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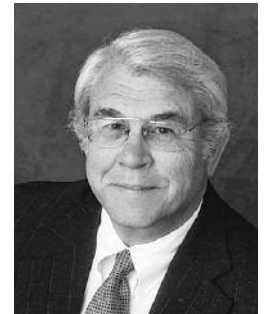
Straight From the Heart

Crutchfield's Matching Challenge for Children

Barbara and Ed Crutchfield were deeply affected by the horrific devastation left in the wake of the tsunami that engulfed much of coastal South Asia in December 2004.

Ed was familiar with the work of Christian Children's Fund. He had a lifelong friend who served on CCF's Board and whenever his friend spoke with him, he used it as an opportunity to talk about the organization he loved so much.

The Crutchfields did help provide for tsunami victims through CCF, and as they learned more about CCF's work and mission, they decided they wanted to get involved in other ways.



Barbara & Ed Crutchfield

In 2006, Barbara and Ed visited CCF's Richmond headquarters to see firsthand what the organization was about. Ed remembers:

"What we saw were honest folks working hard. People who were well-intended with a passion and dedication to their mission."

It didn't take them long to decide they wanted to do more, and what stood out as most important to them was CCF's Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs.

Barbara and Ed Crutchfield present a challenge.

The Crutchfields generously gave \$500,000 for CCF's ECD programs. The challenge is for CCF to match their gift by raising another \$500,000 – meaning that every gift will be matched and doubled up to \$500,000. And the gift will give more children the opportunity to move out of the poverty they were born into.



Dreams come true in a Honduras' Dream Corner



A little boy's growth is stimulated by toys

Crutchfield's Matching Challenge for Children

From this matching gift opportunity, the first gifts will go for poor children in Honduras, who will receive the benefits of the establishment of two Early Childhood Development Centers and 17 Dream Corners in schools.

We are deeply grateful to Barbara and Ed for their kindness and generosity to the children in CCF's care.

Early Childhood Development – tools to grow

A baby born on the dirt floor of a grass hut has little hope of living a healthy and happy life. There are no tools available that will aid this child in overcoming the poverty he or she was born into through no fault of their own. And sadly, there are untold numbers of babies born into hopeless poverty every single day.

The first few years of a child's life present a brief window of opportunity, and if that special time is nurtured and cultivated properly, we can drastically change the outcome of his or her life.

In countries throughout the world, thousands of children from birth to six are benefiting from CCF's community-based Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs. CCF has initiated programs that are designed to address all aspects of a child's growth including physical, cognitive, social and emotional development.

A profound outcome of these programs is that children gain a sense of self and realize they have opportunities available to them that will allow them to make a better life for themselves and generations to come.

Dream Corners – opening the mind of a child

Do you remember the first books you held in your hands and how you looked at the pages over and over – no matter how many times you'd looked at them before? Those books offered you the opportunity to begin to understand the world around you.

That's the same feeling children living in poverty have when they hold a book in their hands for the first time.

A Dream Corner is a small library that provides culturally and age-appropriate books as well as mentors who help children build their reading skills. Positive experiences with books can turn children into lifelong readers who are eager to learn and want knowledge.

In the small space of a Dream Corner, children take a step into the world beyond themselves and dream of a better life – and learn that a dream can become a reality.

The Friendship of a Lifetime

Lewis T. Booker was born with a philanthropic heart – just ask any one at Christian Children’s Fund. In December 1973, Lewis began serving as legal counsel for CCF and donated his time on a pro bono basis. His wise and talented guidance allowed CCF to focus its attention on children who needed help.

Lewis has lived an interesting and colorful life. After graduating from law school, he joined the US Army and was sent to Korea. While hostilities had largely ceased by then, all of Korea was considered a war zone.

He had no way of knowing how a request from his mother would change his life. At the time, she was teaching a Sunday School class that sponsored an orphaned child in Korea and asked Lewis if he could find the child.

As it turned out, the child was living in Inchon, an area that had been devastated by war and was generally off-limits to American troops. Lewis used his resources and persuasive powers to get to the orphanage and find the child.

Lewis recalls, “the area was clean and sparkling and the children all well cared for, well groomed and very bright. My mother reported this to her class and all were delighted at the great work Christian Children’s Fund was doing in Korea.”

Today Lewis serves on CCF’s Board of Directors. He and his wife Nancy have also included CCF in their estate plans by creating numerous Charitable Gift Annuities that will benefit children for years to come.

And so CCF continues to be deeply grateful to Lewis for his time, compassion, dedication and support. His optimism and faith in people inspire and bring out the best in others. He has devoted his life to the betterment of mankind, and CCF and all the children in our care are deeply thankful.



Lewis T. Booker, a life-long friend to children around the world.

CCF Study Tours

Please join us for one of our Study Tours where you’ll have the opportunity to meet sponsored children, visit fascinating countries and gain a greater understanding of CCF’s work.

Study Tours in 2007 and 2008:

Oct 07	India
Feb 08	Zambia
May 08	Brazil

Please call 1-800-762-9593 for additional information.

Including CCF in a bequest in your will

If you would like to help vulnerable children in the future, please include CCF in your will. Your attorney may use the following suggested language:

I give, devise and bequeath to Christian Children’s Fund, Inc., fully incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the sum of \$_____ or _____ % of my residuary estate. I direct that this gift be used to support Christian Children’s Funds general programs where the need is the greatest.

Thank you for helping impoverished children who so desperately need it.



A little girl in Brazil receives nourishment because of your support of CCF's programs.

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A CCF Development Officer would be happy to arrange a personal visit with you or answer any questions you may have about CCF's work and ways you can help support our mission.

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In 2007, you can transfer an IRA gift directly to CCF – with no tax on the withdrawal.

Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, if you are 70 years or older, you can rollover up to \$100,000 from an IRA account as a gift to CCF.

Did you know?

Retirement plan accounts are one of the most highly taxed assets that a person can give to their heirs at death – sometimes taxed as much as 70 percent. In affect, this is one of the least beneficial assets to pass to family and loved ones.

The benefits:

- Typically, traditional IRAs are subject to standard income taxes upon withdrawal, and if they remain as part of an estate, they may be subject to capital gains and estate taxes as well. While this rollover is not tax deductible as a charitable gift, you may avoid income tax on the distribution.
- You can preserve your cash assets and fulfill IRA distribution requirements by giving a gift to CCF through an IRA rollover. Contributions may be counted toward your annual minimum required distribution.
- Your spouse can also give up to \$100,000 from an IRA if 70 or older.

How to make an IRA charitable distribution:

To comply with the new law, the distribution from your IRA must be transferred directly from the plan administrator of your IRA to Christian Children's Fund. You simply contact your plan administrator to request the transfer.

We ask that you inform CCF of your gift and how you would like it to be used to help children. For your records, we will provide you with a letter acknowledging the amount of the distribution and the date it was received.

Contact us: Call 1-800-762-9593, and we will assist you with your gift and answer questions you may have. We will be happy to provide you with a sample letter of instruction to send to your plan administrator.

Please consult your own legal or tax advisor before making any decision based on this information.

“We cannot measure the good we have done for a single child among the thousands, for on what scale will you measure the worth of a child.”

— J. Calvert Clarke, Founder Christian Children's Fund