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Brighter Futures

Every sponsorship dollar is making a difference in the lives of vulnerable children around the world!

To celebrate the difference sponsorship is making, we are pleased to introduce the new name and logo for the program: "Brighter Futures – The Salvation Army Children's Sponsorship".

A new poster has been distributed featuring a group of children with captions of what they might each want to be when they grow up. The Children's Sponsorship program has always been about providing children with better tomorrows and brighter futures as we ensure that they are able to attend school, receive nutritious meals and health care necessary for strong bodies, within a caring Christian environment.

This newsletter contains a few representative stories from some of the programs supported by our sponsors. There are always many more stories to tell like the innovative program in Indonesia providing for library books, school fees and cooking/baking equipment to help girls and boys have a well-rounded education in and out of the classroom.

Care providers, educators and the many sponsored children send a heart-felt thank you! Your generous support of the Sponsorship program provides possibilities for "Brighter Futures" for the needy children of our world.

Children in Indonesia, South Pacific & East Asia Zone.



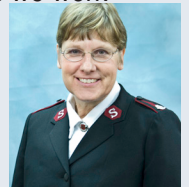
Brighter Futures The Salvation Army Children's Sponsorship is about helping children reach their full potential



In Mission

It was a real delight to greet Salvationists and friends who dropped by the World Missions display during the Territorial Congress in June. Thank you for stopping by!

Since then we have been busy with some new initiatives, supporting the emergency response to international disasters and strengthening partnerships as we work together with territories in planning further community development projects. In this issue of the Global Link you will be introduced to our new Sponsorship logo as well as receiving the regular updates from the field. The back page provides some detail regarding two key disaster responses from the Canada and Bermuda Territory.



Major Gillian Brown
World Missions Director

In May of this year the Canadian government announced the availability of additional funds to improve the health of mothers, newborns and children's health in developing countries. The World Missions office is working with territories in Africa to prepare to submit a proposal to increase the funding we have available to support our partners. One of the key components of the proposal will address food security issues in coordination with Foundations for Farming. This program aims to increase both the productivity in local, small farms as well as diversifying the crops to improve the nutrition of communities. Your prayers for this endeavor would be appreciated.

We are always grateful for opportunities to share directly with Salvationists and friends. The Congress was a unique event to meet so many at one time but we are available to visit ministry units any time to share our stories with groups large and small! Please contact our office to make arrangements.

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Snapshots from South America West

Americas & Caribbean Zone

How do young, yet impoverished, children get a good start in life? When single parents, unemployed guardians and disaster-stricken nations cannot supply the basic necessities of food, shelter and safety for their little ones, can there be hope and a future? Certainly – “with a little help from my friends...”

In the South America West Territory, well-run day care programs are making a huge difference in the lives of pre-school children in Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Chile. Yes, even in the America's, children suffer and die from lack of nutrition, poor hygiene and succumb quickly to illness and disease. Programs run at Salvation Army day cares, pre-schools and homework-help clubs are truly making a difference in communities across South and Latin America, and the Caribbean.

In Ecuador, many children are very weak from anemia. The vitamins, iron and special milk they receive at the early child education centres helps tremendously during their formative years. One of the centres is in a dangerous slum district. Nutritious food, treatment for parasites, and workshops on hygiene for parents, as well as children, have helped significantly. There is an increase in nutritional levels, and families express their extreme gratitude to Salvation Army local daycare staff, and those who help from afar.

In Peru, after their devastating earthquake, The Salvation Army began helping children with meals three times a week, homework assistance, a safe place to be while parents try to eke out a living, and other practical assistance. The result is improved nutrition levels, better school results and a brighter future for the children and youth.

Many children benefit from good, nutritious meals and snacks, and early educational opportunities through play, routine, fun classes and time on play equipment indoors and outdoors. Your donations have truly made a difference.

Yes, a child can walk courageously and confidently into the future with the good early education and nutritional assistance given to them through The Salvation Army's Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship.



Students (top) at Flor de Bastion in Ecuador pose with groceries received through Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship



Major Chacón helps two students at Ica Children's Center in Peru.



Little girl (bottom) poses with her new favorite toy while playing outside at the Faro des Angelos Nursery and Daycare Centre located in Chile

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Getting an Education in Zambia

Africa Zone



Students receive an opportunity to build skills and knowledge for a brighter future.

Education is key to a brighter future. In Zambia, children are being assisted with fees and supplies in nine regions. In this central African nation, the government estimates that there will be over one million orphans by 2015. These orphans, the poorest and most vulnerable of children, come into the care of other relatives with their own children, or grandparents, who themselves are part of the vulnerable population. Often orphans do not get a chance to be educated. Families often only have enough money to pay fees for their own children to attend school, therefore the orphans are unable to attend school. These impoverished children are assisted with their education through Salvation Army elementary and secondary schools.

Additionally, Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship has provided 20 families who have taken in orphans, with 5 goats – 4 female and 1 ram. This helps the family to provide milk, meat and income. It is expected that as each goat has 3 or 4 kids each year, this source of income will help with school fees, and also bring more nutrition into the entire household.

The children and their guardians are very grateful for the generous support from the people in Canada and Bermuda, who faithfully assist them to find hope and a brighter future in a place where illiteracy generates poverty.



With these goats, this man will be able to provide milk, meat and income for the orphaned children that his family is raising.

Future Sports Stars

South Asia Zone



Children in Mavelikkara learn how to play cricket.

In India South-Western, 185 children are receiving assistance through Brighter Futures Children's Sponsorship. Orphans and impoverished children are sheltered, educated and cared for in nine children's homes.

These homes are hives of activity when school is not in session. Extra educational opportunities are available through books, workshops on health care and hygiene, music, selected TV viewing, and games. Counselling sessions are provided for all children, and if needed they are continued on an individual basis. These are healthy, loving environments where children learn to spread their wings and deepen their knowledge.

Your assistance is making a difference! Children are performing better on their tests and exams, their behaviour is improving and they strive to ensure that there is enough to celebrate birthdays and holidays, which truly increases self-esteem and pleasure in life. Step by step children are walking through doors, through your support, toward a brighter future.



If you would like to become a Brighter Futures Sponsor, please contact us at 416-422-6224, email world_missions@can.salvationarmy.org or visit our website www.saworldmissions.ca.



Thank you for your support of the work of The Salvation Army World Missions department.

Compassionate Response to Disasters

World-wide The Salvation Army is known for its quick, compassionate response to disasters, whether natural or man-made. The Salvation Army depends on the Partners in Mission program to support the infrastructure in territories who struggle to be financially independent. When an international disaster occurs, the presence of The Salvation Army ensures that local communities have the resources they require to provide support. While some organizations are 'specialists' in the service they provide, the Salvation Army is able to fill in gaps and working through the local ministry meet needs that would otherwise be missed.

This summer the Canada and Bermuda Territory has provided support in the response to two particular territories meeting the needs of vulnerable communities caught in a disaster crisis.

Ongoing conflicts and fighting have gripped South Sudan since December 2013. The Salvation Army is responding to the plight of refugees seeking safety in nearby Uganda. It is estimated that more than 550,000 registered refugees have fled the war-torn country since the start with 100,000 arriving in Uganda between March and May 2014.

The situation in Uganda changes day by day as new refugees arrive from Sudan having left everything they owned behind in their homeland. To alleviate the challenges being faced, the Salvation Army is distributing clean water, mattresses, basic food supplies, cooking equipment and kitchen essentials to approximately 800 families at the Ailo Refugee camp. As the conflict continues to engulf the world's youngest nation, The Salvation Army is committed to providing critical assistance, hope and dignity to those who have been displaced by the conflict.

On the other side of the African continent, the countries of West Africa have been combating a different battle with the Ebola virus epidemic. The Canada and Bermuda Territory is a partner territory with the Liberia and Sierra Leone Command, two of the countries most affected by the virus. Support has been provided so that the local Salvation Army can distribute protective equipment for 200 medical professionals caring for people infected by Ebola. Gloves, buckets, chemicals for cleaning as well as food items such as beans, rice and cooking oil have been distributed.

"As a result of the outbreak... lots of people are leaving the country and offices and businesses are closing.", says a Salvationist in Liberia. "Everyone is so scared. There is no one to trust because we don't know who has the virus and who doesn't. There is no food. How are we to survive when those places we get our necessities from are closed?"

The Salvation Army response from the Canada and Bermuda Territory will provide help to 5,000 adults and 1,000 children.

If you would like to donate to either of these response efforts please visit www.salvationarmy.ca or contact us at 416-422-6224.



A beneficiary of a Salvation Army shelter in South Sudan.



A child in Liberia stands with The Salvation Army mobile medical clinic

A World of Good

Last year, you helped provide:

- **A garden at Howard Hospital** in Zimbabwe that will benefit 300 child patients
- **Seeds for 5,000 families** to re-start their farmers after a typhoon in the Philippines
- **50 homes** for Haitian earthquake victims, with 200 more to come
- **Goats for milk and sustainable income** for 140 families in Pakistan
- **1,000 chickens** have been provided to feed malnourished children in Zimbabwe
- **Food, shelter and education** for 29 sponsored Salvation Army children's schools and homes
- **100 goats for 265 people** in Zambia, plus uniforms and school fees for their children
- **Clean water access for 3,525** people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo
- **900 chickens** to help feed 600 rural families in Tanzania
- **Shelter, clothing, and other necessities** for 200 Syrian and Jordanian refugee families

These are only a few of the things The Salvation Army is doing around the world, thanks to your generous support. Thank you so much!



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