



SUMMER 2017

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“ How much is it worth to know  
that, in some small way,  
**you've made a  
difference for a child?**

It's certainly worth more  
than what I've been paying  
to sponsor.”

KRISTIN SHERWOOD

# YOUR IMPACT

**#Girls  
Belong  
Here**

**ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL,  
YOUR VOICE MATTERS!**

# WATER BRINGS LIFE BACK TO LOFA

Coca-Cola and Plan improve access to safe water and sanitation in communities recovering from Ebola



**When the Ebola crisis struck Liberia in 2014, staff at many health clinics in rural Lofa County lacked an essential medical supply: water.**

Even before Ebola, routine procedures at the clinics were difficult, especially for pregnant women. When they arrived at the clinics to give birth, women or their family members often had to bring their own water for delivery and bathing.

“Water is life. This project has brought water to our clinics and, therefore, has brought life to our communities.”

Othello Jallah,  
Vezala Community Town Chief

Now, thanks to a collaboration between Coca-Cola and Plan, Lofa County boasts new water access for 1,700 people. And more than 7,000 residents are benefitting from improved conditions at health care facilities.

Seth Adu-Baah, Country Manager at the Liberia Coca-Cola Bottling Company explained, “With Plan, Coca-Cola is working to ensure that these communities are not left behind, but instead are able to flourish as our nation recovers [from Ebola].”

The Plan and Coca-Cola partnership helps ensure that Liberian communities will be less vulnerable to the spread of disease in the future and can meet the ongoing medical needs of their residents.

➔ If you would like to change lives as a corporate partner, please email [Brittney.Rocourt@planusa.org](mailto:Brittney.Rocourt@planusa.org) or call 202.617.2260.



**Above: Community members and Plan staff celebrate their new water system.**



**Right: A health care worker washes his hands with a basin constructed through this project.**

# ONE SPONSOR'S LIFE-CHANGING JOURNEY

Visiting a sponsored child reveals true depth of sponsorship's impact



**Anita's family welcomed Kristin warmly the day she fulfilled her longtime dream of visiting her sponsored child in the mountainous province of La Libertad, El Salvador.** They even offered Kristin a tour of the children's school. Then Anita presented her carefully-guarded envelope containing three years of Kristin's letters—complete with precious stickers, bookmarks, and a little finger puppet she saved.

This shy, smiling, 8-year-old girl in pigtails melted Kristin's heart.

“How much is it worth to see a child's face light up, a child you've never met? To see her so excited when you walk into her classroom with a box full of art supplies, that she jumps up to give you a hug?”

Through her visit, Kristin saw firsthand how her sponsorship—when pooled with the support of others—uplifts entire communities. New latrines, clean water, health education, domestic violence prevention, and other community-driven projects were improving the quality of life for everyone in La Libertad.

She even learned that Anita's younger brother, once undernourished, was now thriving after their family received training and materials to raise rabbits for food.



➔ **Plan the trip of a lifetime and meet your sponsored child!**  
**Find out how:**  
[planusa.org/visiting-your-sponsored-child](http://planusa.org/visiting-your-sponsored-child)

Kristin Sherwood



# ON INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL, YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

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## The impact of your voice cannot be underestimated.

Last year, in the weeks and months leading up to International Day of the Girl on October 11, we asked you to share an important message on your social networks: When a girl is empowered, there is no limit to what #SheWill achieve.

Together, we drove a conversation that reached millions, and we couldn't have done it without you!

Save the Date!

October 11, 2017 is  
International Day of the Girl



More than  
**1,000**  
#SheWill posts  
on Instagram & Twitter.

#SheWill  
had more than  
**3** MILLION  
IMPRESSIONS  
on Instagram.

#SheWill was  
posted on over  
**9** MILLION  
TIMELINES  
on Twitter.

This year, you can join us in telling the world that **Girls Belong Here!** ...in corporate board rooms, in government offices, and in leadership roles. They belong anywhere a boy or man belongs.

We want the world to know that girls (and women) everywhere will not be denied their right to equal opportunity. Tell us and show us where you think girls belong!



Visit [Planusa.org/GirlsBelongHere](http://Planusa.org/GirlsBelongHere), print out your sign, and take a picture holding it by a school, government building, workplace, sports field, or wherever you want to see girls represented fairly. Share your photo using the #GirlsBelongHere hashtag!



## YOUR IMPACT ON THE HUNGER CRISIS

SOUTH SUDAN

### Because of you, families will harvest hope in South Sudan

Your response to the famine in South Sudan has been swift and compassionate. You've helped us reach more than 900,000 people with lifesaving food, clean water, and temporary shelters since April. You fed and protected so many children who needed it most—thank you!

"We are very pleased," said Monika, a mother and grandmother who lives in a Yei shelter. Her family is one of 150 recently selected to receive farming tools and drought-resistant seeds from Plan. "In a month, we can start harvesting tomatoes, eggplant, spinach, peas, and onions to feed our communities again."

Civil war, drought, and famine have plunged South Sudan into the largest humanitarian crisis in the young country's history. Six million people still face the threat of starvation, and more than one million children are dangerously malnourished. These children are not only at risk of starvation and diseases like cholera, they're also easy targets for traffickers and violent predators.

Your ongoing partnership and support are critical to maintaining the safety, health, and dignity of children and families like Monika's.



To harvest more hope today, visit:  
[planusa.org/disaster-relief-and-recovery-fund](http://planusa.org/disaster-relief-and-recovery-fund).



# YOU'VE TRANSFORMED LIVES WITH GIFTS OF HOPE

Goats diversify women's income to help families thrive in Burkina Faso



Through your generous Gifts of Hope, 640 Burkinabe women now have diverse, sustainable income opportunities. Not only can they improve their families' nutrition, they can also better provide food, clothing, schooling, and medical care for their children by selling goat products at local markets. Now entire communities will have access to local milk, cheese, and even organic fertilizer. This makes it far more affordable to support a family and reduces reliance on expensive, imported packaged goods.



In Burkina Faso, your gifts allowed women to devote **increased funds to their children to provide:**



## How Does A Goat Change the World? The incredible journey of your livestock gift



### 1 It starts with you!

You choose to give differently with a livestock Gift of Hope!



### 2 Preparation

We prepare your goat for delivery with a veterinary check-up, vaccinations, and de-worming.



### 3 Delivery

Your goat meets her owners and settles into her new home. With your gift, you also give your goat's owners food (bags of hay and a licking stone) to get them started.



### 4 Training

Your goat's family learns about animal husbandry, health care, proper feeding and watering, and overall animal hygiene.

They also learn how to process post-harvest waste with hay to feed animals during the dry season when less natural grass is available.



### 5 Sustainability

Your goat's milk helps nourish the family, and they can sell extra milk and cheese at local markets. With a sustainable income and improved nutrition, the parents can now better feed, clothe, educate, and provide for their children.

Learn more at [givedifferently.org](http://givedifferently.org)

This is just a small sample of the **impact** you made by giving a **Gift of Hope** this spring!

**YOU  
MADE IT  
HAPPEN!**



**285**

Girls will be rescued and rehabilitated



**287**

Families will receive hens and a rooster



**196**

Children will receive soccer balls



**224**

Children and families will receive solar lights



**138**

Families will receive a pair of goats

**197**

Children will receive 3 months of school meals



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