

# WIDE HORIZONS FOR CHILDREN NEWS

How your gifts  
are transforming the lives  
of children in need

HOLIDAY EDITION

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### Wide Horizons For Children

is dedicated to the well-being and security of vulnerable and orphaned children worldwide. To help an orphaned or vulnerable child, please mail your gift today, or give online at [whfc.org/donate](http://whfc.org/donate) Thank you!



Susie has every reason to smile, now that she has the forever family you helped make possible.

Because you give ...

## This Single Mom Has Two Daughters to Love

**I** kept telling myself ... it wasn't the right time to adopt," recalls Jennifer, about her decision to bring home a second child with special needs from China.

She had *just* used every bit of her savings to purchase a new home, and was settling in with her first adopted daughter, 6-year-old Cordelia, who was born with Down syndrome.

**But Jennifer couldn't get her mind off Susie**, a precious 3-year-old girl also born with Down syndrome. Susie was waiting for a family, and her photo had captured Jennifer's heart. She also knew a gut-wrenching truth: If Susie remained in China, she would live out her days in an orphanage — *without the love and attention she needed to be all that she could be.*

Still, Jennifer admits she was "terrified" about adopting again.

"Being a single mom to one was tough," she says. "What if two were simply more than I could handle?" And the dynamic at home would change for Cordelia, who had always had Jennifer all to herself.

Finally, there were the costs — daunting for a single mom on a teacher's salary.

But, in the end, Jennifer said *yes* to adoption — *because of generous friends like you.*

Although she ran multiple fundraisers and applied for grants, she needed more to make it

across the finish line. Then a generous donor stepped forward.

**"Donors are the reason Susie was able to come home. Period," Jennifer says emphatically.** "We like to think that love will find a way, but there is absolutely no way I could have funded the total cost of

**"WHFC donors literally change the world for children and families."**

— Jennifer, adoptive mom whose daughters came home with the help of generous donors like you

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# Grateful for YOU This Holiday Season



**W**ith the Holidays coming, I've been thinking a lot about the astonishing difference you've made in the lives of children in desperate need all over the world.

You've helped kids who are orphaned and alone. Kids living in unspeakable poverty — homeless and unsafe ... or **so hungry** they were too weak to walk to school. Kids abandoned because of special needs, with little hope for a forever family.

These children are thriving now, and *excited* about what the future holds. All because you care.

Kids like **Susie**, a Chinese orphan with Down syndrome who today has a mom and big sister to call her own, thanks to adoption grants your generous giving made possible. And **Sanjana**, whose sponsors helped her stay in school despite years of poverty so extreme her family was forced to live on the streets ... barely able to survive. You can read their amazing stories in this issue.

These are true stories of survival and triumph. Kids and families beating the odds every day thanks to YOU.

Wishing you and your loved ones many blessings this Holiday season — and all the best for the New Year.

With my deepest gratitude,

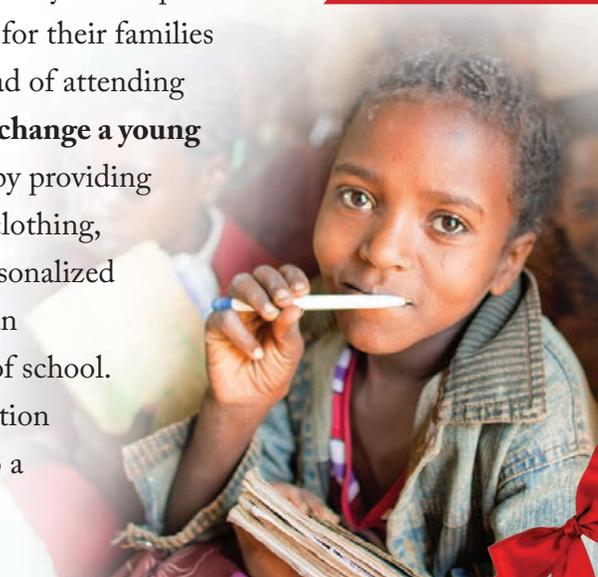
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*This* **HOLIDAY SEASON**  
you can help kids just like Susie and Sanjana with  
your life-saving gift from our Gift Catalog!

## Education for a Young Girl

**\$100**

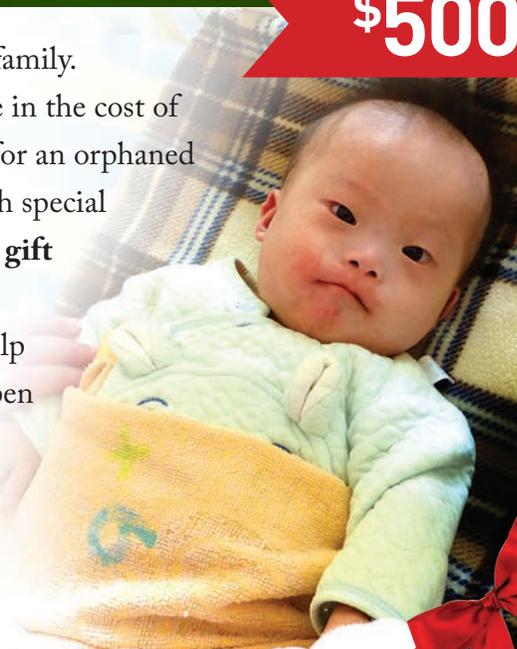
Girls living in poverty often spend their days caring for their families or working instead of attending school. **You can change a young girl's whole life** by providing school supplies, clothing, tutoring, and personalized support so she can complete a year of school. The gift of education is the best way to a brighter future!



## Help a Child with Special Needs Find a Family

**\$500**

Every child deserves a family. For \$500, you can share in the cost of finding a loving home for an orphaned or abandoned child with special needs. **Your incredible gift will fund the critical resources needed** to help parents waiting with open arms to adopt and care for these kids. Your impact will be priceless!



Choose one or more items below — or browse our entire catalog online at [whfc.org/gift-catalog](http://whfc.org/gift-catalog) for even more ways you can help. It only takes a few minutes to change a life forever! Thank you for your generous Holiday giving.

– Janice

## Food Basket for a Family

**\$38**

Hungry families in Guatemala face malnutrition, poor health, and worse. Being hungry makes it harder to focus on work or school. It's a devastating cycle. You can help. **For just \$38, you'll feed a whole family in Guatemala for a full month.** Your gift of nourishing, life-saving food will give a family their best chance for better health and success!



## Give Where the Need Is Greatest!

Can't decide which gift to choose? **Give where the need is greatest, and we'll rush your life-saving gift to where it's needed most.** Choose your impact on the enclosed donation form ... and feel proud knowing that you're making an **immediate difference** for a child in desperate need!



**CHOOSE  
YOUR  
IMPACT**

See Reply Form!

## Two Daughters to Love



Loving family: Susie (left) with big sister Cordelia and their grateful mom.

Susie's adoption.... I am ETERNALLY grateful to her donor."

In the year since Susie has been home, Jennifer's daughters have become loving sisters. They giggle into the night and are helping each other flourish.

"Susie is happy, she's secure. She doesn't have to feel lucky or grateful — she can just be a little kid with a mama of her own," Jennifer says. "Yes, Susie is lucky. But so am I, and so is Cordelia. Susie completed our family." ■



## HOLIDAY *gift* CATALOG

You can save a life this Holiday season!

Just choose your gift inside ... or browse our entire Gift Catalog online at [whfc.org/gift-catalog](http://whfc.org/gift-catalog) for even MORE ways you can help a child in desperate need this year.

It only takes a few minutes to change a life forever. Can you help?

These kids are counting on you.

Thank you.

## You helped Sanjana beat the odds

# Once Homeless and Destitute ... Today a College Student

When you consider the obstacles she faced as a child in India, it's hard to imagine Sanjana would ever have a future. Her family was homeless and desperately poor. They lived outdoors on a footpath for as long as she could remember.

But *everything* changed when Sanjana joined our sponsorship program. She now had a uniform, notebooks, tuition money, and other

**"I will never forget your support till the end of my life."**

— Excerpt from a thank-you letter Sanjana wrote in 2018

things she needed — including counseling — to help her stay in school.

Still, she faced many challenges. Her living conditions remained unsafe. Sanjana's father, an alcoholic, was in and out of their lives. Her mother, often the sole provider, worked hard as a ragpicker — sorting through garbage for salvage goods. But the work was unsteady.

Sanjana had every conceivable odd stacked against her ... *except for one*. She had **generous sponsors** like YOU.



Sanjana as a young school girl.

Which meant Sanjana could *keep up her studies*, even when her family moved to Mumbai — sleeping under a plastic tent they would unfold each evening.

Sponsorship helped her mother, too, with counseling on parenting, job training, and the importance of saving. Today, the family is no longer homeless.

For the past decade, Sanjana has had a friend in her corner no matter how tough the road has been. Someone like you. That's how *she defied the odds* — and why she's a confident, strong young woman and college student today.

All because of sponsorship ... and caring friends like you. ■



Sanjana today, with a brighter future ahead, thanks to caring friends like you.

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