



Children receiving school supplies

In western cultures women have the right to vote, work and gain an education. But in many developing countries, women struggle to receive access to adequate health care, vaccines and equal opportunities.

Empowering women—either through grants, programs, or cash transfers from non-government organizations—changes the way that families make decisions. If they are given financial assistance for their female children to receive an education, they will send them to school. If training is provided to women, they will participate in livelihood programs that help them gain financial stability.

The Salvation Army is working in developing countries to empower women through providing education, vocational training, livelihood development and giving them and their children a safe place to go when they are unable to return home due to violence, or if they are involved in the sex trade.

The Salvation Army's international development policy on gender equity holds the belief that men and women, girls and boys should not be discriminated against because of their gender. All people are created in the image of God and deserve the same opportunities.

Salvation Army community development programs promote gender equity, value the similarities and the differences between men and women, boys and girls, while appreciating and enriching the varying roles all people play to create and sustain a more just world.

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A Salvation Army clinic in the Kolanya area.

HEALTH KITS IN KENYA PROVIDE HOPE TO MOTHERS AND BABIES

Every day, 200 babies die in Kenya within the first month of life; one in every 14 will die before they are able to celebrate their first birthday. The primary causes of death are malaria, diarrhea, respiratory infections and HIV/AIDS.

The Salvation Army is making a huge impact in Kenya in alleviating maternal and newborn health issues by providing clinics and medical kits in the Kolanya area.

"I came to the clinic with my 18-month-old son," says Beatrice. "He is vomiting and has diarrhea due to malaria. The nurses are taking care of him. I am so thankful for this service. Without it, I'd have to walk for miles before I could get any medical care."

To date, 100 health kits have been sent to three communities, Katatoi, Aloete and Kibindobi. Each contains a blood pressure monitor, fetal stethoscope, suction bulb, thermometers, infant weight scale and tape measure, gloves, cord ties, acetaminophen

(tablets and infant drops), iron sulphate, folic acid, multivitamins, pediatric multivitamins, oral rehydration salts, zinc and pyrantel. This has benefitted 1,500 expectant mothers and 3,800 infants and children.

While visiting the clinic, Topista Chemtais, 53, is one of the many individuals who received assistance. Widowed, she helps take care of her daughter, Mirriam, 26, who has two young children—Presence and Busara.

Topista brought her granddaughter to the clinic because she had a high fever and some abdominal pain. Presence was given medicine. This station is one of 28 stations in Kenya that is supported through The Salvation Army Canada and Bermuda Territory.

"We are very grateful for this," says Topista. "This service is helping our community. There is no other facility for us to go to."

Education and community awareness



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has also been a large part of this program, as well as other community forums. Topics of discussion include; HIV/AIDS, Malaria, nutrition and growth, diarrhea, hygiene, coughs and chest infections, injury prevention, safe motherhood, among many others.

CREATING A BRIGHTER FUTURE: A SPONSORSHIP OVERVIEW

Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship is a vibrant and effective program that helps impoverished, vulnerable children and youth in the developing world. We are currently involved in 31 countries, through many different types of programs.

Visually, physically and multi-handicapped young people are given care through education, therapy and life-skills training. African albino children, who are at great risk of human trafficking, are also given a safe place to study and live.

Children who are orphans or come from families who cannot take care of their children, nutritionally and educationally, are assisted through a number of children's homes. The sponsorship also helps girls who do not have a chance to go to school in Asia and Africa where custom dictates that boys take priority.

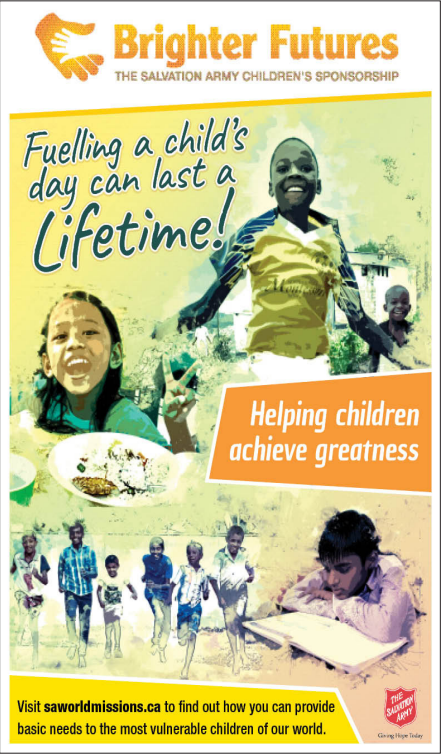
The goal of many preschool programs is to enable impoverished children to have a good start early in life through increased



nutrition and education. The parents, often single mothers, are very grateful for our programs because it means that their children will have a safe place to be while they try to earn a bit of money for rent and food. As a result of our after-school homework clubs, children do much better in school.

Your sponsorship is bringing hope for a brighter future.

You make a real difference!



BRIGHTER FUTURES CHILDREN'S SPONSORSHIP & NRO PARTNERSHIP

The Salvation Army National Recycling Operations (NRO) coordinates and supervises over 100 Salvation Army Thrift Stores across Canada. Each March they have a special national campaign "Give a Little, Get A lot," which specifically raises money to help impoverished and vulnerable children in the developing world through our Brighter



As I think of how busy World Missions has been in the past few months, it's hard to believe that summer 2016 is already in the rear-view mirror. For many in North America, September signals a time of 'new beginnings,' as students commence a new school year and church and community programs start up again. It also reminds us that crisp fall evenings and colourful foliage will soon be upon us.

The World Missions team likes new beginnings and, in this edition of Global Link, we celebrate the Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship program, which is at work in 31 countries around the world helping children and youth reach their full potential. We marvel at the education and healthcare initiatives taking place in Brazil and Kenya including the great story of Sandra Christina and her family from Vila dos Pescadores, Brazil.

We value partnerships and are thankful to the National Recycling Operations for their extraordinary financial support, which continues to provide new beginnings for children through the Brighter Futures program.

We appreciate your interest in World Missions and for your personal support of our ministry. Feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or suggestions for the ministry of World Missions. I can be reached at: Brenda_Murray@can.salvationarmy.org.

Thanks for your prayerful and practical support and, remember, take time to celebrate a new beginning this fall.

Major Brenda Murray
World Missions Director



BRIGHTER FUTURES CHILDREN'S SPONSORSHIP – BRAZIL

In the Vila dos Pescadores favela (slum) community, Cubatao, Brazil, a group of working mothers approached The Salvation Army for after-school assistance so their children would have a safe place to stay and do homework. These mothers were concerned with local violence, juvenile prostitution, drug trafficking and escalating student dropout rates.

In response to this request, The Salvation Army purchased a building in the favela and now 300 children and adolescents have access to an excellent program that includes educational,



Capoeira class promoting self-discipline

socialization and recreational activities.

The program offers homework assistance, crafts, dance, theatre, music and wall art. Children also enjoy workshops for capoeira (martial arts for self-discipline and protection), CLAVES – a course about sexual exploitation issues (including dangers of human trafficking), computer training, and skills for résumé writing and job interviews. Funding for Christmas, Easter and national holidays is also provided and enjoyed by many young people of this slum.

Parent/guardian meetings take place monthly to reinforce family relationships. Topics such as hygiene for children, child protection, behaviour and discipline, prevention of dengue fever, winter viruses and Zika are presented and discussed. A social worker strengthens the entire family through the development of children/youth in the program, as well as assisting parents with relevant topics and advice on how to receive social benefits. All staff



Children enjoy facepainting and crafts

do regular home visits and are attentive to issues that come to light during classes and workshops.

One highlight for parents is a computer skills class, which provides a real eye-opener to many of them who know nothing of such technology. It helps them to learn about the cyber world and allows them to discover helpful elements and dangers of this tool used by their children. Some parents have found that it has improved their skills to obtain better job prospects, enhancing family life by providing stability for their children.

TRUE LIFE STORY

My name is Sandra Christina and I am 50 years of age. I have three children: Peter (30), Pamela (24) and Sarah (16).

Thanks to the social program run by The Salvation Army in Vila dos Pescadores, my children have never had contact with crime.

My son Peter studied English with a scholarship provided by the project. My oldest daughter Pamela studied nursing; however she does not work in this field as she teaches art at

the project. My youngest daughter Sarah is in her first year of high school.

I thank God for this special place, which serves the children and young people of this community, helping to keep them out of trouble and crime. It is with great joy that I write this because now I only lack one thing, that is the opportunity for me to go back to school!

Thank you very much for everything.
Sandra Christina da Costa e Silva



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