

2025 Matching Funds Impact Report



The 2025 Urgent Needs Matching Funds Campaign was a huge success. Thanks to many of you, we were able to exceed our \$25,000 goal and raise \$30,879.80. What an overwhelming blessing!

Since we exceeded our goal, the matching donor agreed to match \$30,000, increasing from the original \$25,000. Altogether, we raised over \$60,000 through this campaign for Urgent Needs. Over 100 donors contributed to make this campaign a success. This initiative supercharged our first quarter fundraising efforts and has set the ministry up for success in 2025. We could not do this without all of you—Thank you to everyone who contributed!

We are so privileged to be the vessels of God's work, and we are so grateful you trust us enough to make an investment in our ministry. The Urgent Needs Fund is our most flexible and useful to be sure all the efforts of the ministry are funded. Even though the matching funds campaign is over, your contributions to Urgent Needs are always used for non-budgeted emergencies, covering program shortfalls, and supporting the overall mission of LCW! It is never a bad time to consider adding Urgent Needs to your normal giving routine. We look forward to how God will use your generosity this year.

Join Our Summer Giveaway!

Summer is almost here and it is time for a Giveaway! Be sure to get your tickets today. This year's giveaway is comprised of 3 great prizes:

- ◆ **Relax and enjoy an exclusive weekend getaway for two with a two-night stay in your choice of a huge selection of hotels in the US and abroad through Tingly Experiences**
- ◆ **Tech savvy or not, everyone loves a brand new iPad 10th generation**
- ◆ **Nothing better than cold hard cash - \$300 Visa gift card**



Don't miss out on the opportunity to WIN! Tickets are on sale now for \$15 each, but if you buy 5, you get another one free. The drawing will be held on Monday, June 16 on Facebook Live, but don't wait to buy tickets. Winners will be contacted via phone. Three winners will be selected. First winner will have selection of any of the prizes, second winner will be able to choose from the remaining prizes, and third winner will receive the final prize. All prizes are available to anyone in the United States. Buy tickets today!

Want to support LCW by helping sell tickets in your area? Visit littlechildren.org/2025-summer-giveaway to get access to resources like a ticket sales poster, sample email campaign, sample social media posts with graphics, and more. You can help us reach your circle of influence with this campaign while supporting a great cause. Who knows? First your friend buys a Giveaway ticket, the next they are interested in sponsorship and supporting our programs! Thank you in advance for being an advocate for LCW!



Our Greatest Needs

- ◆ Buy Tickets and Advocate for our Summer Giveaway to WIN
- ◆ Support the Peace & Faith Program
- ◆ Support the Children with Disabilities and Health Programs
- ◆ Contribute to Urgent Needs

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- Give by mail:** Use enclosed envelope
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Message from the President

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When I reflect on the first quarter of this year, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for each of your contributions. We have had a tremendous start to the year including exceeding our \$25,000 goal for matching funds. While I know there are many noble causes seeking funding, I am grateful you continually choose to invest in the mission of Little Children of the World. Your helping hands make our work possible.

Our mission is community-based, holistic in nature, and Christ-centered in focus. Alleviating poverty is a complex issue to tackle, but I believe it is our mandate and only possible if we minister to the whole person within their context. When you are a sponsor or a donor for LCW, you can be confident that every penny is used to its maximum potential to change lives.

As of today, we have 958 sponsored children and we are barreling toward our goal of 1000 sponsored children by the end of the year. Please join us in celebrating the 57 students who are completing their high school education this month. This is a huge milestone! We are grateful to each of you who have

invested in their lives and been a part of their development and education!

Thousands of children and families depend on our support that is only made possible by people like you. I hope that you will delve into this issue of the Jericho Street Echoes and be encouraged and moved by the work being done through your investment in our ministry. Please take a look at the back of this issue to see our greatest needs, review our recent matching funds impact report, and learn how you can get involved in our Summer Giveaway Initiative. **We need your help as we continue to serve "the least of these."** Thank you for your blessings and support of LCW.

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James is a 6-year old boy from a remote part of the Philippines. At 4-years old, he was diagnosed with a seizure disorder that makes him very sensitive to loud noises and sudden movements in his proximity. His challenges made it difficult for James’ parents to integrate him into society through making friends, attending school, and other activities. James needed special intervention to have a chance at a normal life. We believe every child, regardless of physical or mental ability, deserves a chance to live to the fullest. This often requires medical intervention and family support to create an environment suitable to handle special needs. The Handclasp Program for children with disabilities supports children like James and their families.

James receives physical therapy to support his coordination and balance, medication assistance to control his seizures, early intervention classes to help develop his communication, and family support to help his parents understand his condition. With these supports, James is now able to go to school and integrate with other kids his age. **Like so many kids like him, James just needed a little support to be able to thrive! We are blessed to provide programs and services that support kids like James.**



On the Road with Cerila Patrimonio

Cerila is a long-time LCP employee who has retired, but is never tired of contributing as much as she can to the mission! If you know anything about Cerila, you know she has a passion for sharing the Gospel, and it is her life’s mission that everyone at LCP knows about Jesus. She is the incredible mother to Marie Lou Patrimonio Abbott, who works as the stateside LCW VP of Sponsorship. Her other daughter, Marla, who was once a sponsored child and scholar, now owns her own business and serves as a part time LCP Preschool teacher. She also has a son and several grandchildren. She wants to be an inspiration to everyone at LCP.

Their family overcame so much with LCW’s help. From health battles, to the loss of a spouse, to the support of her children, and an introduction to Christ, Cerila’s story of help and hope through Jesus’ love provided by LCW is incredible, and it shines through in all she does. All of her children are successful adults, and their children are also pursuing higher education. **Her testimony is a powerful story of the generational change that is made, not only financially, but also spiritually, through LCW’s support.**

Currently, Cerila is in the US visiting family and friends as well as volunteering in our US office by packing boxes and assisting in the office. She also had the opportunity to visit Tennessee where LCW was originally founded and spend time with Bettie Elwood, the last living founder of LCW. Her trip has been great, but there is more on the horizon!

Want to Meet Cerila & Brittany?

Cerila and newly elected LCW President, Brittany Foster, will be traveling around the US to share about LCW and the impact we are making in lives across the world. You can hear first-hand Cerila’s story of help and hope!

Cerila and Brittany can visit your area! Contact us now to get on the schedule between September 27 and October 31 to share with your church, small group, gathering of friends, civic group, or wherever we can get a group together to hear about the mission of LCW. For more information or to schedule an event, please email brittanyfoster@littlechildren.org or call 770-358-2771. Can’t wait to share with many of you!

Home Grown Successes at LCP

This success story is not of one person, but many. Since it’s foundation in 1987, Little Children of the World has been investing in lives with brilliant potential. They just need an opportunity to succeed. In our 38 year history, we are proud to have thousands that have left our support changed for the better and more equipped to take on the world through access to education.

Some, however, understand the impact that was made on their lives and their families lives and are emboldened to continue to be cycle-breakers as LCP Staff.

To the right, you’ll see 17 faces of LCP employees who are not only local to the Philippines, but they are also home grown LCP college graduates and success stories in and of themselves. These incredible staff bring a unique understanding of the challenges of poverty as well as the opportunities offered through sponsorship and the other HELPS Programs. Their educational pursuits make them qualified in their field, but their experiences with the program make them experts at being a part of LCP and making a difference.

Currently, 27% of the 62 employees at LCP were once beneficiaries of sponsorship and scholarship. This gives us a strong mix of outside perspectives and home grown contributors. More graduates have served as staff in the past but have gone on to other opportunities. As many as 40 graduates have served as a staff member at some point. This is not a requirement, but every graduate turned staff member sees it as an opportunity to give back for all they’ve been given and to invest in lives like theirs once were.

We could not build the successful ministry we have now without our home grown successes who have chosen to be part of our staff. Some have been with us for over 20 years, while others are just joining in their first year on staff, but they all contribute to a team that is changing lives every day. We are blessed to have them on the team.

Almost every program has a staff member that was also once a beneficiary. Listed in order left to right, up to down:

- Admin—Carmenia & Rosalie**
- Finance—Liza, Christine, Arrah, & Bridgette**
- Health—Hayde**
- Shelter—Benjie**
- Property—Maurice**
- Preschool—Ronilo & Marla**
- College—Amielou & Antoinette**
- Livelihood—Carmela**
- Peace & Faith—Raphie**
- Sponsorship—Melanie & Mae Ann**

Today, we cannot just pick one success story to share with you, but we are blessed to celebrate many. **These are just a few of the incredible people who are not only testimonies of the difference your support makes, but they are also actively involved in making sure your contributions are being used to their maximum potential to create an impact where it is needed most.**

Carmenia Benosa, LCP Executive Director touts her team’s excellence saying, “Knowing and working with the team who were once beneficiaries of the program grows the ministry. Having them makes it much easier for me to execute the mission because there is teamwork in accomplishing a common goal. Like me, they have better understanding because they know the feeling of needing support and receiving it. Everything we do is geared towards contributing to a greater impact to serve our constituents. It really makes a difference to have such a strong and understanding team. You can really feel their commitment to the organization and making a difference in more children’s lives.”

Join us in praying for all our staff who work hard to implement the mission every day!

