

GIVING MORE THAN HOPE

THE TOP 10 WAYS YOU GAVE HOPE THIS SPRING!

440 Sanitary Solutions For Girls

128 Goats

288 Girls Protected

112 School Meals

279 Zika Protection Kits

67 School Supply Kits

200 Gifts To Where Needed Most

63 Baby Chicks

178 Seeds Of Hope

51 Girl's Emergency Kits

CORPORATE SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

FROM BRICKS TO LIFE'S BUILDINGS BLOCKS

Hobsons helps students identify their strengths, explore careers, create academic plans, and reach their education and life goals. Since 2006, Hobsons and Plan have partnered to create brighter futures for children and youth around the world. Hobsons has invested more than \$700,000 in support of nine projects designed to improve the learning environments in over 100 classrooms in 11 schools across Africa, Asia, and Latin America.

Over the course of the Hobsons/Plan partnership, Hobsons has become more involved with youth development. This year, the project focus is shifting from school infrastructure to academic support and life skills development of 360 young people throughout six Community Education Centers in Peru.

Hobsons CEO Craig Heldman remarked: "We're proud to continue to support Plan in its vital work to make sure students across the globe have equal access to adequate learning facilities. This long-standing partnership is important to

our employee engagement and social responsibility efforts connecting our daily work to the larger vision."



Children sit in their newly equipped classroom.



YOUR IMPACT

Plan staff member carries a young girl to temporary shelter following the earthquake in Ecuador.

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Displaced girls living in a temporary shelter in Manabí province, following the earthquake.

ECUADOR EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY

FORMER SPONSORED CHILD AIDS IN ECUADOR EARTHQUAKE RECOVERY

Johana has known about – and been inspired by – the work of Plan International Ecuador for many years. She was a sponsored child and is now a community volunteer, committed to supporting the response effort

following the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Ecuador’s northwest region on April 16, 2016.

“In these situations, Plan has taught me to remember how important family is and how to protect ourselves. The organization makes sure children have a space

to play during difficult times, so they can learn and have fun even during disaster situations,” says Johana.

More than 30 children in the shelter were ready to start school before the earthquake struck, but now they’ve lost everything. Over 280 schools have been damaged by the earthquake, leaving up to 120,000 children temporarily without education.

Thanks to donors like you and volunteers like Johana, Plan is setting up 60 child-friendly spaces in rural communities in Manabí, benefitting 30,000 boys and girls. These safe spaces will also provide support and education for parents to learn about self-esteem, resilience, nutrition, and child protection.



Brazilian girl learns about stopping the Zika virus

COMBATING THE ZIKA VIRUS IN BRAZIL

ELIMINATING POTENTIAL MOSQUITO BREEDING SITES

Your donations to combat the Zika virus helped fund children’s involvement in responding to the disease. Through workshops, children and their caregivers are learning how to eliminate potential mosquito breeding sites. They are taught the importance of cleaning up garbage and getting rid of places where pools of stagnant water can form, as well as how to look out for symptoms of the virus.

A SPONSORED CHILD’S ROAD TO RECOVERY

YOUR SUPPORT GIVES PAPHATSORN NEW HOPE

A sick child is frightening for any parent. But when there is no hospital nearby and no money for treatment, the situation can be devastating.

That’s how it was when 7-year-old Paphatsorn, a sponsored child in Thailand, started having seizures. “I cried almost every day,” said her mother, Suphanee. “I lost hope. I couldn’t believe that my bright and lovely daughter would be in a paraplegic state.”

Now, thanks to your support of the Children’s Emergency Medical Fund, Paphatsorn has a promising future again. Created specifically for children with dire medical needs, the fund helps families who have nowhere else to turn for assistance.

“I was able to take care of my daughter with less worries,” said Suphanee. “The hospital is a three-hour drive from our village. Without these funds I don’t know how we could cover all the costs.”

Suphanee beams as she describes her daughter now. “Just like when she was a baby, she’s restarted her life by crawling, walking, smiling, speaking, and laughing! You wouldn’t believe it. Now she can walk, take a shower, and eat all by herself. It was like her waking up from a long sleep.”

Your generosity made this recovery possible! Thank you for bringing hope and health back to Paphatsorn.



A healthy Paphatsorn, returning to school.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Richard Higgins and Margaret Graff make it a priority to give back and help improve people’s lives.

“I have a card on my desk that thanks us for 25 years working with Plan,” said Richard. “We began like most folks with a sponsored child, paying a little bit each month. That led to several more sponsored children in various countries and a visit to the field.”

Richard Higgins and Margaret Graff have been working with Plan for more than 25 years through their foundation, Mundito.

When the couple asked Plan what they could accomplish with \$8,000, Plan proposed building a one-room health clinic in the village where their sponsored child lived in Guatemala. Mundito was born from that project, on the principle that a giving group can multiply the scale and hence the impact of any single donation. The foundation has since sponsored Plan projects in India, Nicaragua, and Burkina-Faso.

“Our donor group knows that a project selected by Mundito has gone through a rigorous evaluation of efficiency and effectiveness,” he said. “They feel more confident that their money will be well-spent.”

Currently, Mundito Foundation funding is helping Plan to rebuild a school in earthquake-ravaged Nepal.

Richard sees the relationship as a collaborative partnership between two organizations looking to make a real difference in the world.