



# 2015-16 ANNUAL REPORT



World of Children® Award improves the lives of vulnerable children by funding and elevating the most effective changemakers for children worldwide.

Since 1998, World of Children Award has invested over \$8 million in cash grants and program support to more than 100 Honorees who are the driving force behind programs serving children worldwide.





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## A Year of Big Projects and Bigger Dreams

Dear Friends,

As you know, our work here at World of Children Award is driven by the belief that we can change the future for children one little hand by one little hand and one little heart by one little heart. But this year more than ever, we recognized that these changes require bold vision and big projects that will help us reach these little hands and little hearts more efficiently and more effectively than ever before.

2015 was a year of visionary thinking and doing at World of Children Award. We recruited nominations from organizations all over the world for our new Education Award. From the many entries we received, one emerged as best in class. We were thrilled to present our Inaugural Education Award to Miriam Mason-Sesay - who continued providing children in Sierra Leone with education throughout the Ebola crisis and even through personal tragedy.

We have always recognized that we can reach many more children when we stand together as a caring community than when we stand divided. This year, a huge global corporation took notice and signaled their agreement when Procter & Gamble's Always Keeping Girls in School program joined us in providing the materials and support 2015 Youth Honoree Winnifred Selby needs to scale up her program for junior high girls in Ghana.

And as always, though we see so much need in every corner of the world, we cannot neglect the children right here in our own communities. Our commitment to providing for the children here in

the USA - our friends and neighbors, who often struggle in silence - continued through our support for Nicholas Lowinger's Gotta Have Sole Foundation. Nicholas is an amazing young man who was inspired to start his philanthropic work for children in US homeless shelters at the age of 5. Now a graduating high school senior, Nicholas has helped children in all 50 states attend school and fully participate in extracurricular activities and has started a scholarship fund to ensure more teens like him have the means to attend college and pursue their dreams.

Every day we are inspired by Miriam, Winnifred, Nicholas and other heroes helping children. At World of Children Award, we share their hopes and dreams and make their mission ours.

2015 was an amazing year for children and we thank everyone who helped us dream big and launch these bold projects. We trust that 2016 will be even better - we hope you'll continue to join us for the journey.

With deepest gratitude and boundless hope,

Harry Leibowitz  
Co-Founder and Co-Chair

Kay Isaacson-Leibowitz  
Co-Founder and Co-Chair

# Inaugural Education Award

Globally, 60 million children do not receive even basic education. In view of the magnitude of the issue, we felt it was vital for our organization to establish an education award category. The first World of Children Education Award was given at the 2015 Awards Ceremony.

## LEADERSHIP GIFT

Anthony Meyer, along with his wife Miraldina and their daughter Olivia, presented the first ever World of Children Education Award to Miriam Mason-Sesay of EducAid Sierra Leone on at the 2015 Awards Ceremony. Meyer, a former Vice Chairman of World of Children Award and current Advisory Board Member, together with his family, provided the seed funding to create this new award category for the organization.

## EDUCATION AS THE KEY TO UNLOCK THE

This gift expands the Meyer family's philanthropy to the international arena while maintaining their key focus on education as a

means to create better futures for youth. Meyer, along with the Founders and Board of World of Children Award, see the Education Award as a natural extension of the organization's desire to create significant, sustainable change in the lives of children.

## JUST THE BEGINNING

The annual Education Award will provide multi-year funding and support to individuals who have made and continue to make substantial contributions to children in the educational arena. This includes individuals who make education available to severely underserved populations and those whose work creates educational opportunity for disenfranchised children.



*“ For many children worldwide, including those here in this country, education offers the best path forward - out of poverty, out of trouble, out of dependency, and on to a better life. ”*

- Anthony Meyer, World of Children Award Advisory Council Member and Funder of the 2015 Education Award

# Unprecedented Joint Program with Procter & Gamble

At the 2015 Awards Ceremony, Celebrity Ambassador Stephanie March announced details of an unprecedented joint program World of Children Award secured with Procter & Gamble's 'Always Keeping Girls in School Program' that will allow 2015 Youth Honoree Winnifred Selby to leverage her award to serve hundreds more girls in Ghana.

## THE FIRST OF ITS KIND

The unprecedented joint program will provide sanitary supplies and health-related educational materials to 1,000 junior school girls in Ghana over 6 months. The project will be P&G's first Always Keeping Girls in School initiative in Ghana.

## THE BEGINNING OF A TIDE

Khululiwe Mabaso, P&G's Director of Communications for Sub-Saharan Africa expressed their support for the project saying "Empowering the female child is multifaceted and one of the most powerful platforms to positively change our society. Beyond the powerful impact this initiative will have on the lives of vulnerable Ghanaian females, we are optimistic

that this will transverse all over Africa enabling an environment that positively embraces and uplifts the female African child."

## BREAKING DOWN BARRIERS

It is broadly estimated that as many as 30 million girls globally lack access to proper sanitation during menstruation. World of Children Award Co-Founder Harry Leibowitz, himself a P&G Alum, recognizes the incredible opportunity the project has to bring a largely taboo subject out of the shadows. "With this program, we are making a start at changing these troubling statistics. Together with P&G and Winnifred's organization, girl by girl, we can begin to address this problem and give them the tools and support they need to continue their education and grow into strong, bright leaders for our future."



*“ This shows that EPF’s work - and these girls - are truly important to the world. I cannot wait to share the news with the girls! ”*

- Winnifred Selby, 2015 Youth Honoree



## Bringing Education to a Country Ravaged By War

### MIRIAM MASON-SESAY

2015 EDUCATION AWARD

EDUCAID  
SIERRA LEONE

2015 Education Honoree **Miriam Mason-Sesay** passionately believes in the power of education to destroy poverty. Arriving in Sierra Leone in 2000 at the end of a brutal civil war, Miriam began working to improve a severely broken education system. Her first “school” was the back veranda of a rented house, where she began teaching 20 children.

Today the organization she co-founded, EducAid Sierra Leone, has expanded to nine schools serving 3,000 students. Most of these students are underprivileged and war-affected young people.

In addition to running nine EducAid schools, the organization also runs outreach programs to support improvements in partner schools. They use these programs to spread EducAid’s high standards of training and strong ethical code beyond their own schools.

#### **YOUR IMPACT:**

Funding awarded to Miriam in 2015 is providing 3 years of education to 150 junior school students at a brand new EducAid school.



“ We have young people with desperate tragedies behind them but when they come to us, they join a new family of hope. ”



## Keeping Children in School

### WINNIFRED SELBY

2015 YOUTH AWARD

EPF EDUCATIONAL EMPOWERMENT INITIATIVE  
GHANA

In 2010, **Winnifred Selby** visited the Northern region of her native Ghana and encountered children who walked barefoot several miles to school, exposing their feet to soil-transmitted diseases. She also learned about the horrible lengths some girls had to go to procure sanitary pads and that many of them missed school when they could not get supplies.

Moved to help these children meet their basic needs, she founded an organization to help young people from deprived communities by breaking down barriers to education. The three main projects

of the initiative focus on decreasing menstruation-related absentee days for secondary school girls by providing them with feminine hygiene products; providing shoes for students who must walk long distances over rough terrain to reach their schools; and connecting young Ghanaian women to scholarships that enable them to continue their education.

**YOUR IMPACT:**

Funding awarded to Winnifred in 2015 is supplying feminine hygiene products and education to 1,000 junior high girls to keep them in school during their periods.



“ *These children are the hope of the nation. My hope for them is that they become who they really want to be.* ”



## Helping Homeless Children One “Sole” At a Time

### NICHOLAS LOWINGER

2015 YOUTH AWARD

GOTTA HAVE SOLE FOUNDATION  
USA

**Nicholas Lowinger** began volunteering at a local homeless shelter with his mother at the age of 5 years old. Working with homeless youth, he recognized that something as simple as shoes can make the difference between a child attending or not attending school; between feeling self-confident or ashamed; and even between being accepted by peers or ostracized at school.

To help, he founded Gotta Have Sole Foundation in 2010. The Foundation has donated new footwear to tens of thousands of children living in homeless shelters in all 50 US states. Nicholas

has expanded his efforts to involve peers in collecting and donating footwear. The Gotta Have Sole student clubs raise awareness of the problems facing homeless youth and provide young people with an opportunity to support and empower their homeless peers.

**YOUR IMPACT:**

Funding awarded to Nicholas in 2015 is providing new shoes to 2,000 homeless children in the US, as well as supporting youth leadership teams who wish to bring the Gotta Have Sole clubs programs to their schools.



“Everything that happens in your life happens in your shoes. To me, shoes stand for hope, dreams and equal opportunities.”



# Fighting Pediatric Cancer in Mexico

**AMALIA GARCÍA MORENO**  
2015 HEALTH AWARD

CASA DE LA AMISTAD PARA NIÑOS CON CÁNCER MEXICO

When one of her children was diagnosed with cancer, **Amalia García Moreno** became intimately aware of the hardships faced by cancer patients and their families.

Amalia established Casa de la Amistad para Niños con Cáncer in 1990 to provide access to oncological treatment and support to low-income children diagnosed with cancer, with the goal of increasing the childhood cancer survival rate in Mexico.

Now in its 25th year, the organization has served over

7,800 children. It provides accommodations for children and their families while the children undergo treatment. It also provides emotional support classes, educational programs, and medicine banks that help patients access antibiotics, food supplements, or other medication prescribed by their doctors.

**YOUR IMPACT:**  
Funding awarded to Amalia in 2015 is providing 150 children with full courses of treatment for their cancer.



“ When parents come with their sick children, their faces express the anguish they’re suffering. But once they feel the protection of Casa de la Amistad, their faces show happiness. ”

» See more: [worldofchildren.org/amalia](http://worldofchildren.org/amalia)



## Giving Teen Mothers in Cartagena A Second Chance

### CATALINA ESCOBAR

2015 HUMANITARIAN AWARD

JUAN FELIPE GÓMEZ ESCOBAR FOUNDATION  
COLOMBIA

In 2000, after the death of her own son, a 12-day-old baby passed away in **Catalina Escobar's** arms while she was volunteering at a neonatal clinic. The baby died because the baby's mother, a teenager herself, had not been able to afford the \$30 medical treatment her child needed.

Determined that no mother should lose a child for want of money for medical care, Catalina quit her job in the private sector and dedicated her life to launching and planning a social initiative, which became the Juan Felipe Gómez Escobar Foundation, named after her son.

Through the Foundation, Catalina works with teenage mothers and their children to provide them with the tools they need to survive and to thrive. Teenage mothers receive education, psychosocial intervention, healthcare and vocational skills training. The Foundation has served more than 2,800 teenaged mothers and teenage pregnancy rates in Cartagena have decreased by 50%. Their work has helped reduce the infant mortality rate by 80% in Cartagena.

#### **YOUR IMPACT:**

Funding awarded to Catalina in 2015 ensured medical care for more than 400 babies.



*“I could not accept that another mother had to go through such pain because she does not have the money to cover medical treatment for her child.”*



## Hope and Healing for the Children of Chernobyl

### ADI ROCHE

2015 ALUMNI AWARD // 2010 HEALTH

CHERNOBYL CHILDREN INTERNATIONAL  
UKRAINE//BELARUS

Five years after the devastating 1986 Chernobyl disaster, **Adi Roche** was volunteering with a nuclear disarmament group when they received a desperate fax from Belarusian and Ukrainian doctors working in the impacted area. "SOS appeal. For God's sake, help us to get the children out."

Galvanized by that haunting plea, Adi has dedicated the last 24 years to the forgotten children of the Chernobyl region. In 1991, she established Chernobyl Children International (CCI), which works tirelessly to provide care and offer hope to the thousands of children in the Chernobyl region that continue to be born with disabilities like Chernobyl Heart. CCI arranges for doctors to perform life-saving surgeries for child victims and flies some of them to Ireland for post-surgery treatment and recovery.

Since 2010, when Adi received the World of Children Health Award, Chernobyl Children International has saved the lives of 1,200 children born with congenital heart defects. In total, the organization has provided 25,000 children with desperately needed medical care. We honor her again this year for the incredible impact she continues to have in the lives of the children of the Chernobyl region.

#### **YOUR IMPACT:**

Funding awarded to Adi in 2015 sent volunteer medical team to Belarus to provide heart surgeries for 35 children and train local medical staff to provide future care for these children and others born with Chernobyl heart.



*“ Our message is that there is always hope. ”*

## Re-Honoring Heroes With Alumni Awards

Alumni Awards re-honor past World of Children Award Honorees who have done more than we ever expected or imagined since we gave them a World of Children Award. Our 2015 Inaugural Alumni Honors Program provided funding to three amazing heroes at an all new event on the West Coast.

### DR. RICARDO BENNUN

2007 HEALTH AWARD • ASOCIACION PIEL •

Asociación PIEL is a health-care facility for children in a poor district of Buenos Aires. There, Dr. Bennun provides free surgery to correct cleft lips and palates to the poor children in his native Argentina.

#### YOUR IMPACT:

Dr. Bennun used his 2015 funding to build a new ENT specialty unit in the Asociación PIEL clinic. In its first half year of operation, the unit has already benefitted nearly 100 children.



### TRIVENI ACHARYA

2013 HUMANITARIAN AWARD • RESCUE FOUNDATION • INDIA

Triveni Acharya has fearlessly led the way in rescuing over 4,000 victims of child trafficking through her organization, Rescue Foundation. Children rescued are provided with health care, legal aid, counseling, nutrition, and vocational training.

#### YOUR IMPACT:

Her World of Children Award grant is helping Triveni rescue and rehabilitate 200 child victims of trafficking. Rescued children are placed in protective homes, where they are safe, supported, and have the opportunity to rebuild their lives.

### JESSICA MARKOWITZ

2009 YOUTH AWARD

RICHARD'S RWANDA IMPUHWE

RWANDA // USA

A tireless advocate for global education and a spokesperson for social justice, Jessica founded Richard's Rwanda-IMPUHWE when she was 11 to support educational opportunities for girls who had survived the genocide of 1994 in the rural area of Nyamata, Rwanda. Her organization supports educational costs such as school fees, supplies, shoes, insurance and lunch. World of Children Award's funding in 2009 ensured that

Rwandan girls who survived the genocide could complete their education.

#### YOUR IMPACT:

Funding awarded to Jessica in 2015 will fund higher education for these same girls, providing them with the knowledge they need to change their communities and their country.



## Even More Impact This Year

In addition to our 2015 Honorees, there are several past Honorees still receiving World of Children funding. Here are just a few of the amazing things they achieved for children this year -

**PREVENTING BULLYING** 2014 Youth Honoree Jaylen Arnold provided anti-bullying educational and awareness programs to 9,000 children in 11 schools in the United States.

**EMPOWERING GIRLS** Over 400 Massai students in Kenya attending LifeSkills Workshops provided by 2014 Youth Honoree Mary Grace Henry's Reverse the Course learned about the importance of educating girls and abolishing the practice of FGM.

**PROVIDING MEDICAL CARE** Lao Friends Hospital for Children (LFHC), a project initiated by 2014 Health Honoree Kenro Izu, treated 10,000 patients in its first 10 months of operation. Patients are children from poor families in Northern Laos and every single patient receives high quality medical care, 100% free of charge.



### GIVING CHILDREN "A LEG TO STAND ON"

Honoree C. Mead Wells's ALTSO provides free prosthetic limbs, orthopedic devices, mobility aids, corrective surgery and rehabilitative care to children in the developing world who have lost their limbs in traumatic accidents or suffer from congenital disabilities.

In 2015, ALTSO used World of Children Award funding to provide medical devices and care to 260 children in Cambodia, Afghanistan, Indonesia, and Pakistan. The majority of these children's families live on less than \$2 per day and would never have been able to provide orthopedic care for their children out of pocket.

Many of the schoolage children ALTSO treated this year were previously denied admission to school or unable to attend because of their disability. With ALTSO's support, these children will not only be able to walk, sometimes for the first time in their lives, but will also be able to live a full childhood and pursue their educations.



## SERVING CHILDREN IN THE WAKE OF NATURAL DISASTER

On April 25, 2015, a 7.8M earthquake struck Nepal, killing over 8,000 people and injuring over 20,000 more. The earthquake was just the first of many smaller quakes which continued to shake the country, one of the poorest in the world. Within 24 hours of the devastating quake, World of Children Award Honoree organization HRDC, led by Dr. Ashok Banskota, dispatched its first relief teams. In the year since then, the organization's Emergency Surveillance and Response (ESAR) Initiative has conducted 98 outreach camps, provided services to 45,000 people, including surgeries to children injured in the quake.



Initial ESAR camps focused on screening for earthquake related injuries that required hospitalization and treatment. When possible, patients were transferred to the HRDC hospital facility in Kathmandu for surgeries and rehabilitative care. Camps also focused on providing basic supplies – food, water, and dignity kits to families who had lost everything.

As the months went by, HRDC began seeing fewer children presenting with injuries sustained in the quake. They began seeing more children with medical complications due to living long-term in open shelters – conditions caused by lack of clean drinking water, improper sanitation, inadequate nutrition, post-traumatic stress, and injuries sustained while clearing debris.

Children transferred to the Kathmandu facility were provided with consultations, surgery, and appropriate follow up care. In 2015, HRDC also opened its own school, to provide children with educational opportunities while they are receiving treatment and recovering at the HRDC facility. 617 children attended the school last year, which helped to ensure they did not fall behind in their studies during lengthy recuperative stays.

We are truly inspired by the resilience so many children and families have shown in the last year and by the dedication of the HRDC team, led by Dr. Banskota.

*Though Dr. Banskota was not receiving World of Children Award funding at the time of the earthquake, World of Children Award and our community recognizes the need to fund disaster aid through proven, local solutions like Dr. Banskota's and therefore, an emergency "out of cycle" grant was made to HRDC.*



# In the Field...

*Our Founders Traveled to South America to See Honorees' Work First Hand*



## In South America, Honorees Are Changing Lives - One Child At A Time

In March 2016, World of Children Award Founders Harry and Kay Leibowitz and World of Children Award supporters visited three World of Children Award Honorees to observe their work first-hand and see how your donations have made a difference in the lives of children. World of Children Award Celebrity Ambassador Stephanie March joined them for the first two legs of their journey.

In Argentina, at **Honoree Dr. Ricardo Bennun's** clinic, they spent time with two children waiting for transformational cleft lip surgeries and heard from parents what the surgeries would mean for the children's futures. In Chile, they met children who, despite suffering gruesome burns, were recovering well thanks to **Honoree Dr. Jorge Rojas's** care. In Colombia, they heard the heartbreaking stories of teenage girls who grew up in the slums

of Cartagena and became pregnant before they themselves were fully grown. They saw the hope that **Honoree Catalina Escobar** brings into these girls' lives when she welcomes them to her Juanfe Foundation and provides their children with medical care and proper nutrition while teaching the girls a vocation so they can provide for their families.

The travelers returned home completely humbled by their experiences and once again in awe of the incredible work these heroes are doing to help the most vulnerable children in their countries.



*“I had the privilege of connecting with the people who are giving back to others. Through their work, I came away knowing there is hope. There is good. There are real life heroes.”*

*~ Stephanie March, World of Children Award Celebrity Ambassador*



## Children's Stories

We love receiving stories from the field of children our World of Children Award community has helped. Here are a few of our favorites from this year.

### CHRISTNELSON // HAITI

According to the people in his village in Haiti, ChristNelson - born with cerebral palsy - is "cocobai" - not human.

"There is no hope for this kind of demon possession," the witch doctor told ChristNelson's mother when he was young. And so she did not hope.

Every day, his mother placed ChristNelson, naked and alone, under a tree to await her return from the market. There, he caught the attention of Susie Krabacher, founder of Haiti Children and 2013 World of Children Award Alumni Honoree.

Last year, when a team of medical experts from the US visited her organization's HaitiChildren Village, she convinced one of them, Julie Taylor, to hike up the mountain with her to see ChristNelson. To see the small cocobai child who sat under a tree waiting for his mother every day.

When she saw ChristNelson, Julie took him in her arms and began examining his limbs. Susie asked what she'd been aching to know, "Can we help him?" Julie looked up and said "Susie, I think we can."

Susie talked to his mother and she - for the first time - also had hope. ChristNelson was moved to HaitiChildren's Rehabilitation and Therapy Center. He was dressed, fed, and cared for. He was diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy and began intensive treatment. As importantly, he was surrounded by hope. Just two days later,

ChristNelson took his first steps.

Now, over a year later, ChristNelson is 9 years old. He works with therapists at the Rehabilitation Center twice a week and is learning to walk with a special walker. He has grown into an incredibly sweet boy with a big, bright smile that lights up a room.

Without hope, there was nothing. Just a lonely child, trapped in his own body and robbed of his humanity. With hope, there is a future. There is freedom. Because of hope, ChristNelson is cocobai no more.



### EMMANUEL // MEXICO

One day when he was just a toddler, Emmanuel began having headaches and soon afterwards stopped walking and talking. After two months of doctor's visits, Emmanuel was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in his brain. Emmanuel's treatment would require an operation and subsequent hospitalization, which his parents could not afford. They could barely even afford to stay in Mexico City, one of the only places Emmanuel could receive the treatment he needed.

Luckily, a doctor told Emmanuel's parents about Casa de la Amistad, a care home for children battling cancer and their parents, run by World of Children Award Honoree Amalia Garcia Moreno.

Casa de la Amistad offered the family a room and three meals a day, in addition to free cancer treatment for Emmanuel. Thanks to Casa de la Amistad, Emmanuel is now in treatment and all his parents have to worry about is helping him to get better.

### SITH // LAOS

When the staff at Friends Without a Border first saw fourteen month-old Sith, he was extremely weak. His parents, poor rice farmers from Northern Laos had traveled three hours with Sith to bring him to the Emergency Room at the FWAB hospital.

The medical staff first confirmed that Sith was malnourished and severely anemic and then diagnosed him with Thalassemia, a genetic red blood cell disorder. FWAB immediately admitted Sith and provided the blood transfusion and nutrition supplements he needed. Within a few days, Sith underwent a miraculous transformation. He grew stronger and a smile returned to his face.

Sith and his mother will need to make the journey back to FWAB every few months to monitor Sith's red blood cell count and receive transfusions as necessary to maintain healthy levels. Because of these free treatments, Sith can look forward to a healthy and happy childhood.



### Sold into Slavery

Kalpana is originally from Nepal. Her family was very poor and she was one of seven children (five daughters and two sons). One day, a girl staying in a neighboring house offered to help Kalpana find a good job so that she could help her family rather than be a burden to them. Kalpana eagerly accepted the offer and wanted to go to tell her parents the good news. The girl convinced her that she should come see the work before getting her parents excited about it, to make sure it was something she would like.

Kalpana accompanied the girl to Pune, without telling her parents where she was going. When she arrived, she discovered that the other girl had lured her there under false pretenses and she was sold to a brothel owner. At the brothel, Kalpana was imprisoned and forced to work as a prostitute.

### Rescue and Recovery

Eight months later, Rescue Foundation, founded by World of Children Award Honoree Triveni Acharya, partnered with the Social Security Department's Crime Branch to conduct a raid on the brothel where Kalpana was being kept. Kalpana was entrusted to the care of the Rescue Foundation for rehabilitative care.

At the Rescue Foundation home, she received appropriate medical and psychological treatment and then an opportunity to resume her education and begin vocational training.

Kalpana's parents were notified of her rescue and within a month, they came to Rescue Foundation to ask her to return

home. She has suspicions that her parents were employed by a brothel and, after the horror she experienced, she wanted nothing to do with that world. Instead, she chose to remain with the Rescue Foundation and rebuild a new life for herself.

### A Bright Future

She has now been with the Rescue Foundation for over five years and has completed courses in cosmetology and tailoring, as well as literacy courses and trained in karate. She was interested in furthering her education beyond what the Rescue Foundation provided so they helped her enroll in school. She has completed her tenth standard exams and is pursuing a nursing degree.

Kalpana has tasted more bitterness in her life than any girl deserves to experience, but she rarely refers to her past. She attends college each day with her friends and expresses excitement and, thanks to the Rescue Foundation's intervention and support, great hope for her future.



# Celebrating Heroes in NYC

The 2015 Awards Ceremony raised \$850,000 for children's programs



## 2015 Awards Ceremony

Thanks to the generosity of our amazing supporters, the 8 amazing individuals we honored at the World of Children 2016 Awards Ceremony, including 2015 Board of Governors Honorees Jerry Politzer and Jamie Berry, will be able to build on their legacies of creating lasting change for children and continue their work in the US and abroad.

Thanks to the money raised at this annual event...

Thousands of homeless children in the USA will receive new footwear that will allow them to attend school and

experience childhood to the fullest.

Dozens of children in Mexico will receive full courses of chemotherapy and supplemental treatments their families could not otherwise afford.

Hundreds of babies in Colombia will be provided with nutritional supplements and medical care their teenage mothers could not otherwise afford.

Thousands of children around the world will know that someone cares.



*“We’re used to being the strong ones. We don’t know to whom we can turn. Now that you’re part of this family, you can turn to World of Children. They will be there for you shoulder to shoulder and arm in arm.”*

~Adi Roche, 2015 Alumni Honoree



# Our Los Angeles Debut

*In April we introduced past Honorees to our Southern California family*

## 2015 Alumni Honors

We were thrilled to host our inaugural Alumni Honors event at Il Cielo restaurant in Beverly Hills in the spring of 2015. Alumni Honors welcomes back and re-honors past World of Children Award Honorees who have done more than we ever expected or imagined since we gave them a World of Children Award.

Three past Honorees joined us to share their work in Rwanda, India, and Argentina. Their Alumni Awards included more

funding for their incredible programs serving children.

In a moment of true community and solidarity, each of our Alumni Honorees decided to donate 10% of their Award to fellow World of Children Award Honorees working in Nepal after the devastating April earthquake. Everyone was touched and amazed by the gesture that underlined the sense of family and mutual help and respect we're building in our Honoree network.



## 2015 Summer Classic

On June 15, 2015, we held our first ever golf tournament and raised more than \$170,000 for vulnerable children worldwide! We were proud to welcome nearly 100 golfers to the prestigious Deepdale Golf Club – and even with rain threatening – we enjoyed 100% participation from our enthusiastic group of golfers.

KPIX 11 Sports and Weekend Anchor Andy Adler was the Master of Ceremonies for the appreciative crowd. New York

Giants punter Steve Weatherford – the recipient of the 2015 World of Children Advocacy Award – inspired the players with moving thoughts about lifestyle, ambition and success.

Steve joins Dan and Claire Marino, as well as many other noted philanthropists, in receiving the World of Children Advocacy Award honor.

Learn more at:  
[worldofchildren.org/summerclassic](http://worldofchildren.org/summerclassic)



*“Charity comes in all forms and even the smallest sacrifice can help lend aid to our neighbors, near and far, who need it most.”*

*~ 2015 Advocacy Award Honoree Steve Weatherford*



## A Day on the Green

*Golfers came out to support programs for children around the world*



# Special Thanks...

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## 2015 AWARDS CEREMONY

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Adam Shulman

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Jerry Politzer  
Kay Isaacson-Leibowitz and Harry Leibowitz



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**TOTAL INCOME**

\$1,678,862\*

**PUBLIC FUNDS**

\$1,002,349

**RESTRICTED BOARD GIFTS**

\$327,653

**IN-KIND DONATIONS**

\$79,708

## Liabilities and Assets

**ASSETS**

|                        |             |
|------------------------|-------------|
| Cash and Equivalents   | \$1,312,772 |
| Property and Equipment | \$20,577    |
| Refundable Deposits    | \$8,954     |

**TOTAL ASSETS** \$1,312,772

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

|                                      |           |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|
| Grants Payable                       | \$809,600 |
| Other Liabilities                    | \$224,810 |
| Restricted & Unrestricted Net Assets | \$273,794 |

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS** \$1,312,772

## Expenses

**PROGRAM COST: HONORING, ELEVATING AND VETTING HONOREES**

\$1,138,875

**FUNDRAISING, MANAGEMENT AND GENERAL\*\***

\$270,819

**TOTAL EXPENSES**

\$1,409,694

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