and future success.

THERE IN TIMES OF CRISIS

On April 25, 2015, **Nepal** suffered a major earthquake, followed by a massive after-shock a few weeks later. This led to a period of instability, while the country worked to dig out from the devastating effects of the earthquake. The damage was overwhelming, and there's still much work to be done. While Sponsorship districts were not directly affected, schools were closed for a month and staff were deployed to help deliver lifesaving supplies to those who needed it most. Despite these challenges, schools are open again, our programs are back on track, and we're proud of our team's ability to react quickly in times of crisis.



Photo: Save the Children in Nepal

Meet Juan

Seventeen-year-old Juan is one of seven children and lives in Cochabamba, Bolivia. Juan was once quite shy and was embarrassed when he had to speak in public. He began participating in our leadership programs at his school, in which he learned to express himself more clearly and gained leadership skills. Soon, Juan was elected president of his school and became a volunteer leader for our Youth Zones program. Today, he proudly serves as one of the program's nationwide representatives. Juan also helps younger children write letters to their sponsors, because he believes that "true gratitude is shown through actions."



Photo: Save the Children in Bolivia

Meet Dipendra

Dipendra lives with his parents and three siblings in Nepal. He's happy that his school has reopened after a month-long closure due to the earthquake. So happy, in fact, that he's even more committed now to getting his homework done before taking part in his favorite after-school activity, fishing with friends. At Dipendra's school, our programs have helped build separate bathrooms for girls and boys and provide access to safe drinking water. The improved conditions boosted attendance and increased awareness about the important role education plays in securing children's healthy, happy futures. Dipendra was excited to take a more active role in our programs this year, because he's learned first-hand how important school is for his future. "My friends and I campaigned in our community," he says, "to encourage each child to enroll in school."



INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE

By working together with local communities, we are able to pioneer groundbreaking solutions within our Sponsorship programs, helping children thrive and unlocking their full potential.

A few 2015 results you helped make possible:

IDELA (International Development and Early Learning Assessment) is an innovative assessment tool designed to measure children's early learning and development. Initially piloted in Sponsorship-funded programs, it is now being used by Save the Children and other organizations in 42 countries. Because the tool doesn't require specially trained professionals or elaborate materials, teachers, government officials and community organizers in even the poorest communities can take an active role in measuring — and improving — their early childhood programs.

In 2015, we piloted a first-of-its-kind project to help girls understand and manage menstruation in five Sponsorship schools in **Mali**. Results suggest that girls' anxiety around going to school during their periods reduced substantially (from 98 to 50 percent) following the distribution of sanitary products and training sessions for girls, teachers and other community members. Helping girls feel more comfortable means they will be able to take a more active role in the classroom, empowering them for the future.

In **Bolivia**, we created a children's council to promote meaningful child participation within our Sponsorship-funded programs. A full-day event in Cochabamba brought together more than 160 children from across the impact area. We stand behind the belief that children should have a voice in decisions that affect their lives. That's why it's important that children's insights and perspectives are not only heard but also used to guide our work.

We're working to raise awareness and lower anxiety about menstruation for girls in Mali, so they can stay in school and continue to learn.

Photo: Save the Children in Mali



Photo: Eileen Burke

BRIDGING EARLY GAPS FOR U.S. CHILDREN: "A PATH APPEARS"

The 2015 PBS documentary "A Path Appears" showcased our U.S. early education programs, which are achieving dramatic results for kids in many of the nation's poorest communities. In the film, journalist Nicholas Kristof and Save the Children Artist Ambassador Jennifer Garner, a West Virginia native, tag along with Save the Children's local early childhood coordinator as she brings books, developmental activities and other critical support into the homes of struggling families. Thanks in part to the generous donations of our sponsors, our Early Steps to School Success program offers home visits for pregnant mothers, infants and toddlers and prepares young children to succeed in school. It also forges early connections between families and schools, helping to bridge the early gaps that many U.S. children living in poverty struggle to overcome.



Photo: Audrey Hall for Show of Force

"IT'S EASIER TO LOOK AT PROBLEMS OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY THAN IT IS TO LOOK AT STUFF IN OUR OWN BACKYARD."
—JENNIFER GARNER

a path appears



OUR FOCUS FOR 2016

Sustainability. At Save the Children, we challenge ourselves to think beyond our immediate work to achieve positive change that lasts. Over the next few years, each Sponsorship country team will be drawing on best practices to develop a plan that identifies key results to be sustained and how we'll achieve them. This careful planning will enable us to be even more successful in securing results for children that stand the test of time.



Students in Egypt are taught how to use practical skills like carpentry to help sustain their communities.

Photo: Save the Children in Egypt



Photo: Save the Children in Afghanistan

Our education programs in Afghanistan empower young girls by giving them an opportunity to attend school.

Gender Equality. We believe that it is critical to directly address gender discrimination and promote gender equality in our programs. In 2016, we're beginning to roll out gender training to global program staff and across all our Sponsorship offices. While it will take time to transform the root causes of gender inequality, we hope our ongoing gender work will bring us closer to a world where all girls and boys have equal opportunity for their unique hopes and dreams to come true.



Sponsors Nick and Colette are making a difference in Diala's life — and their own.

A COMMUNITY OF SPONSORS

Photo: Save the Children in the U.S.

“I live by the motto ‘Aspire to Inspire’ and I want to teach my daughter that. It doesn’t take that much to help, and if I start now and I teach my daughter while she’s young, she’s going to understand that it’s really easy to help make the world better.”

Our Sponsors, Our Heroes

We’d like to introduce you to some of our most inspirational sponsors. They represent just a few of the more than 183,000 sponsors across the world who make us proud. Every day, they make the world better for children.



Nick and Colette's sponsored child, Diala.

ASPIRE TO INSPIRE

As a single parent living in New York, Nick believes sponsoring a child helps teach his 7-year-old daughter Colette the importance of giving back. Their sponsored child, Diala, lives in Indonesia, a place Nick and Colette enjoy learning about together. Nick says he wanted his daughter to understand that on the opposite side of the earth, there’s a little girl who’s just about the same age as her, and who’s doing the same things as her. By being a sponsor, Colette is also learning that where children are born shouldn’t determine the opportunities available to them.

To see a video of Nick and Colette and read other success stories, visit: SavetheChildren.org/Sponsorship-Success

GIRLS GIVE THANKS

To celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday last year, a U.S.-based Girl Scout troop decided to sponsor a girl their age in Uganda. Each troop member’s family helped contribute towards the sponsorship. When the troop visited Save the Children’s headquarters in Fairfield, CT, their leaders were happily surprised to see how engaged the girls were to hear about how Sponsorship programs help the neediest children. Through their shared sponsorship of a child in another part of the world, these Girl Scouts accomplished their goal of showing thanks by helping others.

“We learned about the challenges children face around the world as well as right here in the U.S. We also learned about Ugandan culture — what it looks like there, what they wear and what they eat.”



These generous Girl Scouts learned about how their sponsorship helps children in need during a recent visit to Save the Children headquarters.

Photo: Save the Children in the U.S.

MEXICO INVESTS IN ITS OWN FUTURE

In 2015, we welcomed Save the Children Mexico to our Sponsorship family. Now sponsors in Mexico have the opportunity to sponsor children who live in the same country as they do. What an incredibly rewarding opportunity for sponsors in Mexico! They’re investing in the very children who will shape their country in future years.



Photo: Carmen Manzanares

Meet Carmen

Carmen Manzanares, one of the first sponsors in Mexico, has always been passionate about social causes. She previously supported two organizations, one focused on the environment and one on children’s rights. When one of Save the Children’s staff members told her about Sponsorship and being able to share letters with a child who was benefiting from her support, she knew that number had to change to three. She’s now proud to support Save the Children and have Barbara, her sponsored child, in her extended family.

“In our country there are many children who have many needs, and I know my donation can help Barbara stay in school so she can have better chances in life. Being in touch with her fills me with joy. I feel she is part of my family.”



Photo: Save the Children Mexico

Check out that cute smile on Paulina, our first sponsored child in Mexico!

HELP GOES BOTH WAYS

Eunji Noh of Korea became a sponsor three years ago while she was pregnant with her first child (pictured to the right). Her sponsored child's name is Musabbir, and he lives in Bangladesh. At 10, Musabbir loves to read and hopes to be an engineer when he grows up. Those who know Musabbir describe him as a helpful boy, Eunji included. Eunji said she's most grateful to Musabbir for helping to teach her daughter about how good it feels to be a sponsor.

“I thought that through a child sponsorship, I would be able to teach many lessons to my daughter as she grows up. Becoming sponsors was a special moment for my husband and I because we started it during our pregnancy.”



Photo: Eunji Noh

A BEDTIME STORY FOR VAN

Daniela Marelli lives in Italy and is a proud sponsor of a Vietnamese kindergartener named Van. Daniela not only connects with her sponsored child through letters, she also wrote Van her very own bedtime story. Daniela describes receiving Van's first picture and information as an immensely touching experience that brought her more joy than she could ever imagine. She wrote back right away, asking Van about all the things she'd like to know: her parents' names, whether she has siblings, what she does in kindergarten and if she likes fairytales.



Photo: Daniela Marelli

“Van was a very pretty and sweet girl. One day a postman arrived in her village and gave her a letter. When her teacher read the letter out loud to her, she closed her little eyes, listened to those words full of tenderness and love and... she smiled!”

— an excerpt from Daniela's bedtime story for Van

Partnering for Good

Corporations and foundations are making a difference for girls and boys around the world by supporting Save the Children's Child Sponsorship programs. More and more organizations choose to make Child Sponsorship a highlight of their corporate philanthropy program. Sponsorship is a unique way to engage employees and build goodwill for their companies, while changing the world for children. We're grateful for their dedication to our mission and that these companies have chosen to invest in childhood for our shared future.



Shamyria, who loves to draw, was excited to create this pretty scene for her friends at Primrose Schools.



Photo: Save the Children in the U.S.

Sponsorship programs ensure children like Shamyria have the tools they need to succeed in school.

UNITED STATES

- 1982: Knights of Columbus
- 1984: Flying Disc (Frisbee) Players
- 1984: T.J. Maxx
- 1986: Today's Cleaners
- 1988: Boyett Construction
- 1990: Atlas Pacific Corporation
- 1990: Flight Dispatchers of United Airlines
- 1990: George's Surf & Turf
- 1990: Innovative Information Solutions
- 1995: Aleks Corporation
- 1995: Roll-n-Roaster
- 1996: Farabaugh Engineering & Testing
- 1996: Genelex Corporation
- 1996: Ligia Ercius-DiPaola
- 1997: Modo Eyewear
- 1997: The Hawthorne Group
- 1998: Superior Cleaning NY
- 2002: Owens Online Inc.
- 2005: LUBExpress Operating Company
- 2007: Meridian Wealth Management
- 2008: CQ Fluency
- 2008: M.T. Maritime
- 2008: Union Paving and Construction Co., Inc.
- 2011: Erwin and Isabelle Ziegelman Foundation
- 2011: JumpBunch Chicago West
- 2011: SouthTexas Outreach Foundation
- 2013: Vince Smith Hair Experience
- 2014: M.R. Snyder Company, Inc.
- 2014: Primrose Schools
- 2014: Winbrook
- 2015: Acai Roots, Inc.
- 2015: Growth Rocket
- 2015: Orlando's VIP's
- 2015: Pure Power Solutions
- 2015: Swappeez

ITALY

- 2007: Fire Spa
- 2011: IMR Automotive
- 2011: Pronto-Care
- 2012: Telecom Italia
- 2015: Media Consult SRL

KOREA

- 2012: MIES_Container
- 2015: HAMSOA Oriental Medical Clinic for Children

AUSTRALIA

- 2015: Stellar

SOME SPECIAL SPONSOR VISITS IN 2015



Photo: Save the Children

Barbara receives a warm welcome from children during her visit to Bolivia to see our Sponsorship programs in action.



Photo: Save the Children

Love and her sponsor pose with a portrait of Jean-Jacques Dessalines, Haitian leader and namesake of the region where Love lives.



Photo: Save the Children in Zambia

When she's not in school, this young girl in Zambia helps care for her siblings.

Brightly costumed students enjoy drama class at their school in the Dominican Republic.

WHO'S WHO



Photo: Save the Children Dominican Republic

Our Dedicated Team

More than 1,000 staff members across dozens of offices around the world dedicate themselves to Save the Children's cause by working in our Sponsorship programs. Meet a few of these passionate change-makers for children.

DELIA, BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM FACILITATOR, BOLIVIA

Delia is passionate about helping to improve educational opportunities in Cochabamba where she lives, especially because of the positive impact Save the Children had on her during her childhood years. Delia was sponsored as a young girl and, as a teen, she participated in Save the Children's workshops on self-esteem, values and communication. Once timid, Delia began to express her thoughts and feelings in school and at home. Her grades improved. She then attended career workshops and became aware of the importance of finding a career path. Today, Delia finds teaching to be a rewarding opportunity to give back to her community, especially children who benefit from Sponsorship the way she herself did.



Photo: Save the Children in Bolivia

“If I had not participated in Save the Children's programs, I wouldn't have a career. I barely would have finished high school, and I wouldn't have earned a college degree. It's a privilege for me to have been a sponsored child and to be able to fulfill my dream of becoming a teacher and have a better life.”

To see a video of Delia and read other success stories, visit: [SavetheChildren.org/Sponsorship-Success](https://www.savethechildren.org/Sponsorship-Success)

GLORIA, PROGRAM COORDINATOR, UNITED STATES

Gloria is another living story of Sponsorship success and Save the Children's work coming full-circle. She was a sponsored child herself growing up, and has many fond memories of corresponding back and forth with her sponsor. That relationship left a life-long impact on Gloria. Her sponsor's encouragement to pursue her education led her to be one of the few in her community to go on to college.



Photo: Save the Children in the U.S.

Today, Gloria is proud to be the Program Coordinator for one of Save the Children's partner schools. She also works as a Sponsorship Liaison and enjoys facilitating the relationship between sponsors and children through letters, as this was the very relationship that she enjoyed so much as a child.

Gloria has raised two children, and now has four grandchildren, two of whom she raised herself. As a child, Gloria's daughter was sponsored, as were her twin grandsons. The boys participated in Save the Children literacy programs and went on to graduate high school this past year. Gloria's story shows how Sponsorship can lead to generations of success!

SOULEYMANE, SPONSORSHIP MANAGER, MALI

One of six children, Souleymane was born into poverty. His parents struggled to put a meal on the table just once a day. Even though Souleymane's parents wanted their children all to have the education they couldn't, they were able to send just one child to school — Souleymane. He remembers getting dizzy many times in class due to hunger. He also remembers having to repeat fourth grade because his parents simply couldn't pay the \$1 annual tuition. “My parents kept hoping,” explains Souleymane, “but at times it was like hoping against hope because poverty was just all around us, and there seemed no end to it.” Because he knows firsthand what it's like to be poor and hungry, Souleymane finds helping poverty-stricken children through Sponsorship truly enriches his life.



Photo: Save the Children

“Sponsorship gives thousands of children access to primary education and potable water in some of the poorest communities in Mali. Without Sponsorship, these would be a distant, unrealistic dream for many of these children.”

ROCÍO, COUNTRY DIRECTOR, EL SALVADOR

Rocío grew up in El Salvador. Although she wasn't raised in a wealthy family, she knew she was more privileged than many children in her country. Rocío's sense of responsibility to people with fewer opportunities led her to study International Development and return to El Salvador to make a difference. Rocío describes being named Sponsorship Manager for Save the Children in El Salvador as “a dream come true.” After serving in that capacity for nine years, Rocío returned to school to earn her master's degree and then became Save the Children's Country Director for El Salvador. Today, she proudly continues her commitment to improving the lives of impoverished families in the very country where she was born.

“I know Sponsorship works because I see children's progress as a result of their participation in Sponsorship-funded programs. Parents, teachers and other caretakers have told me so personally, and, in their own words, children have told me so as well.”



Photo: Save the Children

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We do whatever it takes for children — every day and in times of crisis — transforming their lives and the future we share.

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