

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Warm summer greetings from all of us at Little Children of the World! We are blessed to be passed the halfway point of 2025, and we have much to celebrate. We have just welcomed our newest staff member, Chinelle. She is a tremendous addition to our team, and is the sweet spirit on the other side of the phone when you call in. We are working to fill our sharing event schedules for the rest of the year, and we are looking forward to visiting many of you in your congregations and community groups!

It is my pleasure to report the educational successes of this year to you and hopefully celebrate with you as your sponsored children and college students are reaching milestones and paving a way for their future. 112 preschool graduates, 53 high school graduates, 27 college graduates, and hundreds of others in every grade in between walked across the stage to signify the completion of another educational level. This is an achievement no one can take from them that they can carry throughout their life. None of this would be possible without your support, and we are so grateful. Marie Lou and I were blessed to be able to share in the graduation celebrations in May and July in the Philippines and to extend your greetings and congratulations to all the sponsored children and families.

We are particularly proud of our college graduates! We work for years, along with your investment, to watch them grow into the success stories they are today. It is beautiful to see how far they have come from young children with big dreams to being some of the most talented, well-rounded, and career-ready individuals, all because someone like you cared enough to lend a helping hand. Thank you for making a difference. Your contributions break the cycle of poverty for generations and bring the hope of Christ to people for eternity.

We need more help to sustain our efforts for empowerment. Global inflation and economic volatility have led to decreased giving in the second quarter of 2025. This has put strain on our efforts to provide holistic services that support the individuals you all sponsor. Sponsorship is not successful without the other HELPS programs providing chances for children and their families to experience the love of Christ, receive vital services, and opportunities for education and skills training.

We cannot allow a shift in momentum to stop our incredible efforts to provide help and hope through the holistic HELPS model and sponsorship. However you feel compelled to respond, we will be faithful to maximize the impact of your giving in Jesus’ name.

With Gratitude,
Brittany Foster
LCW President & CEO



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LCW SHARING EVENTS NEAR YOU

While our home base office is located in central Georgia, we are blessed to have supporters from 35 US states and 13 different countries! That is a major spread for our small team to steward, but we are up to the challenge. We enjoy connecting with our donor base and extending our gratitude to new areas.

We need you to help us connect with your communities and congregations so we can spread the word about how others can get involved with LCW. Will you host an event or invite us to share in your church or civic club?

Brittany Foster, LCW President, and Cerila Patrimonio, retired LCP employee and former beneficiary, will be sharing the impact of LCW and their personal testimonies throughout the east coast and Midwest in the fall. Queens Village, NY, Strasburg, PA, Bloomington, IL, Highlands, NC and surrounding areas are already on the list!

We hope we can connect with as many of you as possible along the way. If you would like us to come to your area, please email, brittanyfoster@littlechildren.org to schedule a sharing event!

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OUR GREATEST NEEDS

- Invest in the foundation on which Sponsorship stands: HELPS Ministry Needs. Consider making your contribution recurring for year-round support!**
- Invite us for a sharing event in your area**



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ENGINEER ESTANIEL

At six years old, Rodel Estaniel and his mother would go to the market to sell vegetables and spices to make ends meet. They would do their best as informal vendors, but they were always at risk of being shut down due to their lack of permits. No sales meant no money for the day for food or other basic needs. His father worked as a security guard, but their life was a matter of survival each day.

Long days at school followed by hard work in the market was hard for Rodel. The constant rejection and bullying took its toll on him, but he knew his family needed the income. When the sales were not enough, he would also go to the chicken market and offer to clean up the garbage and waste for the vendors there to help make money for his family. He never felt forced to work by his parents, but he knew his contributions were important for all of their survival.

Then, after many years of waiting, the opportunity for sponsorship arose at Little Children of the Philippines. Rodel and his family rejoiced because their patience paid off. Rodel was the perfect candidate for sponsorship because he was a hard working honors student who just needed a hand up to be able to finish his education and be successful. Their sponsor provided monthly support for his education and even gave them electricity in their home for the first time. They were a gift from God, and they believed in Rodel!

Rodel and his family continued to be sponsored throughout his education even after his first sponsor had to drop. He was then sponsored by another kind soul who supported him through high school and college, even after she passed away because she left a gift for his support. Rodel attributes his height being over six feet, very rare for Filipinos, to the milk and food he received in food packages from his sponsor. After his second sponsor passed, he was matched with a third!

Throughout his struggle, Rodel developed a relationship with God and a spirit of gratitude; always thankful for guidance, sustenance, and the will to move forward. College presented new challenges. He was not accepted to civil engineering, which was his dream, but another door opened to pursue mechanical engineering, which he grew to love! He juggled his LCP scholarship with another scholarship from a local business called ECE. He worked very hard to handle everything, but he began to see the future he was working toward begin to come to fruition which fed his motivation.

Rodel graduated in June of 2025 with his BS in Mechanical Engineering from NORSU. He will sit for licensure to be a fully fledged engineer this year. He credits LCP for the opportunity to reach this milestone and for empowering him throughout his education. He looks forward to the opportunity to give back. **None of this would be possible without sponsorship and because someone like you gave to invest in his life and success. Congratulations, Rodel and the class of 2025!**



GRACE AND GROWTH: OUR HOPE FOR TOMORROW



Since its inception in 1987, LCW has been working to change as many lives as possible through the holistic HELPS model for ministry. We have been overwhelmed with support and God's grace for our ministry as we have grown from just eight young boys rescued from the streets to now serving close to 1000 sponsored children through sponsorship and over 6000 total through the other HELPS programs. We continue to stand amazed at all God has been able to do through this ministry because we have been faithful to serve Him and you have been faithful to give.

As we look to the future, we continue to pray for God's favor and we will continue to work to be the best possible stewards of your contributions in order to serve more people in more places. We have truly been changing the world, one child at a time. This year, we hope to reach our goal of 1000 sponsored children in the Philippines, and we are already putting the framework in place to prepare for expansion to another location. We continue to seek the Lord on how we can best serve wherever we may be called.

We trust that you will join us on this journey and are excited for our hope for tomorrow. We need your support, both spiritual and financial, to make this possible. Please consider how an investment in this ministry for the long-term can allow us to reach more people for Jesus and alleviate poverty through education and empowerment.

THE FOUNDATION ON WHICH SPONSORSHIP STANDS

As LCW supporters, you are likely familiar with sponsorship and the impact that individualized support has on families and communities. Just \$35 per month truly does change lives through access to education and other programs addressing urgent needs. But what are those programs that address urgent needs? How do they support sponsorship? How can you also support the other programs that make sponsorship successful? Great questions! And this really speaks to the essence of who we are and the nature of what LCW does.

We use the acronym HELPS to describe our ministry model. It is holistic to meet physical, spiritual, and educational needs for a child and their whole family. H—Health and Housing, E—Education at all levels, L—Livelihood trainings and opportunities for parents, P—Peace and faith in Jesus, and finally, S—Sponsorship. The H.E.L.P. is the foundation on which S (Sponsorship) stands.

For example, the health program provides free medications and regular checkups, not just for sponsored children but also their siblings and caregivers. Over 2000 people were seen in the clinic in 2024 to treat routine illnesses, receive medications, or be referred for additional care with support.

Educational support starts with the 7 preschool centers, but it uplifts over 960 elementary through college students all throughout their academic journey through tutorials, access to the computer lab and library, as well as provision of college work scholarships.

Livelihood trainings and opportunities equip parents with marketable skills to augment their family's income. These skills include welding, meat processing, or sewing to strengthen parents' ability to support their children in addition to sponsorship to prevent creating dependence. Household income increases by ~25% with the addition of these skills!

And, peace and faith in Jesus is the lifeblood of our ministry. Whether we are feeding or clothing people or reaching out into the world in some other way, we do it all in Jesus' name. Each week 2500 people gather for worship to learn more about Christ.

Sponsorship does not exist without everything that comes before it, and sponsored children and their families receive so much more than just \$35 per month since they are also able to avail of the additional services that support their basic needs and empowerment. Individualized support can only go so far, so we also need investment in the other HELPS programs that make sponsorship successful.

Will you consider an investment in HELPS Ministry Needs to support the foundation on which sponsorship stands? We need your HELP!



IT'S GRADUATION SEASON 2025

Join us in celebrating all the educational milestones for the 2024-2025 school year! From preschool all the way through college, thank you for investing in academic success through LCW!

This season is just a small picture of the impact you are making on thousands of children and families. Education is the only way to break the cycle of poverty. Every level of completion is a success story. We are particularly proud of our 27 college graduates. This class brings our total alumni to 415 since the program started in 2001. Of the 53 high school graduates 40 will proceed to college on scholarship. Congratulations, all!

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