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ChildFund Culminates 75th Anniversary

Rep. Eric Cantor and Sen. Mark Warner co-hosted event to bring attention to child poverty around the world

Richmond, Va. – Apr. 10, 2014 – On Apr. 4, ChildFund International, a child-focused international development agency based in Richmond, culminated its 75th anniversary year with a dinner featuring honorary co-hosts Rep. Eric Cantor and Mrs. Eric Cantor and Sen. Mark Warner and Mrs. Lisa Collis. Presented by SunTrust Bank, the festive evening showcased toys and art made by children around the world and featured a musical performance by ChildFund LIVE! artist and GRAMMY nominee Seth Glier. Funds raised benefited Just Read!, ChildFund’s literacy program in the U.S., and Richmond-based ExCELL (Excellence in Children’s Early Language and Literacy).

Friday’s event celebrated not only ChildFund’s anniversary, but also the organization’s commitment to helping children for another 75 years.

“Milestones such as our anniversary are timely occasions for reflection and assessment, and as we look back at where we have been, there is much to be proud of,” said Anne Lynam Goddard, ChildFund’s president and CEO. “In looking ahead, there is also much to be optimistic about. My belief is that it is not inevitable that children born into poverty are consigned to remain there.”

Throughout its history, ChildFund has provided an opportunity for those living in the States to give back to the global community through one-to-one sponsorships and other philanthropic support for the organization’s goals of ending violence toward children and decreasing the number of children living in poverty.

“For 75 years, ChildFund International has been a world leader focused on helping children and families in need,” said Rep. Eric Cantor. “While there is certainly a role for government in providing global assistance, ChildFund demonstrates the powerful impact that the American people, as private citizens, can have around the world.”

That sentiment rang true as Sen. Mark Warner recalled a visit to Delhi in his remarks, noting that it is important, “as Americans, not only to share our financial wealth, but our spiritual wealth, as well.”



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ChildFund International is a global child development and protection agency serving more than 18.1 million children and family members in 30 countries. For 75 years, we have helped the world’s deprived, excluded and vulnerable children survive and thrive to reach their full potential and become leaders of enduring change. As a member of ChildFund Alliance, we create supportive environments in which children can flourish. [To sponsor a child in need, visit the ChildFund website.](#)