



# Protecting Children in a Time of Crisis

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*In storm-battered Haiti, Save the Children brought emergency relief to thousands of children like Rose of Maissade in 2008.*

*On the cover: A portrait of Min Min, age 6, after Cyclone Nargis leveled his village in Myanmar's Irrawaddy Delta in May 2008.*



*In Tajikistan, 6-year-old Tamano enjoys an apricot provided in her school lunch.*

In 2008, Save the Children reached 48 million children, directly and indirectly, and aims to reach at least 74 million children annually by 2012. And because secure families and communities are essential to child well-being, our program supports millions of others as well. To honor that commitment, we have initiated a new strategic plan, which we call *Getting to Great*. Through it, we will ensure that children in need grow up safe, educated and healthy and better able to attain their rights to healthy and productive lives.

## Letter from the President and the Chairman of the Board

### **To our Contributors, Colleagues and Friends**

The financial crisis of 2008 that rocked world markets also undermined the economic stability of millions of families who now struggle to care for their children. In this volatile economic climate, Save the Children continued to deliver lifesaving health, education and protection to some 48 million children, directly and indirectly, in more than 50 countries around the world, including the United States.

By all political, economic and environmental measures, 2008 was not a good year for children. First, global shortages of food and higher prices drastically reduced children's access to health care, nutrition and education which they need to thrive.

Second, the number and severity of natural disasters rose in 2008. With violent cyclones in Bangladesh and Myanmar, China's devastating earthquake, flooding in Mozambique, drought in Ethiopia, and back-to-back hurricanes in the Caribbean and the United States, we have had no let-up in emergency response.

In fact, Save the Children has operated on "high alert" for most of 2008. But through it all, we have emerged as a stronger organization, a leading advocate for children in need and a powerful partner for achieving change in their lives. Moreover, we have maintained our strong financial stewardship and increased our revenues, thanks to the remarkable generosity and growing ranks of supporters who recognize the importance of investing in the safety, health and education of children.

## Significant Achievements of 2008



*One-year-old Thomas is one of thousands of malnourished Ethiopian children screened and treated by Save the Children at therapeutic feeding centers. By measuring a child's arm, health workers can judge the extent of malnourishment.*



*In 2008, Save the Children's emergency response teams assisted 3 million children and families in need in 26 countries. Through Save the Children's Family Tracing Program in Myanmar, 12-year-old Lay was reunited with his family after Cyclone Nargis.*

### ***Responding to the Crisis of Child Hunger***

Recent price increases and shortages of food supplies have affected families in many countries. Save the Children helps protect children at risk of malnutrition and supports families that are just managing to get by. In Ethiopia, we have reached more than 900,000 people hardest hit by the current hunger crisis, including some 16,500 children suffering from severe malnutrition. We also support "safety-net" programs for families in 16 countries by providing work and subsidizing food purchases.

### ***Staying One Step Ahead of Natural Disasters***

Being prepared saves lives, as Save the Children demonstrated in 2008. Our disaster-preparedness training in Bangladesh and the United States readied communities in both countries to take steps to protect themselves and their children—and saved thousands of lives.

### ***Leading Efforts in Emergency Response***

Save the Children provided emergency assistance to 3 million children and families in 26 countries in 2008, including devastating cyclones in Bangladesh and Myanmar; hurricanes Gustav and Ike in the U.S. Gulf Coast, the earthquake in China and flooding in Mozambique, India and Nepal.

### **Reducing Newborn and Child Mortality**

In 40 countries where 90 percent of over 9 million deaths among children under 5 occur each year, Save the Children's community-based health and nutrition programs ensure families' access to low-cost, effective health care. Through our training programs for community health workers, children with life-threatening diseases receive proper treatment and referrals to medical facilities. This model for health care delivery is helping to save the lives of hundreds of thousands of children under 5 who might otherwise die from treatable or preventable causes.



*Educating parents about nutrition for children is as important to child survival as access to health care. In Bolivia, 4-year-old Rodrigo drinks a glass of milk from his family's cow — a great example of how improved farm practices impact child health.*

### **Representing Children in Need on Capitol Hill**

Advocacy is becoming an increasingly powerful tool for Save the Children, whether we work in coalition with other organizations or independently, to strengthen policies and funding for child health, hunger and education.

In 2008, Mark Shriver, Save the Children's vice president for U.S. Programs, was asked to chair the government's National Commission on Children in Disasters, which he helped to establish.



*As the chairman of our Campaign for Newborn and Child Survival, former U.S. Senator Bill Frist, MD, a Save the Children trustee, urged members of a Congressional subcommittee to pass the Global Child Survival Act.*



*Save the Children collaborated with the Whiz Kids Workshop of Ethiopia to produce an episode on a popular Ethiopian children's television show, Tsehai Loves Learning, to help children coping with HIV/AIDS. This show has helped thousands of children like Hana, age 5, who live in areas where many children have lost parents to AIDS.*



*Four-year-old Atfa regularly attends the early child development center in Belcharagh District, Afghanistan. Active play builds children's social and physical skills, preparing them for primary school.*

### ***Helping Children Cope with HIV/AIDS***

In sub-Saharan Africa, where 15 million children are affected by HIV, Save the Children has provided community support, health care, education and hope for hundreds of thousands of orphaned and vulnerable children and helped many adolescents with AIDS awareness messages and access to clinics. All told, we've reached more than 1.2 million HIV-affected children in 2008.

### ***Planting the Seeds for Early Learning***

Save the Children is in the vanguard of early childhood development, with both formal and nonformal programs designed to prepare very young children to learn and ensure their success in primary school. In 2008, we expanded the number of early childhood programs to more than 6,200 sites in over 15 countries and 60 programs in 12 states of the United States.

### ***Raising Reading Scores in the United States through Improved Literacy***

We usually think of reading as a solitary pursuit, but in Clay County, Kentucky, learning to read has become a community crusade. Save the Children has helped boost reading scores among Clay County students by 9 percent; just one example of how we have helped thousands of children attain reading skills and a love of books.



*Save the Children's literacy programs have dramatically improved reading scores among elementary school children in 13 states. In Kentucky, 8-year-old Nicole reads during her literacy session.*

### ***Delivering Education for Children in Emergencies***

For 37 million children worldwide, the promise of education has been overtaken by war, conflict or natural disasters. The International Save the Children Alliance's initiative, *Rewrite the Future*, has provided education to more than 5.7 million children affected by conflict in 20 countries. For these children, education is not only an opportunity to engage in learning, but a safe haven from the unpredictable world outside the classroom.



*Children at El Geneina Camp in Darfur look up from their school work. Thanks to Save the Children's Rewrite the Future campaign, 5.7 million children living in conflict situations in 20 countries can learn in the safety of the classroom.*



*At St. Joseph's mission school in New Mexico, Michael enjoys an orange instead of junk food during after-school activities supported by Save the Children.*



*Through Save the Children's vocational training program for street children in Kabul, Afghanistan, Zohra, 15, and Mariam, 17, learn tailoring skills so they can earn a living.*

### ***Promoting Healthy Lifestyles to Prevent Childhood Obesity***

Being overweight or obese is not a phase that children go through, like growing pains. It is a health crisis affecting more than 20 million American children who may face life-threatening health problems later in life as a consequence. Save the Children has introduced regular physical activity and healthy snacks as part of 132 after-school programs in 12 states to help reverse this trend.

### ***Helping Youth Enter the Workforce***

Youth and adolescents often leave school unprepared for the world of work. To help them through the transition from school to the workforce, Save the Children works with local partners to initiate training programs in enterprise management, personal finance, computer literacy and other skills in 10 countries, and to make small loans for youth who want to strike out on their own.



Save the Children will ensure that children in need  
grow up safe, educated and healthy  
and better able to attain their rights.



*Save the Children's Chairman of the Board, Robert A. Daly, chats with a young boy in Louisiana.*

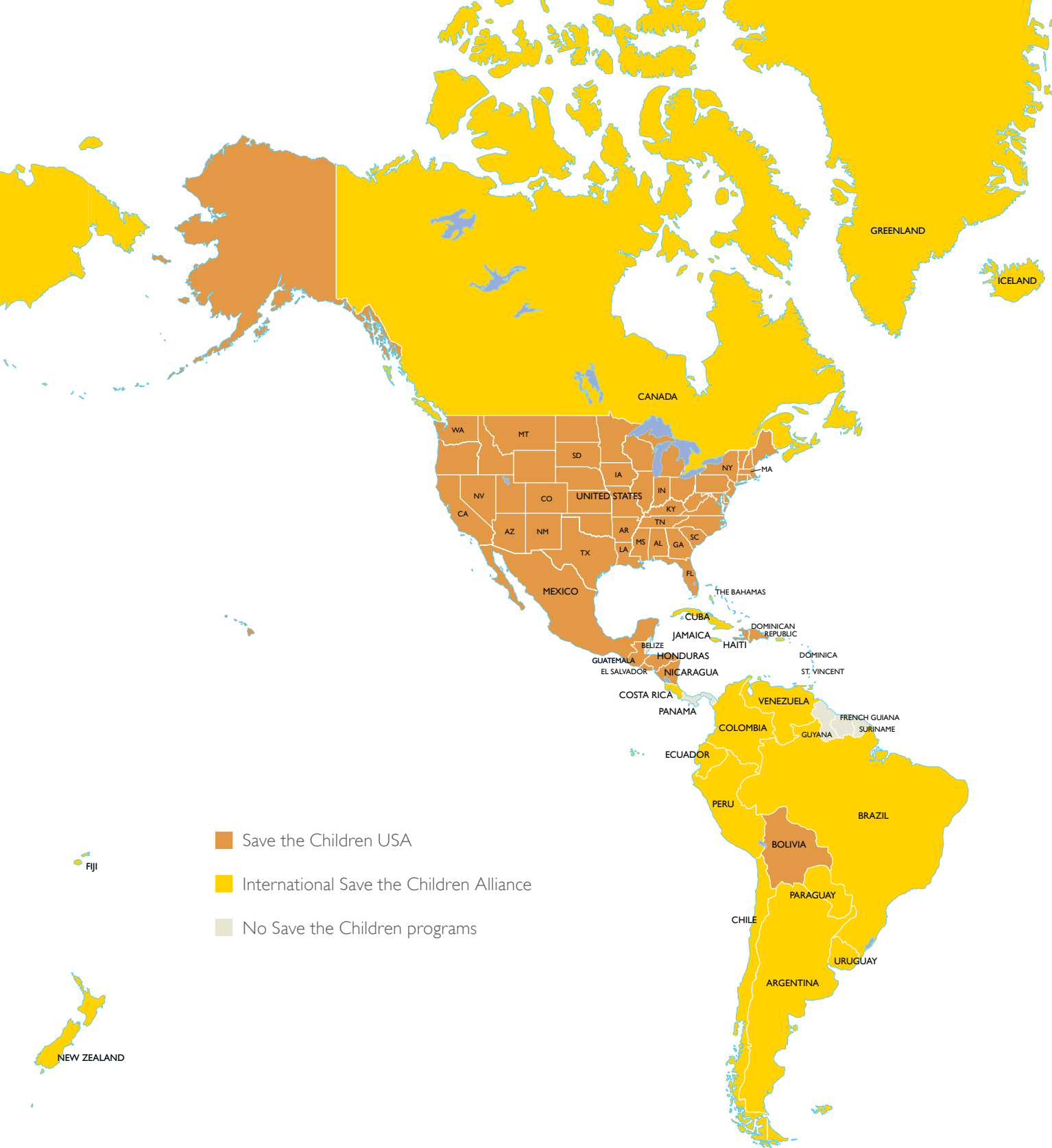


*Charles F. MacCormack, President of Save the Children, visits a Save the Children health center for newborn and child survival in Ethiopia.*

We know that the only way to bring an end to child poverty is to work in partnership with International Save the Children Alliance members and with governments, foundations, corporations, universities, nonprofits and community leaders. As world leaders attempt to stabilize the global economy following the financial crises of 2008, we are grateful to all of you who remain steadfast in your commitment to the work we do for children.

Robert A. Daly  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Charles F. MacCormack  
President and CEO



- Save the Children USA
- International Save the Children Alliance
- No Save the Children programs

# Where We Work

## Save the Children USA

Save the Children USA put resources and expertise to work for children in more than 50 countries, including the United States, and served some 48 million children and many others, including parents, communities, local organizations and government agencies in 2008.



## The International Save the Children Alliance

Save the Children also participates in the International Save the Children Alliance, a global network of 27 national Save the Children organizations allocating over \$1 billion in more than 120 countries to ensure the well-being of children. In keeping with the vision of Eglantyne Jebb, who founded Save the Children in 1919, members of the Save the Children Alliance have campaigned for children's rights for almost 90 years. Through close collaboration, the International Save the Children Alliance draws on the great resources of its membership to strengthen programs and policies in education, health care and emergency response. As a result, Save the Children has increased its impact for children by an order of magnitude, and leveraged greater influence as a global institution than each individual organization could on its own.





## IMPACT

CHILDREN ARE HEALTHY  
AND WELL-NOURISHED

# Protecting Children in a Time of Crisis

## **The Global Hunger Crisis Takes its Toll on Children**

2008 will be remembered as a year of natural disasters and economic shocks, when growing populations placed ever-greater demands on dwindling resources. With food prices sharply up, millions of people are having to make tough choices about feeding their families or paying for the school and health care that are essential for children to thrive. Save the Children has made the case for urgent action to U.S. and world policymakers.

When families face hard times, children's needs are often the first to be sacrificed, with drastic consequences for their health and well-being. Hunger and malnutrition can be fatal to children or leave permanent damage, such as stunted growth and decreased cognitive development from which they may never recover. In times of scarcity, an entire generation may feel the impact of want and a country may lose ground in achieving social and economic development.

*Families across Africa felt the impact of food shortages in 2008, and Save the Children is responding to children in five countries while monitoring conditions in seven sub-Saharan countries and another 18 countries worldwide. At left, Tigabu, 2, receives his first treatment of Plumpy'nut — a high-nutrition, ready-to-eat therapeutic food — at a Save the Children-supported feeding program in Ethiopia.*

## Ethiopia Faces a Hunger Crisis—Again

Hard times have returned to Ethiopia in 2008, where Save the Children is responding to the hunger crisis caused by recurring drought, food shortages and high transport costs. Since June 2008, Save the Children has helped over 900,000 people in the six worst-affected regions by:

- Providing malnourished children with ready-to-eat, high-nutrition foods such as Plumpy'nut;
- Delivering lifesaving emergency nutrition support to more than 16,500 severely malnourished children at therapeutic feeding centers;
- Providing clean water and sanitation to thousands of families;
- Contributing veterinary drugs and feed to enable 250,000 farmers to keep their herd animals alive.

“It will take more than food to fight the hunger crisis.

Healthy, educated families are far better able to deal with rising food costs.”

— Dennis Walto, Africa Area Director, Save the Children

*Most American families felt the pinch at the gas pump and in the grocery store in 2008, when prices increased sharply. In Ethiopia, the cost of corn has increased 250 percent since 2001, meaning that the average Ethiopian family can only buy one-third of what it could seven years ago.*



## **Food Distribution and Safety-Net Programs**

In 2008, Save the Children provided nearly 130,000 metric tons of food worth more than \$76 million to reduce hunger and malnutrition among families in 16 countries. Our safety-net programs also enabled families to buy food locally with cash or vouchers and provided work for people in Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Sudan, Tajikistan and other at-risk nations.

## **Livelihoods as a Hedge Against Hunger**

Traditional food aid will never conquer hunger and malnutrition; it is a stopgap when times are bad, as in Ethiopia today. Save the Children's long-term strategy is to make families less vulnerable to economic conditions by preparing mothers and youth to enter the workforce, protect their savings and manage their own businesses. In 20 countries, Save the Children has worked with local organizations to issue more than \$300 million in loans to 800,000 mothers and women to set up small businesses.

We also help youth who have finished school to make the transition to the world of work. Our programs in more than 10 countries prepare young men and women to enter the workforce with courses in enterprise management, finance and other essential skills.



*Above, 9-year-old Lenida holds her lamb. Her parents are local farmers participating in the Save the Children community food security program in Bolivia.*

## **SECURING NUTRITION AND FOOD FOR FAMILIES**

Save the Children invests in long-term agricultural programs to strengthen local farmers' ability to increase harvests and diversify their crops—a multifaceted approach that ensures healthy foods for children and creates produce for sale. In Bolivia, working with farmers to improve crop yields and market sales is linked with teaching families about the importance of healthy foods for maternal and child health and nutrition. The results have been impressive. Not only has chronic malnutrition among young children declined by nearly 6 percent, incomes for farm families have risen by nearly \$1.4 million in produce sales since 2005.







## IMPACT

CHILDREN ARE PROTECTED  
FROM HARM

# Emergency Preparedness and Response

## **The Critical Importance of Early Response**

Save the Children was among a handful of international aid agencies working in Myanmar when Cyclone Nargis destroyed villages and farms across the Irrawaddy Delta in May 2008. With 14 years' experience in the country, we were uniquely positioned to deliver lifesaving assistance, and our on-the-ground staff, 500 strong, dropped their day jobs to meet the needs of children in crisis.

But no corner of the globe was safe from natural disaster in 2008. When the Earth and its climate change, families suffer loss of life, homes and livelihoods, and children often get lost in the turmoil.

Save the Children assisted 3 million victims of hurricanes and cyclones, droughts, earthquakes and conflicts in 26 countries including the United States in 2008. We also supported displaced people during the Russian invasion of Georgia and continued our efforts to help Iraqi refugees in Jordan and displaced families in Darfur, Sudan. Our goal, above all, is making sure that children are safe and protected.

*Since Cyclone Nargis struck Myanmar's Irrawaddy Delta in May 2008, Save the Children has made significant progress in helping hundreds of communities toward recovery. Thanks to donations worth approximately \$50 million, we have provided food, medicines and other supplies to more than 250,000 children and their families, set up child-friendly activity areas for 30,000 children and established over 350 temporary schools.*



*Save the Children's disaster-preparedness training in at-risk regions, such as southern Bangladesh, has helped to curtail the impact of natural disasters by enabling people to protect themselves and their children.*

### **Being Prepared Saves Lives**

In countries and regions at greatest risk of natural disasters, Save the Children is helping communities develop plans for evacuation, skills in emergency care and storage facilities for food, water, medical supplies and other necessities. The preparedness training paid off in two vulnerable regions when, predictably, violent storms swept across densely inhabited lowlands—in Bangladesh during Cyclone Sidr in November 2007 and in the U.S. Gulf Coast during hurricanes Gustav and Ike in September 2008.

In Bangladesh, where people have faced the ravages of cyclones for millennia, Save the Children's disaster-preparedness training helped to significantly reduce the loss of life from the cyclone. We also provided emergency relief to approximately one million people and continue to work on recovery efforts with coastal communities.



*A Save the Children staff member sits with 5-year-old Corlia as she checks out her evacuation backpack, distributed to children at shelters in Louisiana before Hurricane Gustav.*

## **Disaster Assistance: The United States**

We also work to ensure that children are protected in emergencies. During hurricanes Gustav and Ike in the U.S. Gulf Coast, our disaster experts provided guidance to shelter staff to ensure that they followed best practices for children's safety. Our signature "Safe Spaces" program allowed more than 9,000 children at some 52 shelters in Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas to enjoy activities with other children under the supervision of caring adults, who helped to keep them safe throughout the emergency.

Taking a national perspective, Save the Children helped to introduce and pass legislation for a National Commission on Children in Disasters, which recommends ways to better protect children in emergencies.

Save the Children also serves as the sole child advocate on FEMA's National Advisory Council and published a state-by-state audit of emergency preparedness at early childhood development centers in 2008. Only four out of 50 states and the District of Columbia had minimum standards in place. Save the Children is partnering with state and municipal governments, including New York City, to ensure children's needs are met in all phases of disaster planning and response.



*Three-year-old Salome sits on a stack of water containers at a camp for internally displaced persons following the Russian incursion in Georgia.*

## **THE HALABY-MURPHY REVOLVING EMERGENCY FUND**

When disasters strike, every passing moment increases the risk of harm and loss of life among children and their families. Thanks to the Halaby-Murphy Revolving Emergency Fund, Save the Children has far greater capacity and flexibility to meet the needs of children with speed.

Named in honor of two former Save the Children board chairmen—the late Najeeb Halaby and Thomas Murphy (emeritus)—the fund provides critical start-up for emergency response in the immediate aftermath of crises. Most recently, the Halaby-Murphy Fund has enabled Save the Children to launch emergency assistance in Bangladesh, China, Kenya, Mozambique and the Philippines.





## IMPACT

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*In more than 40 countries, Save the Children supports training of community-based health workers to care for children in poor and remote areas far from health facilities. These caregivers are key to child health and survival, treating potentially fatal illnesses, promoting family health, hygiene and nutrition practices and making sure that parents seek timely and appropriate care when their children suffer from a serious illness. At left, a young child diagnosed with malaria waits with her mother in a community health clinic supported by Save the Children in Mozambique.*

# Advancing Newborn and Child Survival

## Best Programs for Children's Health

Despite great strides in maternal, newborn and child health over the past 30 years, over nine million children under 5 die each year, and more than 60 percent of those deaths could be prevented. Low-cost and effective solutions that can save children from early and needless death already exist—if we can get families access to appropriate and affordable health care.

Save the Children's approach to effective maternal, newborn and child health is rooted in community-based programs that deliver lifesaving care for children and families that need it most.

Take the example of Rasheda Begum, a traditional birth attendant in Bangladesh, who has delivered babies in her community for more than 10 years. Still, she knew little about safe and clean delivery or newborn care before she received training through a Save the Children-supported maternal and newborn health program. Now Rasheda applies many of the lessons she has learned with positive results, such as helping a newborn who was not breathing at birth, and wrapping a small, shivering newborn against his mother, where he was warmed, fed and fell asleep quickly.



“In a few years, I will tell my daughter how people halfway around the world cared enough to help save the babies of Malawi and gave me a chance to teach and help others. This support saved her life and gave me my best friend.”

— Grace Tutiwe Ngoto, of Malawi, speaking before the U.S. Global Leadership Campaign’s meeting in Washington, DC, on July 15, 2008. She is pictured above with her daughter, Tuntufye.

### **Best Practices for Families**

In Malawi, premature and low birthweight babies are often described as *mthayo*—‘a waste’—because they are doomed to die. But as Grace Tutiwe Ngoto eloquently told her story to members of the U.S. Global Leadership Campaign in Washington, DC, in July 2008, Save the Children-supported health care workers in Malawi introduced her to a practice called “kangaroo mother care” that saved her low birthweight newborn, Tuntufye. By wrapping her little daughter against her chest, Grace kept her baby warm and easily breastfed. Now an impish 3-year-old, Tuntufye is living

proof that simple, low-cost health care practices can save lives.

Kangaroo mother care is just one of many health measures that Save the Children has introduced in 40 countries to help save the lives of children under age 5. Through the *Campaign for Newborn and Child Survival*, Save the Children mobilizes support from “grassroots” citizens to “grasstops” government leaders and donors. Our goal is to increase funding for maternal, newborn and child health worldwide and help reduce child deaths by more than 5 million annually by 2015.

### **Best Policies for Global Child Survival**

Save the Children uses its firsthand knowledge and experience to educate and advocate for children and families in the United States and overseas. Mobilizing support—from grassroots to grassstops—is the first step to reducing child mortality.

Under the leadership of former Senator Bill Frist, MD, Save the Children worked with coalition partners to generate strong bipartisan support for child survival by helping to secure more than 125 House and Senate co-sponsors for the U.S. Commitment to Global Child Survival Act, which was adopted unanimously by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

### **Caring for Children Orphaned by AIDS**

More than 15 million children have lost one or both parents to AIDS and the majority live in sub-Saharan Africa. As the epidemic claims more lives each year, experts project that the number of orphaned and vulnerable children will almost double in the next 10 years. Save the Children's response to the needs of children affected by AIDS is comprehensive and family-centered, building each community's capacity to offer basic safety, health and protection, emotional support, food and education. For older orphans and vulnerable children, we ensure that they have the information, services and support they need to prevent HIV infection and early parenthood.

In 2008, Save the Children programs benefited over 1.5 million orphaned and vulnerable children in Ethiopia, Haiti, Malawi, Mozambique, Uganda and Vietnam.



*In Vietnam, Save the Children encourages HIV-awareness and promotes appropriate health services for youth at risk of infection. We also support HIV-positive children like 7-year-old Quang with food, education and health care.*







**IMPACT**

CHILDREN LEARN  
AND DEVELOP

# Education for a Lifetime

Save the Children's education programs are designed to provide quality, basic education to all children—but especially to those in disadvantaged circumstances—whether they live in remote rural areas, are affected by HIV/AIDS or conflict, or face discrimination, like girls, ethnic minorities and the handicapped.

An estimated 72 million school-age children in the world still do not have access to school, and in many communities the quality of education is so poor that children grow up unprepared for work or the modern world. Save the Children works with communities and governments to improve the quality of teaching and learning in and out of the classroom, and enlists families to support their children in pursuing education. We emphasize culturally relevant curricula, child participation, school health and mastery of basic literacy and life-skills.

*Improving literacy among rural American children is a priority for Save the Children. Through our in-school and after-school sessions, thousands of elementary school children get that extra boost in reading skills that will help them succeed. At left, 8-year-old Valencia has selected books from her school library in San Carlos, Arizona.*

*In an early child development center in Gorzwan district, Afghanistan, young children like Fatana, age 3, improve the motor and intellectual skills that they need to succeed in primary school.*



### **Getting an Early Start in Learning**

In 2006, Save the Children launched a major initiative in early childhood development, based on the growing evidence that an early start in learning helps very young children (under 5 years old) build the cognitive, intellectual and physical skills they need to succeed in school and beyond. Two years later, this and similar successful models now reach 186,000 children in 6,200 sites in 15 countries. Through formal education centers and nonformal programs tailored to home settings, Save the Children's preschool model prepares children to succeed in learning and stay in school.

In a survey of our early childhood development programs in Afghanistan, Bolivia, the Philippines and Vietnam, the aggregated data showed that:

- On average, 89 percent of young children attended preschool classes regularly;
- Even in areas where drop-out rates are extremely high, on average, 91 percent of these children were promoted from first to second grade following their entry in primary school.

In the United States, the number of Save the Children early childhood development sites has mushroomed—from 10 sites in 2006 to 60 in 2008. This model for preschool educational development is proving that disadvantaged children can perform well in primary school if they are provided with supportive, effective early learning opportunities.

## Basic Education

For the 5.1 million children who benefit from all of Save the Children's education programs, learning instills the skills and habits that will guide them through a lifetime. You can't take that away—it's lasting change.

Most disadvantaged children in developing countries find that the road to education is fraught with obstacles—distance and cost, social barriers and discrimination, war and conflict, to name a few. To overcome such barriers, we face two major challenges: providing children access to quality education and ensuring that they stay in school. In 28 countries, Save the Children supports more than 5,500 schools. We have trained more than 30,000 teachers, mobilized parents and other community members, improved students' health and nutrition and provided teaching and learning materials.



*Through the Rewrite the Future campaign, International Save the Children Alliance members have provided education for more than 5.7 million children since 2006. Here, a little boy in El Geneina camp in Darfur takes part in a physical education class.*

### **REWRITE THE FUTURE: EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN CAUGHT IN CONFLICT**

Working with other members of the International Save the Children Alliance, we provide education to children affected by emergencies, war and conflict in more than 20 countries through our campaign, *Rewrite the Future*. Since 2006, 5.7 million children have benefited from this opportunity to resume learning despite unstable circumstances, including some children attending school for the first time. The impact of *Rewrite the Future* goes beyond the need to resume interrupted learning; it also provides protection for millions of children who are vulnerable to exploitation and emotional support for those who have endured traumatic events.

## IMPACT

INCREASE UNDERSTANDING OF AND SUPPORT  
FOR OUR WORK FOR CHILDREN IN NEED

# Americans Reach Out to Children in Need

## Supporters Go the Extra Mile

Knitters and crocheters, *American Idol*'s hosts and Save the Children's Artist Ambassadors top the list of those who have gone the extra mile—and in many cases, thousands of miles!—to share their commitment and communicate what



*Julianne Moore (center), the Emmy- and Golden Globe-award-winning actress; Mark Shriver (right), our vice president of U.S. Programs and New York City Office of Emergency Management Commissioner, Joseph Bruno (left) launch a partnership to integrate our “Safe Spaces” program into New York City’s emergency plans.*

Save the Children means to children in need. Their public endorsement of what we do to create lasting change increases public awareness and expands our base of support.

## Artist Ambassadors for Save the Children

Five outstanding and committed celebrities made room in their packed schedules to see our health and education projects firsthand in 2008. Julianne Moore, Jessica Lange, Joely Fisher, Randy Jackson and America Ferrera have been inspired to do more. They have become Artist Ambassadors for Save the Children, making public appearances and encouraging people across America to join them in making a positive change in the lives of children in need.



*The winner of two Academy Awards, actress Jessica Lange toured Save the Children's health and education projects in Ethiopia, taking time to play with children in the Enat Early Childcare Development Center in Addis Abbaba. She then shared her experiences at Save the Children's New York Leadership Council's annual luncheon in June 2008.*



*Joely Fisher, star of Fox Television's comedy, "Til Death, spent ten days in the rugged, remote villages of Xai Xai province in Mozambique. "It hurts to see what these children go through every day," said Ms. Fisher, daughter of actress Connie Stevens and singer Eddie Fisher. "We cannot let this continue, and it is within our means to change it."*



*Randy Jackson (right), one of our first Artist Ambassadors, has visited several Save the Children programs in the United States. American Idol's judges Paula Abdul (left) and Randy Jackson pose with a student and Save the Children staff member at Goshen Elementary School in Central Valley, California. (See page 28.)*



*America Ferrera, Emmy- and Golden Globe-award-winning actress, and star of ABC Television's popular series Ugly Betty, is our champion of education for disadvantaged children worldwide. She represented Save the Children at the Clinton Global Initiative meeting in New York City in September 2008.*



*Eli and Peyton Manning, Superbowl MVPs and brothers, took time out for a friendly football game with students at Craig Elementary School in New Orleans, which Peyton (left) and Eli (right) visited in March in support of Idol Gives Back.*



*Knitters of all ages made caps to raise awareness of newborn health through Knit One, Save One in 2008. At a Connecticut school, Alex holds the caps he made.*

### **American Idol Viewers Help U.S. Children in Need**

Through the second annual *Idol Gives Back* charity event on Fox, *American Idol* viewers again showed their support for some of the poorest rural communities in the United States. This year, *Idol Gives Back* announced that Save the Children would receive \$10 million to support early childhood development, literacy and physical activity and nutrition programs in rural schools in eight states. The donation will also help the agency to respond to the needs of children after emergencies in the United States. "I am thrilled that Save the Children is benefiting from *Idol Gives Back*," said Randy Jackson, *American Idol* host and Save the Children Artist Ambassador. "I visited their programs in New Orleans last year and visited Goshen, California, last spring. Save the Children is doing terrific work in the poorest communities in America."

### **Knit One, Save One Makes Newborn Care a Global Commitment**

Save the Children's *Knit One, Save One* campaign garnered support from volunteer knitters and crocheters across the country, who created more than 30,000 caps to keep newborns warm and save lives. In addition, thousands of supporters sent letters to President-elect Obama, urging him to support newborn survival globally.

# Foreign Aid Reform

## Impact for the 21st Century

It has been nearly 50 years since the U.S. Foreign Assistance Act was enacted, and despite recent increases in appropriations, U.S. foreign aid has not delivered commensurate impact on poverty reduction and other priorities for children in developing countries. Over the years, foreign aid has fragmented among 50 government offices in more than 20 agencies.

At a time of financial crisis, when the well-being of millions of vulnerable children is at stake, Save the Children believes that development reform is essential.

With support from the Hewlett Foundation, Save the Children is leading a research and advocacy program to examine the impact of aid at the country level. We have presented our ideas to two well-attended panels on Capitol Hill, and, as a founding member of the bipartisan Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network, we are working to make the case for reform with policymakers and the public. Achieving bold breakthroughs for children will take innovative collaboration with many partners. Through foreign aid aimed at reducing extreme poverty, Save the Children can do even more to help vulnerable children overcome disease, hunger and illiteracy.



*Save the Children's staff frequently address Congressional leaders and their staffs on issues concerning children in need. Seen here is David Oot, Save the Children's respected leader in child and newborn health and nutrition, speaking in support of the Global Child Survival Act currently before Congress.*

## Financial Report

In Fiscal Year 2008, Save the Children increased its operating revenue by 25 percent from FY 2007 to \$447 million, while operating expenses grew by 28 percent from the previous year to \$463 million. The main growth factor was the 70 percent growth in private gifts, grants and contributions, including a \$43 million gift-in-kind donation for pharmaceutical vitamins and deworming medication for various field programs. The operating deficit of \$16 million was almost exclusively comprised of planned spending in Year 4 of the 5-year Asia Tsunami Response, the revenue for which was reported in 2005.

For the sixth straight fiscal year, the agency allocated 90 percent or more of its expenses on program services. In FY 2008, this figure was 92 percent; the largest percentage spent on programs in 60 years, (since FY 1948). These increases came mainly in the sectors of education, health and emergency response, which grew at rates of 83 percent, 34 percent and 37 percent respectively from the previous fiscal year. HIV/AIDS programs increased 7 percent, but food security programs declined by 15 percent and economic opportunities declined by 30 percent.

The agency's private cost to raise a dollar decreased from 10 cents in FY 2007 to 7 cents in FY 2008, while the endowment grew from \$94 million to \$101 million (even with the late year decline in the global financial markets). Save the Children's net assets declined by \$9 million due to the Asia Tsunami spend down, but remain very strong at \$183 million.

The full financial statements, audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP, are available upon request by calling 1-800-728-3843 and on our website at [www.savethechildren.org](http://www.savethechildren.org).



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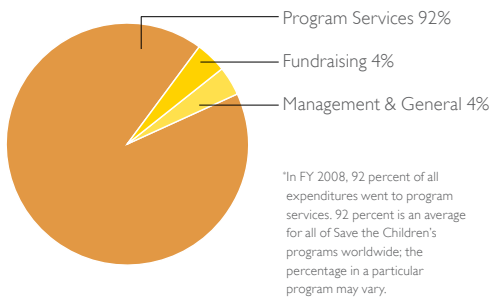
*Yorlenis and her daughter Ana, 15 months, are from Las Minitas, Nicaragua, where Save the Children ensures that young children like Ana have every chance to grow up healthy and literate, with the prospect for a productive future.*

For the seventh year in a row, the independent evaluator, Charity Navigator, has awarded Save the Children its 4-star rating.

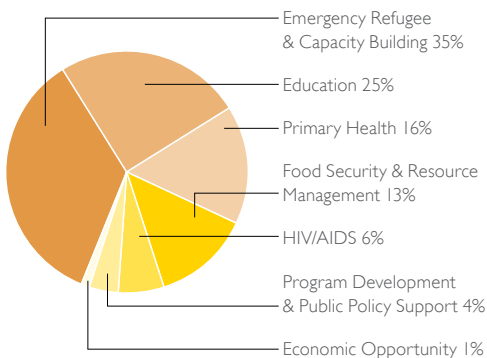


## Condensed Audited Financial Information

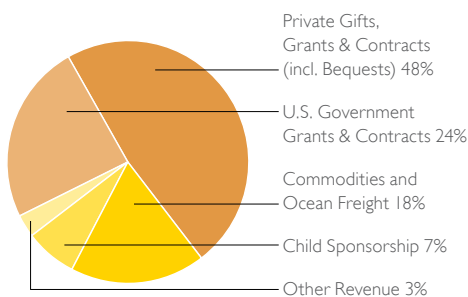
### HOW WE USE OUR FUNDS\*



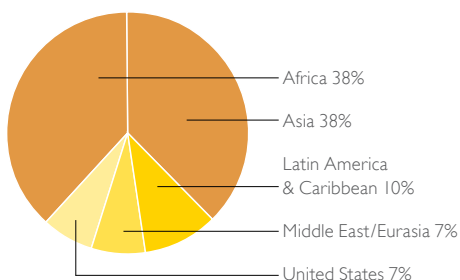
### NATURE OF OUR PROGRAM



### SOURCES OF SUPPORT AND REVENUE



### WHERE WE WORK



### OPERATING REVENUE

	FY 2008	FY 2007
Child Sponsorship	33,341,000	33,819,000
Private Gifts, Grants, & Contracts (incl. Bequests)	210,568,000	125,000,000
U.S. Government Grants & Contracts	108,737,000	111,114,000
Commodities and Ocean Freight	80,958,000	73,407,000
Other Revenue	13,258,000	12,900,000

### Total Operating Revenue

**446,862,000**    **356,240,000**

### OPERATING EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

#### Program Services

Education	104,000,000	56,773,000
Primary Health	66,184,000	49,530,000
HIV/AIDS	27,068,000	25,255,000
Economic Opportunity	4,887,000	6,951,000
Food Security & Resource Management	55,054,000	64,844,000
Emergency, Refugee and Capacity Building	148,844,000	108,531,000
Program Development & Public Policy Support	18,109,000	14,333,000

### Total Program Services

**424,146,000**    **326,217,000**

Fundraising	21,286,000	21,259,000
Management & General	17,362,000	13,679,000

### Total Operating Expenses

**462,794,000**    **361,155,000**

Excess/(Deficit)* of Operating Revenue over Operating Expenses	(15,932,000)	(4,915,000)
Excess/(Deficit) related to Unrestricted Funds	(5,989,000)	4,963,000
Deficit related to Temporary Restricted Funds	(9,943,000)	(9,878,000)
Non-Operating Activity <i>(Endowment gifts &amp; pledges, investment earnings and exchange gain/loss)</i>	6,873,000	14,787,000

### Total Operating Revenue and Non-Operating Activity

**453,735,000**    **371,027,000**

### Total Operating Expenses

**462,794,000**    **361,155,000**

### Increase/(Decrease) in Net Assets

**(9,059,000)**    **9,872,000**

### Net Assets, Beginning of Fiscal Year

**192,040,000**    **182,168,000**

### Net Assets, End of Fiscal Year

**182,981,000**    **192,040,000**

\*The operating deficit represents spending against private gifts received in FY 2005 for the Southeast Asian Tsunami 5-year program. These funds will continue to be spent over the next year (through December 31, 2009).

In Fiscal Year 2008 on average, based on 2007 costs to administer gifts donated for current use, Save the Children charged 6 percent for restricted fundraising, 4 percent for management and general, and 4 percent for program development and public policy support.

### A NEW FISCAL YEAR AT SAVE THE CHILDREN

Save the Children is changing its fiscal year end to December 31 effective on December 31, 2008, so there will be a short 3-month fiscal year going from October 1–December 31, 2008. The new calendar year fiscal year starts in January 2009.

## Our Supporters



*Brent Stirton photographs a preschool class in the village of Nimuwaboshi in the far-western region of Nepal. Save the Children trained the preschool instructor, helped construct the school building, and provided books and other educational materials.*

### Photojournalist Puts the Focus on Children



Award-winning Getty photographer Brent Stirton volunteered a week of his time to Save the Children in memory of his friend, John Alexander,

who died suddenly while on assignment in China in 2007. As a tribute to Alexander's life, Stirton created a photographic record of young children enrolled in Save the Children's early childhood learning programs in Nepal.

John Alexander—a 26-year-old associate producer for the cable TV program *Koppel on Discovery*—had relentless curiosity and a passion for life. His family wanted to honor John's spirit by giving poor children a better future.

"I think this gift is one that John would have especially appreciated, given his love of photography and children," said Pam Huling of Discovery Communications, which funded the project.

Brent visited children in Save the Children-supported preschool classrooms in some of the most remote, impoverished communities in Nepal. He was impressed by the colorful, well-equipped classrooms, the high-quality teachers, and the enthusiasm of the students.

"I think that Save the Children's early childhood development program is really a remarkable thing," said Stirton. "Without these facilities, many of these kids wouldn't necessarily be oriented toward school. They would end up working in the agricultural sector with their parents, and they would lose out on the opportunity to have a progressive life. This preschool gives children a platform for education and for a sense of learning and improvement."

Save the Children will release Stirton's photos to the public in a series of special events in the spring of 2009.

## Children's Circle

*Save the Children is honored by the extraordinary generosity of donors who contributed \$50,000 or more during the past fiscal year, which ended on September 30, 2008. Donors who sponsored one or more children are designated with an asterisk (\*).*

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Dubai Cares  
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### **\$500,000–\$999,999**

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Hau'oli Mau Loa Foundation  
William Randolph Hearst Foundation  
Not On Our Watch Foundation  
Anonymous (2)

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Anonymous (4)

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*Corporations support our organization through contributions and grants, cause-related marketing, product licensing, gifts-in-kind, special events, matching gifts and by conducting workplace giving campaigns. All corporations contributing over \$10,000 in the past fiscal year, which ended on September 30, 2008, are recognized below.*

*Corporations that sponsor one or more children are identified with an asterisk (\*).*

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Scholastic Corporation  
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GE Foundation, General Electric and its employees  
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Nike Foundation, Nike Inc. and its employees  
PC Myanmar (Hong Kong) Limited  
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## Corporate Leaders in 2008

### **Toys“R”Us Children’s Fund and Toys“R”Us, Inc.**

Toys“R”Us Children’s Fund and Toys“R”Us, Inc. contributed over \$1.1 million to help infants and children in the aftermath of natural disasters in the United States.

### **Allstate Insurance Company**

Allstate Insurance donated \$1 million to Save the Children as part of American Idol’s *Idol Gives Back* event benefiting children in rural Louisiana and Mississippi.

### **Scholastic**

Scholastic, the global children’s publishing, education and media company, donated 250,000 books through its “ClassroomsCare” program and provided 3,000 Scholastic “My Time” comfort kits to children in Texas shelters after Hurricane Ike.

### **Mattel Children’s Foundation**

The Mattel Children’s Foundation donated \$500,000 to our early childhood development programs in the United States, El Salvador and the Philippines and contributed to relief efforts in Southeast Asia.

### **T.J.Maxx**

T.J.Maxx and their customers raised more than \$1.1 million for Save the Children through the ninth annual “Happy Hearts” promotion, sponsored more than 900 children and donated 10,000 books and other valuable merchandise.

### **GlaxoSmithKline**

GlaxoSmithKline has partnered with Save the Children to bring personal hygiene and sanitation education to more than 100,000 children in Bangladesh, Bolivia, Indonesia and Tajikistan.



*Hurricane Ike evacuee Luz, 1, plays in a crib donated by Toys“R”Us, Inc. as her mother and brother look on in a shelter in San Antonio, Texas.*



*Mattel’s employees celebrated the 30th anniversary of Mattel Children’s Foundation by becoming child sponsors and helping children like Jose, 4, from El Salvador.*



*Murodjon helps his younger sister, Zainura, wash her hands. He learned about hygiene in a Child to Child group in Tajikistan, funded by GlaxoSmithKline.*

## Individual Private Donors, Private Foundations and Trusts

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## The Path to Success through Sponsorship

Johnny Michael Henderson is an all-American guy. He works as a Fitness Coordinator at the Alamo Wellness Center on the Alamo Navajo Reservation in New Mexico. He married his high school sweetheart and, together, they are raising three boys and a girl. In his scant spare time, Mike (as he's known to friends) runs marathons, and placed fourth overall in the New Mexico marathon last year.

Mike's success in life was not always a sure thing. But through Save the Children's sponsorship program, this young man got support and encouragement just when he needed it most.

During his childhood, Mike's parents struggled to make ends meet and he frequently lived with his grandmother. When he was in the fifth grade in the late 1980s, one of his teachers at Jemez Pueblo School sent him home with an application for Save the Children's sponsorship program, which he filled out and forgot—until his sponsor wrote him a letter.

Reflecting on his experiences as a sponsored child, Mike remembers how Save the Children contributed books to the Jemez Pueblo School, which had few resources, and a playground and school supplies to children whose families had even fewer.

What he remembers best, though, is the exchange of letters with his sponsor, who moved from Michigan to Finland. As his sponsor adjusted to Finnish culture, Mike savored this faraway place through her letters. "Hearing about something different, it opened me up to the fact that there was a whole world out there," Mike said, adding, "It was a good feeling to know that there was someone to write to, to talk to. She cared."

Today, Save the Children continues to partner with rural schools in New Mexico, strengthening children's literacy skills so they can succeed in school, and offering active play and healthy snacks to prevent childhood obesity.

When we recently spoke with Mike, he asked that we add: "I would like to thank Save the Children for helping me when I was younger ... if it wasn't for them, who knows? ... It really did help."



*Johnny Michael Henderson has come a long way from his hardscrabble childhood, thanks to the support of a Save the Children sponsor.*

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Paul Newman (1925–2008)



Save the Children lost a devoted and compassionate friend of children in 2008. Paul Newman was a respected member of the Save the Children family, reaching out to help needy children for more than four decades. Together with his wife, Joanne Woodward, he sponsored children in some of the world's poorest places, supported our global work both overseas and in the United States, and helped to raise Save the Children's profile across the country.

Mr. Newman also had the vision to see how much good could be done when a business turns profit into promise. The success of Newman's Own brands became one more way in which Paul Newman melded his creativity and compassion to bring the promise of a more hopeful future to children. We are grateful for all his efforts to improve the lives of so many children in need and we mourn his passing deeply.

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Jerry Sternin  
(1938–2008)

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of our colleague Jerry Sternin in November 2008. Jerry's long and varied career included 16 years with Save the Children, and we are indebted to him for his all-abiding commitment to improve the lives of children in need. We remember him as a warm, loyal friend with a wry sense of humor, who stunned us with his talents: He spoke six languages and founded a first-class restaurant. Our deepest condolences go to his wife, Monique and his son, Sam. He will be greatly missed.

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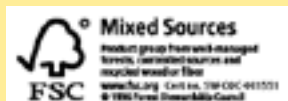
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