

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Susan P. Crawford

Greetings from Georgia! Thank you all for the warm welcome you have given me as I transition from volunteer to staff at LCW. I first learned of this wonderful ministry while serving as a journeyman missionary at Tokyo Baptist Church. I joined a group from my church who travelled to the Philippines to build homes with Habitat for Humanity. We saw firsthand the needs of the children, and many of us became sponsors. At the time I came home from Japan, the sponsorship office was only 45 minutes from my home. It was there that I met founder Peggy Houk! That was more than 30 years ago, and I have been involved ever since. **Isn't God good? He places us where we need to be when He needs us to be there.**

During my first month with the staff, I have been learning all the "behind the scenes" work that goes on at LCW. I am amazed at the multitude of donations that you give to LCW! Just look at those beautiful children enjoying your Christmas gifts! We are blessed with a dedicated staff who diligently work to make sure that every donation is accounted for and used effectively for the ministry.

As we begin our 36th year, we pray that God will bless you and your family as you have blessed the children and families of Little Children of the World. We pray for continued success stories like Princess and Gabriel as more children receive sponsors. We ask that you prayerfully consider a gift to the Endowment Fund to help sustain and grow our ministry. **Thank you for being a part of LCW and partnering with us to change lives through the love of Jesus!**

## OUR GREATEST NEEDS

And How You Can Help

- 1. Opportunities for sharing**—invite us to your church or civic club to share about sponsorship!
- 2. Contribute to the Endowment Fund**—see your donation double for the sake of the future of this ministry!
- 3. Peace and Faith Program**—the budget increased this year to be able to provide additional transportation assistance for members attending church and Bible study. Help us reach this need!



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# JERICHO STREET ECHOES

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## PRINCESS NICOLE JORDAO

From Preschool through College and Beyond

My mother abandoned me when I was three years old. Thankfully, my grandparents took care for me. We didn't really have much, and my grandparents struggled to support our needs. When I was in preschool, my grandmother took me to LCP for the first time.

My grandma took me to LCP every Sunday to attend the Worship Service and Sunday School as well as every Friday in our community for the Bible Study. We went to LCP faithfully, even though it was very far from our house. My grandmother wanted me to have a good future, so she always pushed me to do my best even if I did not want to.

During my primary school years, LCP was a huge assistance to me, especially my sponsor, Gayle Dustman, who always provided all of my needs and wishes at school and my family. LCP was there for me through high school and college, along with my sponsor, who continued to assist me. My life was difficult without LCP, but I was given a chance for education and a better life for me and my grandparents. I promised I would not waste this opportunity.

Today, I am now a college graduate, and I dedicate my success to LCP and to my grandparents, who laid the groundwork of my achievement. I'm not sure if I'd made it if it weren't for LCP and my sponsor's help. This organization has assisted many people, particularly the youth, in getting more involved in preaching and learning more about God. It also encourages us to have a bright future. I became a strong person because of struggles, tears, and numerous sacrifices.

Now that I graduated a Bachelor's degree in Technical Education, I am equipped with enough skills to teach young children. I'm looking forward to my next adventure and what God has in store for me. I want to thank God for everything He has done for me, my family, and LCP. I am extremely grateful to have been a member of the LCP family.

**As I go on to become a teacher, I will bring the principles I learned from LCP. I want to thank God for everything He has done for me, my family, and LCP. I am extremely grateful to have been a member of the LCP family. There are so many more children, who are just like I was, waiting for an opportunity to change their life. You can be that change for them!**





## GABRIEL GRADUATES HIGH SCHOOL

### Inspiring Story about the Impact of HELPS

It is every child's dream, especially those in our program, to get an education. Our holistic HELPS model is designed to minister to every aspect of the child and their family to give them the best shot at success.

Gabriel was no different, He entered our program as a young boy with cerebral palsy in the **Handclasp** Program. He and his dedicated mother would come from far away deep into the mountain to be able to avail services and give Gabriel a better chance at living a full life. He received medications and physical therapy. Despite his physical difficulties Gabriel is bright and able to study and get his **Education** along with his peers in public school, all while learning about the love of God through the **Peace & Faith** Program. Thanks to **Sponsorship**, Gabriel was able to attend school in a public school in his area and complete his education alongside his friends in his grade level. His sponsors, Dr. Dan & Pat Scott and DeAnn Worth supported his studies for several years. They also supported his medical needs with the Handclasp program.

Gabriel sang a special song to open the graduates recognition in July 2022. The graduates and attendees watched with smiles on their faces proud of what has been accomplished. We are so proud to see Gabriel complete his high school education! With his diploma, he is qualified to work, and will be able to make a living for himself. Congratulations to Gabriel for all his hard work and tenacity to overcome the obstacles that were placed in his way. **He is just one example of the effectiveness and life changing ability of the HELPS model.**

## CREDIT CARD GIVING UPDATE

### And How Your Giving May Be Affected

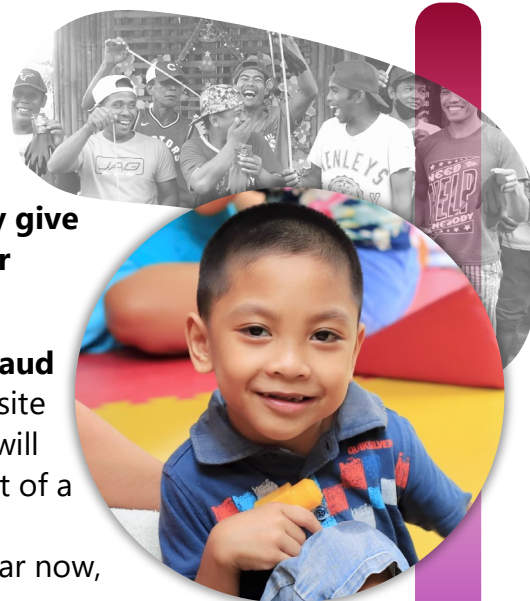
Many of you have already answered our plea to report your credit card information so that we can swap our processor. If you regularly give via credit card, please call our office at 770-358-2771 to update your information in our new system. Thank you!

We are changing our credit card and bank draft processor to **Blackbaud Merchant Services** (BBMS) across all our platforms. This means the website giving portal will also look different. Your credit card or bank statement will read, "Little Children World" once this change is implemented. This is part of a greater transition of all of our donor relations and financial software to Blackbaud. This transition has been occurring in the background for a year now, and you will start to see the changes we have been announcing very soon.

**As part of this change, your gift receipts and sponsorship invoices will change in appearance.**

With the shift to Blackbaud, we will no longer be using QuickBooks to process receipts and invoices, so the paperwork you receive from us will look slightly different. No need to worry! It's just another improvement we are making. We may ask you to update your receipting preferences to ensure our records are current.

We are committed to being the best stewards of your donations and support, and we believe this transition is an important step in improving our stewardship. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we make this transition. If you ever have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to [info@littlechildren.org](mailto:info@littlechildren.org) or call us at the number above.



## ENDOWMENT MATCHING FUNDS

### Let's Turn \$15,000 into \$30,000 Starting Today

A generous donor has committed to give \$15,000 to be matched by donations from all of you! The Endowment Fund exists to ensure a future for all the LCW Programs. The funds can be used for sustainability of the program over the long term. The money is invested and the gains can be used for special projects, expansion, and meeting other yearly budgets. The campaign ends April 30th, so be sure your donation is doubled!

Thank you to the generous donor who made this campaign possible!

**Many companies have matching fund campaigns that can double your normal giving to any of our programs, including sponsorship! Please check with your company and keep LCW in mind for matching funds in the future!**

## LCP CHRISTMAS

### Thank You for Making it Special

Christmas is always special at LCP! Thanks to generous supporters like you over 6000 people receive gifts and can participate in festivities for Christmas. Thank you to all who donated SPAM, dolls, stuffed animals, school supplies, candy, tape measures, and clothing to be sure no one went without a gift at Christmas.

We are always humbled by the gratitude of our members when they receive something simple like a can of SPAM or a candy cane and how much it means to them during the holiday season. **Thank you for your continued support and investment in these families!**

