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Local Man Chosen as Finalist for ChildFund's Facebook Promotion

Finalist is one of five in the nation to possibly travel across the globe to visit their sponsored child

Richmond, Va. – July 20, 2011 – Last month, Matt Foley of Merrimac, Mass., thought he was only able to communicate with Adalberto, his ChildFund International sponsored child in Mexico, through letters and photos. Now, because of a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, he may be able to meet Adalberto face-to-face, but he needs the public's help.

Foley is one of five randomly selected qualified finalists in ChildFund International's "The Experience of a Lifetime" Facebook promotion. The organization, which creates one-to-one connections through child sponsorships, created the promotion with its thousands of sponsors and children in mind.

"Take a second to imagine having the chance to visit a child you have a relationship with, but have never met," says Anne Lynam Goddard, ChildFund president and CEO. "To meet and see first-hand the impact made in a child's life will move an individual more than they could ever imagine."

Foley and the other finalists have each written an essay explaining why they should be chosen to visit their sponsored child. Followers of ChildFund International's Facebook page will be able to vote on the essays to support that person's quest for "The Experience of a Lifetime."

"Seeing your sponsored child thrive and do well in an underprivileged area is truly an inspiration," Foley says. "My sponsored son, Adalberto is 13 years old, and my son Connor is also 13. If my essay is chosen, we will both travel to Mexico to meet him. It would be a very special learning experience for me and Connor to meet Adalberto and his family."

Those interested in the promotion can:

- Go to Facebook.com/ChildFundInternational
- Select the "Experience of a Lifetime" tab (<http://apps.facebook.com/experienceoflife>)
- Review the essays and vote

Followers of ChildFund's Facebook page are allowed multiple votes, but only one vote per day. Voting begins on July 20 and runs through July 31.

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