

Overview

ChildFund International is an independent development organization that works for the rights and well-being of children worldwide, assisting more than 19 million children and family members in 29 nations. We have provided nearly \$3 billion in services to children since our founding in 1938, with most of the funding coming from individual contributors through monthly child sponsorships.

ChildFund has been inspired and driven by the potential that is inherent in all children not only to survive but also to thrive and become young adults, parents and leaders who bring positive change for those around them. ChildFund programs incorporate child protection, health, education, nutrition and livelihood interventions that promote conditions where children and youth have a better chance to achieve their potential.

Development of Children

ChildFund focuses on childhood as the prime opportunity to break the generational cycle of poverty. Our distinctive approach leverages our nearly eight decades of experience and our deep understanding of how children experience poverty.

Local Change

ChildFund conducts much of its work through local partners, grassroots organizations made up of people who live in the area and who have the greatest stake in the local community. Through these partnerships, ChildFund reaches children directly while also involving parents, teachers, local government and larger systems in upholding children's rights to health, nutrition, safety, education and more. The partnerships also help ensure that we respond in locally relevant ways to the challenges of growing up in poverty.

Accountability

We are committed to the responsible stewardship of all funds. For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, ChildFund dedicated 84.6 percent of its financial support to program services for children. Our annual revenue from donors, sponsors, grants and corporate gifts totaled more than \$248 million.

Where ChildFund International Works

ChildFund works in 30 nations around the world, including the United States. Visit us [online](http://www.childfund.org/our-impact/where-we-work) (www.childfund.org/our-impact/where-we-work) to find a current list of all the countries where ChildFund has a presence.

U.S. Programs

ChildFund works in the Northern and Southern Plains areas of the United States, including Native American reservations, areas along the Texas-Mexico border, and the Mississippi Delta. Our efforts in the U.S. are directed toward parent and community engagement and empowerment, with a focus on youth agency and restoring cultural values and traditions unique to each of the communities where we work.

History

ChildFund has been helping children in need since 1938. Founded as China's Children Fund by Dr. J. Calvitt Clarke, the organization rallied sponsors in the U.S. to support children who had become orphans in the Sino-Japanese War. The name was changed to Christian Children's Fund in 1951 as we expanded our focus to address the impact of poverty on children. In 2009, our name became ChildFund International to reflect the truly international scope of the organization's work and affirm our affiliation with the ChildFund Alliance.

ChildFund Alliance

ChildFund is a founding member of the ChildFund Alliance, a group of organizations that partner to improve the lives of children and their families in 57 countries. The ChildFund Alliance creates opportunities for pooled resources and collaborative activities to reach more children in need.

Leadership

Anne Lynam Goddard is ChildFund's eighth president. She joined the organization in January 2007. A board of directors, whose members serve without compensation, governs ChildFund. The chair of the ChildFund Board of Directors is Marilyn F. Grist.

Number of Employees

ChildFund is the largest international development organization headquartered in Virginia. Total employees include:

- International headquarters: 155
- U.S. program offices: 4
- Staff in the field outside the United States: more than 1,500

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