

HEART & SOUL

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Insider News On How You're Changing Our World



We don't believe
it's ever the job
of an 8-year-old
to support the
family.

You don't either.

NEW YEAR. GREATER IMPACT.

Sachi was just 8 years old when she was forced to drop out of school. Her dad, an alcoholic, became so desperate he took his own life. Almost everyone in Sachi's family, aunts, uncles, and grandparents, told her she needed to quit school so she could earn a wage to help support the family.

What happens when 8-year-old girls drop out of school? Doors close, dreams die, and they are at risk for early child marriage, trafficking, and abuse.

Thankfully, Sachi's mom disagreed with the rest of the family and went to work, fighting to save the futures of her children. She heard about our school, just 2 miles from their home. It seemed like a miracle. Sachi and her two brothers could attend this top-notch school for little to no

cost. Not only would her children get an education, but the family would also have access to healthcare and an entire community of mentors rooting for them.

BECAUSE OF YOU, SACHI'S FAMILY IS GAINING OPPORTUNITY, HOPE, AND PROMISE. YOU STAND IN THE GAP FOR CHILDREN LIKE SACHI, SO THAT EVERY CHILD HAS ACCESS TO THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES YOUR CHILDREN DO.

Because every child is worth fighting for.

This is DFN. This is the work you do. ■



FAITHFULLY MAKING A DIFFERENCE

A Letter from the Director

Amazing! In the midst of one of the most difficult years in modern history, you faithfully made a lasting difference in the lives of more than 1 million vulnerable children and families. I am blown away by your unprecedented compassion and generosity. Thank you!

As the new year begins, I am more excited than ever about the ways we protect vulnerable children in India. With your help, we're going to expand our efforts to provide safe shelter, education, and job training to 1000 more girls who are cast aside, abused by sex traffickers, and who are at high risk for early child marriage.

Because of COVID, child labor is on the rise at an alarming rate. Researchers estimate that there are 10 million Indian children trapped in some form of slavery. Boys as young as 10 work on farms, construction sites, and in factories for 12-17 hours a day. Their pay? Less than \$1/day. But with your help, it doesn't have to be this way.

Together, we're going to free the most vulnerable children and build up their families. We're going to give them the ability to grow up, to play, to learn, and to become all that God intends for them.

The effects of this global pandemic will continue to hurt the poor in the coming year. While I'm concerned about our Indian brothers and sisters, I am confident that you will continue to give right along with me. Together, we will stand in the gap for struggling families.

LET'S HELP 2 MILLION PEOPLE THIS YEAR. BECAUSE EVERY LIFE IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR.

With Hope,
Jacquelyn A. Cork
Executive Director, DFN USA ■

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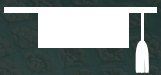
2020 YEAR IN REVIEW



Meals Provided
2.3 MILLION



Children Learning
in Virtual School
20,800



Number of 2020
High School Graduates
541



Girls in
Shelters **70**



Personal Healthcare Impact
503,832



New Scholarships
for At-Risk Girls
652



Number of Zoom Meetings
**TOO MANY
TO COUNT**



THE REASON I GIVE

We'd like to know what inspires you to sponsor a vulnerable child in India. Send us an email to info@dfnusa.org.

We choose to support DFN because we are passionate about the need for and the value of, long-term, quality education for all of India's children, including and especially, the most marginalized. Education is one of the most proven methods, globally, to increase the probability of a better, more prosperous, and healthy life, for generations to come. DFN has a proven track record of doing just this.

Roger and Rachel P., DFN champions for 8 years. ■

*Thank you, Roger and Rachel –
We are honored that you trust our mission for quality
education for the vulnerable and marginalized.
We couldn't do what we do without your
passion and faithfulness.*



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IN A YEAR OF UNCERTAINTY

*you fed the hungry,
SAVED VULNERABLE GIRLS,
and impacted the lives
OF MORE THAN 1 MILLION
vulnerable and
forgotten people.*

Well done!