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A SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON GLOBAL POVERTY

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Actress Patricia Heaton, of *Everybody Loves Raymond* and *The Middle* fame, has been so moved by the plight of refugees and displaced children that she joined World Vision in Uganda to shed light on their heartbreaking situation.



## NEW LEADER, SHARED VISION

# Edgar Sandoval appointed new president of World Vision U.S.

It is with great joy that we announce Edgar Sandoval as the next president and Chief Executive Officer for World Vision U.S.



Sandoval, 54, has served as our Chief Operating Officer for the past three years. As a collaborative, decisive leader who brings a fresh perspective to the

challenges and opportunities we face, he will assume his new duties on October 1, 2018.

Sandoval is to succeed Rich Stearns, who announced his retirement in January.

“I am humbled by this opportunity to build on World Vision’s 68-year tradition of helping some of the world’s most vulnerable children,” Sandoval says. “My priorities will be to accelerate the impact of our work in the

communities we serve with the faithful support of our donors and partners, to strengthen our fundraising capabilities, and most importantly, to be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in everything we do. These challenges and opportunities are both exciting and urgent.”

Sandoval grew up in Central and South America where he witnessed poverty firsthand. Coming alone to the U.S. at age 18 with just \$50 in his pocket, he worked his way to an Ivy League MBA and left a successful career in the corporate sector to serve at World Vision. He and his wife Leiza have four children.

“Edgar embodies World Vision’s core values and has demonstrated his commitment to our mission,” says board chair Dr. Joan Singleton. “We believe God has been preparing him to lead World Vision for such a time as this.” ♦

*“I am grateful to Rich Stearns for his 20 years of courageous and Christ-centered leadership. With God’s help, I will stay true to our mission of following Jesus Christ and sharing His love for all people through this transformational ministry.”*

*—Edgar Sandoval,  
President Elect,  
World Vision U.S.*

## RWANDA LEGACY

# A vision for clean water, a legacy of impact

Globally, World Vision has committed to reach everyone, everywhere we work with clean water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) by 2030. With the support of our donors and partners, we’re aiming to fulfill this commitment first in Rwanda—by 2022.

Since the devastating genocide more than 20 years ago, Rwandans have made incredible progress through reconciliation and development. Today, we can help them become

the first country in the developing world to solve their water crisis.

To do this, we need to reach 1 million people in 2,000 communities, which will require \$50 million in funding. Partners like you can be the answer to prayer and help bring clean water to a community of 500 people for \$25,000, or to 10 communities for \$250,000. Please give at [worldvision.org/Rwanda](http://worldvision.org/Rwanda) today—and help make history by transforming lives with clean water. ♦

*“I can think of no greater legacy in ending extreme poverty than to help solve the global water crisis, and we’ll get the job done first in Rwanda.”*

*—Rich Stearns,  
President,  
World Vision U.S.*



## FOOD

# Together we are saving lives as we respond to the hunger crisis in East Africa

With your faithful support and prayers, hungry families have experienced relief in some parts of East Africa, particularly in Kenya. But World Vision is bracing for what could be another difficult year ahead across the region.

In the spring of 2017, World Vision helped lead a global response to the hunger crisis in East Africa in which more than 27 million people needed life-saving assistance.

Since then, thanks in large part to your support, more than 3.5 million people across East Africa have received emergency aid, including food, water, healthcare, and livelihood assistance.

This support reached children and families with urgently needed relief across Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda.

Even better, generous gifts were leveraged to attain additional funds from the U.S. government, maximizing the number of people we were able to reach in a short period of time.

### Baby Rhoda back on the road to good health

Baby Rhoda (right) is just one of the many children who received life-saving support last year.

When she arrived at a World Vision clinic in South Sudan, she was malnourished and weak from malaria.

But after weeks of treatment with high-energy, ready-to-use therapeutic foods, she is back on the road to healthy growth, along with 5,000 other young children who were treated at this clinic in 2017.

We are celebrating the growing resilience of communities across East Africa. The hunger crisis has improved in some areas, particularly in Kenya—but the global humanitarian community braces for what is expected to be

another difficult year across the region.

Millions of people are at risk of famine or catastrophic levels of food shortages in South Sudan, Somalia, and Ethiopia due to four consecutive seasons of low rainfall, in addition to ongoing conflict and political instability in South Sudan.

Longer-term assistance is needed in these areas to avoid spikes in malnutrition and death.

With help from our faithful partners, we will keep providing life-saving support for vulnerable children like Rhoda.

We will also work to catch children in the early stages of malnutrition to ensure they are not put at a greater risk of disease and death. ❖

*Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat.*

*—Revelation 7:16 (NIV)*

In 2017 alone, we reached more than **3.5 million people** with food aid and humanitarian assistance in Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda



South Sudanese baby Rhoda is thriving thanks to life-saving nutritional support made possible by generous World Vision partners.



## OUR SEVEN-YEAR CAMPAIGN

# With the guiding love of Christ, our mission is nothing less than to change the world

For the first time in modern history, the world is coming to the collective realization that we can end extreme poverty in our lifetime. Our campaign to free people from extreme poverty is making huge strides—but to finish what's been started, we must renew our efforts once more to fight for every child. For every last one.

It's why we are calling on more people like you to join us.

## THE VISION

### 7 SIGNATURE INITIATIVES

7 YEARS (2016-2022)

For more information about World Vision's campaign to help end extreme poverty, please contact your World Vision representative or visit [worldvision.org/Reports](http://worldvision.org/Reports)



## CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Engage **2.5 million people** to strengthen faith of children and youth

Even when physical poverty declines, spiritual poverty can remain. God sent His only Son to proclaim good news for the poor. Let's proclaim that very same hope to children and families in need by strengthening the faith of the next generation.

*Please pray for those who give their time, expertise, and prayers to change the lives of children and families desperate to know the Word of God.*



## WATER

Deliver water, sanitation, and hygiene solutions for **10 million people**

Water should give life, not take it—but every day, nearly 1,000 children younger than 5 die from diarrhea caused by unsafe water and poor sanitation and hygiene. Let's leave a legacy by ending the global water crisis in our lifetime.

*Pray that the Lord ignites passion in people's hearts to help bring clean water to those who desperately need it.*



## MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

Prevent illness and death among **4 million mothers and children**

It's unimaginable, but every day nearly 7,000 babies and 800 women still die from complications in pregnancy and childbirth—most of these deaths are preventable. Thanks to you, we are saving lives with the right support at the right time.

*Please join us in prayer for mothers and their young children who constantly struggle to stay healthy and thrive.*

\*Funding and beneficiary numbers for the campaign are preliminary and represent a portion of World Vision's total expected funding and beneficiary reach in fiscal years 2016-2022.



# If you have faith as small as a mustard seed ... nothing will be impossible for you.

—Matthew 17:20 (NIV)



## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Equip **4 million people** to dramatically raise their incomes

More than 1 in 11 people in the world struggle to live on \$1.90 a day or less. Most are small-scale farmers without access to improved farming practices or financial services. We can provide the tools to climb from dependency to dignity and poverty to prosperity.

**Pray** that vulnerable families are strengthened so they can feed their children nutritious food, send them to school, and earn income to break the cycle of poverty.



## CHILD PROTECTION

Help protect **5 million children** from violence, exploitation, and abuse

Beaten at home. Forced into debt bondage. Sold as a child bride. An estimated 27 million people worldwide are being trafficked for the sex trade, forced labor, and other illegal purposes—and one in five of them are children. To follow God, we must protect the children He loves.

**Pray** that governments and aid organizations will establish more effective child-protection systems so that they can better serve children in need.



## EDUCATION

Help **1.5 million children** receive an equitable, quality education

So many children are kept home to do chores or care for younger siblings. Teachers lack training and supplies. There might not be a school at all. Whatever the reason, without a good education, a child is likely to stay in poverty.

**Join us** in praying that young people gain the education and wisdom they need to build a full life for themselves and, as they grow into adulthood, for their families.



## EMERGENCY RELIEF

Help **3 million people** affected by disasters and emergencies

God is with those suffering from disaster—the refugee, the earthquake survivor, the family facing famine. He calls us to follow Him in offering hope to every last one, to respond to devastating emergencies, and equip communities to prepare and recover.

**Please pray** for all those facing natural disaster or conflict, that the Lord will heal them and provide for them, and that His love will surround them.



## The spirit of God is moving, bringing new life into local church ministries

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Thanks to your prayers and support, more children are experiencing the love of God, becoming more resilient to hardship and better able to resist violence.

**W**ith your faithful support, this past year has yielded new opportunities to share the gospel in relevant ways. Among the most encouraging things we've witnessed is the way churches are helping steer young people away from gangs.

Over the five years of the El Salvador Christian Discipleship Project, for example, churches are nurturing children to experience God's love, reaching out to schools and communities to show youth that finding their identity in Christ is better than finding their identity in gangs.

"We want the children's church to become a place where children can find the presence of God, freedom, empowerment, protection," says Jonathan Moreno, a 19-year-old children's ministry leader in El Salvador.



After overcoming his addictions, Jimmy now shares with young people the power of his spiritual awakening.

Thanks to partners like you, Jonathan's dream is coming true. In Honduras and El Salvador, where youth are often seen as potential gang members, Jonathan sees them as potential church leaders. He is mentoring them with the skills he's learned from World Vision, teaching about God from a position of love rather than fear, and helping children and teens become God's messengers for peace in violent societies.

Doors to new ministry are also opening in Kenya, as teachers and youth learn to share the gospel in new and fresh ways. Teens have become energetic leaders, and young Christian leaders are developing a heart for ministry that can last them their entire lives.

Your partnership with World Vision makes these things possible. Thank you for your commitment to sharing the gospel throughout the world.

### "God created us . . . he can mend us"

On Sundays, Jimmy (left) was the obedient son of a village pastor and a college student in the Philippines. But during the week, he let his addiction to internet gaming rule him—spending all his money in computer shops, failing classes, and acting belligerently with his family.

As God helped Jimmy overcome his addiction, he graduated from college and is now a facilitator for the Christian discipleship project in his community. He regularly shares his experiences to help youth understand how God can help them handle their own challenges.

"God is greater than everything else, even our addiction. He created us. He can mend us," Jimmy says. ❖

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*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.*

*—2 Corinthians 9:8 (NIV)*

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**647,285 people,** including more than 420,000 children, have benefited from ministry activities since October 2015



## WATER

# Sharing a bold vision that together, we can solve the global water crisis

We believe the global water crisis can be solved within our lifetimes, which is why we aim to provide clean water and sanitation to every man, woman, and child in every community where we work, including those in the hardest-to-reach places.



Seidu and his grandmother use their homemade hand-washing device.

**T**he Africa water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) program is reaching people across Africa, with a bold vision to solve the global water crisis everywhere we work by 2030.

WASH activities from October 2016 through September 2017 had significantly greater impact than the same period the previous year—in fact, on average, more than 7,200 people a day gained access to safe water.

And the work doesn't end there. With your support, community members form WASH committees to make sure water continues to flow long after we have left a community. They also work to ensure the sustainability of school facilities through WASH clubs. In Africa, for example, school WASH clubs are key to supporting water points, latrines, and hand-washing facilities—and children who join these clubs are often eager, effective agents of change.

### 13-year-old boy leads by example

Seidu (above), who lives with his grandmother in a village in Ghana, rarely took an interest in clean water, sanitation, or hygiene practices. These days, however, he has become a role model.

Seidu's school participated in the WASH UP! program, which uses the Sesame Street characters Raya and Elmo to help children adopt healthy sanitation and hygiene behaviors. As Seidu, 13, interacted with Raya and Elmo, he discovered a passion for learning. He began taking responsibility for washing dishes and cleaning, and he even built a hand-washing device. His positive behavior began to influence his friend Iddrisu, and soon the two boys were ensuring their school latrine and compound were clean each day. They are among the 5,000 children in Ghana to participate in the WASH UP! program over the past year. ♦

*... And if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed ... you will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.*

—Isaiah 58: 10-11 (NIV)

**5.7 million people** have received access to clean drinking water since October 2015

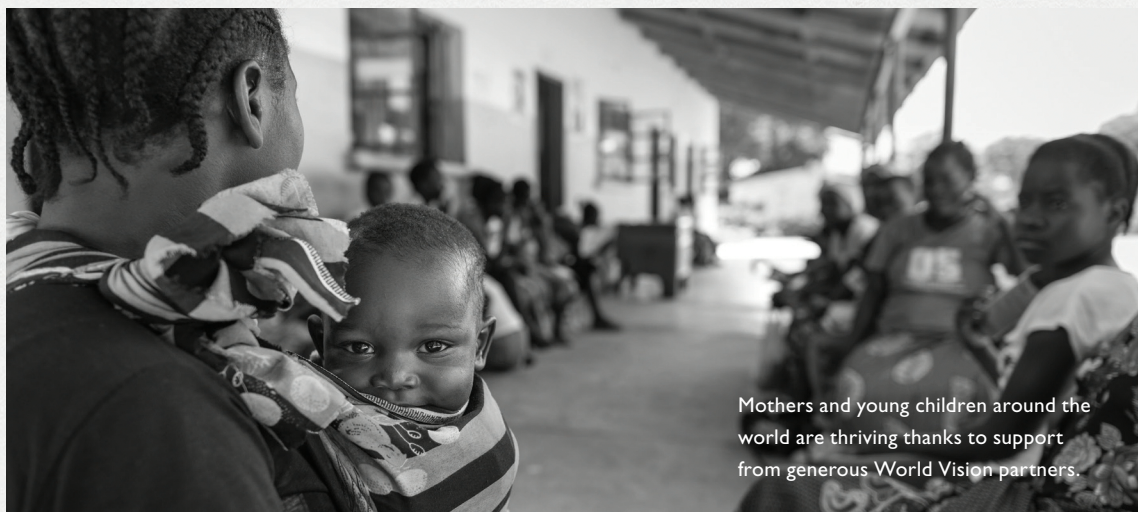
**Every 10 seconds** another person gets access to clean water thanks to partners like you



## MOTHER AND CHILD HEALTH

# Creating a safer world for mothers, babies, and young children

Your gifts are helping to make childbirth the joy it should be, instead of a potential tragedy for women and families in some of the most challenging places on earth.



Mothers and young children around the world are thriving thanks to support from generous World Vision partners.

World Vision's Mother and Child Health Initiative is making a big difference for some of the most vulnerable people on earth.

Together with our generous and compassionate partners, we have trained thousands of community health workers to teach families about nutrition, vaccinations, safe water and hygiene, prenatal care, and the importance of delivering babies in a health facility.

We also provided extra training for nurses and midwives to be better prepared to handle complicated births, while faith leaders learned how to support their congregations. These trusted voices have a strong influence and are a vital tool in efforts to educate communities and change long-held beliefs and practices.

### Young single mother learns critical skills

In Kaluba's rural Zambian community, child marriage is associated with high levels of poverty, and parents often take their daughters out of school to offer them for marriage to older men.

Kaluba herself was urged by her own mother to marry at age 16. The marriage did not last, and Kaluba soon found herself a single mother of baby Rebecca.

Fortunately, she received counseling and education from the Safe Motherhood Action Groups (SMAGS), a group of community-based volunteers, during World Vision's Child Health Week. She learned how to keep her child healthy through immunizations, vitamin A, and parasite prevention. "Since the time I started coming here, I learned many things," Kaluba says proudly. "My daughter rarely gets sick."

Today, Kaluba is confident her daughter will grow up healthy and stay in school. She is deeply grateful for the community health workers who provided so much support.

Thank you for sharing your blessings to provide these tools for transformation. Your gifts are helping create a safer world for mothers, babies, and young children. ❖

*LORD my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.*

—Psalm 30:2 (NIV)

**366,591 men, women, and children** gained access to vital health and nutrition services

(October 2016 through September 2017)



## WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

# Helping women thrive economically is imperative to ending extreme poverty

World Vision has created the Women's Empowerment Fund in an effort to reach 2 million women and impact 6 million children a year by 2021.

All over the world, women want nothing more than for their children to thrive—and amazing things happen when they have the tools they need to escape poverty.

But for the 1.1 billion women with no access to financial services, building a small business or improving a farm to better provide for their children is nearly impossible.

"It is mothers who enable children to thrive," VisionFund International President and CEO Michael Mithika says. "The empowerment of women means better food on the table for the whole family, strong family units, and thriving communities. The daughters of empowered women stay in school, improving prospects for the next generation. Not only is the empowerment of women simply the right thing to do, it is the logical thing to do if permanent transformation is the goal."

It's why World Vision has created the Women's Empowerment Fund: to build the resilience of women and their families, improve gender equality, and support the development of livelihoods through access to financial services.

Focused initially on women in Senegal, Myanmar, and the Dominican Republic, the first phase of the project aims to grow loan capital that women can invest to expand small businesses and farms. Phase two will strengthen links to savings, develop insurance products for women, and expand financial education.

The fund seeks to impact 6 million children annually by 2021 by empowering 2 million women. One of them is Leberty Ntakinrutimana (below) who has received microloans to raise poultry, generate income, and provide her children with a solid source of protein. ♦

*"Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you."*

—Matthew 5:42 (NIV)

**4.4 million children** benefited as their parents and caregivers received microloans to meet essential needs

(October 2016 through September 2017)



Thank you for doing what you can to support hardworking women like Leberty (left), who want their children to have a better life.



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## CHILD PROTECTION

# The most vulnerable children in the world need help

A generous commitment from partners like you is helping bring an end to violence against children, and changing lives and communities forever.

**A**cross the world, children are experiencing many forms of violence, including child marriage, physical punishment, sexual abuse, and child labor. The root causes stem from harmful cultural traditions, lack of parental education, and poverty.

With your support—and through partnerships with children, families, and communities—we are stemming the tide of violence against children in Armenia, Bangladesh, Kenya, Mozambique, Southeast Asia, and Uganda.

In fact, 1.1 million people, including 572,116 children, have benefited from our child protection projects since they began. In the

past year, our projects empowered children to protect themselves through life skills education, training, and peer support groups. We helped vulnerable children to enroll and remain in school by reducing the financial strain on families. And as children gained leadership skills, they became advocates for preventing the abuse of children.

We worked with parents to open their minds to the hazards facing their children and how they could create a nurturing environment. Community members monitored the well-being of children and faith leaders played a major role in strengthening community support. Thank you for your help in making these things happen. ❖

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*They have greatly oppressed me from my youth, but they have not gained the victory over me.*

—Psalm 129:2 (NIV)

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## EDUCATION

# Opening doors to a future full of hope

For too many children around the world, education is beyond their reach—yet it is the one thing they desperately desire because it opens doors to escaping poverty.

**J**ust as a flashlight illuminates the dark and shows a way forward, education opens doors to escape poverty and allows children to believe they can be whatever they want in life.

World Vision is so grateful for our partners' support, which is helping children access learning opportunities through safe classrooms, out-of-school reading groups, and child-friendly spaces. Financial support for school fees, school uniforms, and school supplies is also encouraging children to stay in school.

Together over the past year, we have been able to accomplish so much: In **Nepal**, book corners and reading camps are motivating children to improve their reading skills and teachers have received training. **Syrian** refugee children in Lebanon benefited from early childhood education and psychosocial support. And young girls in **Zambia** have received scholarships to help them continue their education.

Generous gifts from people like you make these achievements possible. Thank you. ❖

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**Education** opens doors to escaping poverty

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## HELPING REFUGEES

# Emmy-winning actress Patricia Heaton sheds light on child refugees' plight

When it comes to raising awareness about the living conditions of refugees around the globe, World Vision couldn't ask for a better ambassador than Patricia Heaton.



Displaced children around the world desperately need help so they can look to the future with hope.

Moved by the plight of displaced children living in refugee camps, Patricia Heaton wanted to see the impact of World Vision's work in person.

So after wrapping up filming on her show *The Middle*, she visited South Sudanese refugees at a World Vision reception center in Uganda.

If not for our generous partners, many of the children at this camp and others like it would be in danger of exploitation, of never attending school, of never having a permanent home. "I'm so happy that World Vision is here to make sure the kids are protected and safe, can play and have a childhood and an education," Heaton says. "It's such a great organization."

One of the most moving moments for Heaton came when she met a refugee named Victor, 14, who had led his siblings on a two-week journey by foot to Uganda without their parents. Heaton had earlier joined World Vision in asking for prayers for Victor—and after hundreds of prayers flooded

in via social media, she read some of them to him in person.

The South Sudanese refugees in Uganda are part of a bigger global crisis in which 65 million people—more than half of them children—have been forced from their homes by violent conflict, famine, war, and natural disasters.

What drives Heaton is her desire to make a difference. "We are so blessed to live in such a peaceful country," she says. "We all know America has problems, but it's nothing like what these people are going through. It's heartbreaking."

World Vision is deeply grateful for Heaton's support, which is helping bring to light the plight of refugees all over the world, including those in Syria in what is now the largest refugee and displacement crisis of our time.

"Once you see how these kids are struggling, I hope you'll join me in showing God's love to the most vulnerable in their hour of greatest need," Heaton says. ❖

*"I'm so happy that World Vision is here to make sure the kids are protected and safe..."*

*—Patricia Heaton*

**4.1 million refugees** and internally displaced people were helped in 2017

Aid was delivered in **39 of the world's 56 most fragile areas**—including where refugees are fleeing

Nearly **45,000 children** affected by the Syria conflict have benefited from education, child protection, and youth programs



## OTHER WAYS TO GIVE

# Expanding your options to make a greater impact on communities

Numerous giving options exist that can provide meaningful opportunities to do more than you thought possible for the world's most vulnerable children, while also benefiting you and your loved ones.

**Take your giving to the next level:**

### NON-CASH ASSETS

When you give gifts of appreciated stock, real estate, or business interests, you can maximize your tax savings while increasing your impact in children's lives.

### A DONOR-ADVISED FUND

You can name World Vision as the grantee for your donor-advised fund that you hold at an organization or through World Vision.

### GIVE THROUGH YOUR BUSINESS

You can use payroll deductions, corporate matching gifts, product donations, and corporate partnerships to support the cause you care about.

### THROUGH YOUR WILL

Simply include World Vision in your will or living trust so we can continue the Lord's work long into the future. We can provide you with language to ensure we receive the gift you intend, whether a specific amount or a percentage of your estate.

### THROUGH YOUR RETIREMENT ASSETS

You can name World Vision as the sole or one of several beneficiaries of your retirement funds. It's an easy and powerful way to make the kind of gift you may have hoped to make one day.

### ESTABLISH A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

You transfer cash, stocks, bonds, or appreciated property to World Vision in exchange for fixed income payments for the rest of your life. Your age and fund total determine the amount of your payments, and you receive a tax deduction. Often some income is tax free.



*"The meaning, purpose, and significance of our lives are found only by aligning our lives with God's purposes, in lives committed to following Jesus Christ."*

*—Rich Stearns,  
President,  
World Vision U.S.*

To learn more, talk with your World Vision representative or contact our Planned Giving team at 1.800.426.5753 or [PlannedGiving@worldvision.org](mailto:PlannedGiving@worldvision.org)



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