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In 2007, Goddard joined ChildFund as president and CEO. At ChildFund, she has drawn on her personal experiences to direct the organization’s efforts to help children find and create greater opportunity, hope and self-sufficiency. Building on the organization’s nearly 80-year history, Goddard has implemented a strategy that expands and deepens ChildFund’s worldwide efforts to advance child protection and improve children’s health, education and economic conditions.

Goddard is active in her own community and in other nonprofit organizations. She has served on the board of directors for InterAction, the Basic Education Coalition, and the Richmond Forum. She is currently a board member of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, a member of the federal Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, and serves on the executive advisory committee for the University of Richmond’s Robins School of Business. In 2009, Goddard received an honorary Ph.D. from Assumption College (Mass.).