It’s really quite simple. Just take one group of dedicated contributors and add a healthy dose of careful planning and quality construction. In mere months, a Children International community center like this can rise to meet the needs of an entire community.

Brick by brick, Children International friends are meeting the challenge of our ongoing community center campaign while also creating a legacy that will serve children and families for generations to come.

One gift can equal a lifetime of giving to communities in need. That’s a return on investment you can believe in!

Important note: Because we consider these centers so vital to our future success, 100 percent of contributions to our ongoing community center campaign will be used for center construction or renovation.
Blueprint for the Future

For more than 30 years, Children International’s community centers and medical clinics have been the heart of the neighborhoods in which they reside. The centers make it easier to serve sponsored children because they concentrate sponsorship services into one central location.

Many of our current centers are located in older, cramped quarters that were not designed to accommodate the larger numbers of children who have entered our program today. Their age and condition do not allow us to take advantage of advances in technology that could make our work more efficient and better address the needs of the children.
A Model of Efficiency

We have chosen the community-center model as the most efficient way to deliver benefits to needy children. We came to this conclusion based on four crucial reasons:

1) CENTRALIZED CARE

Community centers allow us to assist between 5,000 and 10,000 children and youth in each facility, providing all the benefits and services of sponsorship in one easily accessible location.

2) LONG-TERM COMMITMENT

We are dedicated to long-term progress and not just short-term projects. Each center stands as a symbol of the commitment we’re making to communities where we plan to work for many years to come.

3) A SUSTAINABLE INVESTMENT

Community centers require only an initial infusion of capital to create lasting impact. Once construction of a center is completed, it becomes self-sustaining through the ongoing leveraging of sponsorship support.

4) VOLUNTEER SUPPORT

We seek solutions at the ground level. Our thriving volunteer program allows parents and families of sponsored children to give something back to the program while helping us lower administrative costs.
Making the Dream a Reality

Children International seeks the help of our contributors to make these centers a reality. Although circumstances vary according to location and international economies, the cost to build a new community center begins at about $500,000. The cost to renovate existing centers varies depending on the area and scope of the work.

Naming opportunities are available for the major functional spaces of a center. These typically include the medical and dental clinics, pharmacy, waiting area, playground, kitchen, library, computer center and youth center. Additionally, the names of donors with leadership gifts of at least $1,000 will be permanently displayed on a plaque at the center.

By making a major donation to obtain naming rights for yourself or to honor a loved one, you become a permanent part of the center. Children and families for years to come will see your name and know that your generosity made such a life-changing center possible.

We’re proud of the fact that 100 percent of contributions raised for center construction are designated exclusively for that purpose.

For more information on current naming opportunities and donation amounts, please contact our Development Team at 1-800-888-4089. Multi-year pledge structures are available.
A great deal of care has been put into the design of each Children International community center. Open, airy spaces, easy access to services and a bright, cheerful atmosphere are hallmarks of each building. They bring communities together and serve as an oasis of hope for their most precious resource … the children.
Typical Features

**Waiting Area:** Holds dozens of children and parents, with easy access to the center’s service areas.

**Pharmacy:** Designed for storage and distribution of free medicines to children and families.

**Health Assistant Room:** Allows a medical assistant to review files and provide initial consultation with a child and family member.

**Medical Clinic:** Equipped with an exam table, medical supplies, storage, scales, a desk, chairs and other medical equipment.

**Dental Clinic:** Offers accommodations for two dentists and an assistant to provide dental care.

**Youth Activity Center:** Provides a safe place for young people to socialize, hold training sessions and organize community projects.

**Library:** Ensures a space where children can study, read and write letters. Also contains computer work stations to help develop computer skills.

**Community Enrichment Hall:** Creates a large area where community gatherings, parent workshops and children’s events can take place.

**Gift Distribution Center:** Provides storage for material items for distribution to needy children and their families.

**Restrooms:** Offers clean, sanitary facilities that are appreciated by the children and their families.

**Computer Room:** Contains computers and printers for community center and program operations.

**Staff Office:** Gives staff adequate space to maintain operations and perform administrative functions.
Gordon Bailey: Confronting Poverty with Purpose

A visit to the squalid slums of Kolkata, India, convinced Gordon Bailey that he needed to do something to fight poverty. “It’s about trying to become a more complete human being and do some giving in recognition of the blessings I’ve had,” he explains.

He and his wife, Donna, have funded two centers in the Dominican Republic. Those positive experiences convinced him to do even more. His next venture was to help CI develop an innovative program called Into Employment® that gives youth vocational skills that are in high demand in their communities.

“Sometimes you feel like it’s a drop in the ocean,” Gordon says. “But to the kid in the ocean, it’s not a drop – it’s life-changing. I want to do as much of that as I am capable of doing.”

Dan Phelan: Finding the “A-Ha” Moment

While enjoying a happy personal and successful professional life, Dan Phelan experienced an “a-ha” moment that inspired him to begin “paying it forward” to those in need. The result: The Phelan Center in the Dominican Republic, the Phelan Center in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and the Phelan-Emmett center in Quito, Ecuador.

Dan gives to CI because he believes in doing anything you can to help. “Building a community center, sponsoring a child or anything in between, it doesn’t matter. It’s not how much money you have or how old you are; just give back,” he says.

It’s a message he believes in and shares regularly with his 1,200 employees, who he hopes will each have their own “a-ha” moment someday.

Children International donors have found that, by giving back, they’re receiving more than they ever imagined.
Larry Phelan: A Different Kind of Profit

By funding the construction of the Lawrence T. Phelan Center in La Caleta, Dominican Republic, the Phelan Center in Guayaquil, Ecuador, and the Phelan-Emmett Center in Quito, Ecuador, Larry Phelan was looking to make a profit on his investment – the kind not measured in dollars earned but in lives changed. He chose Children International because of the direct relationships we maintain with our beneficiaries.

Two primary factors motivated Larry to invest in a community center. “The first,” says Larry, “was the thousands of children directly impacted and the game-changing nature of the center on the community as a whole. The second was the intelligent leveraging of the donation. You get a lot of bang for your buck.”

Mike and Emily Seiman: Creating a Legacy in Ecuador and Colombia

Mike Seiman started supporting Children International when he was about 18 years old. Now Mike and his wife, Emily, have furthered this family tradition by supporting two community centers in Ecuador and Colombia.

“The centers are wonderful places that bring so much joy to so many young people and bring them hope for a bright future,” Mike explains.

The couple sees their work with CI as a way to bring peace and happiness to children who’ve endured so many struggles. The culture of generosity is such an important part of their life that they try to share with others: “If it is something you can afford to do, it is the most enriching experience you will ever have the honor of doing.”

You can be an architect of change, too! Contact our Development Team at 1-800-888-4089 to learn more about the life-changing impact of funding a community center.
Children International Community Centers

Each community center on the following pages is a testament to our contributors’ compassion. We are so grateful for those who share our vision of creating havens where needy children can learn, play and receive care in an environment that encourages them to explore and develop their vast potential.

BETTY LOU DAUL CENTER
Quezon City, Philippines
Inaugurated June 2006

NICOLE LYN ANDERSON CENTER
Barranquilla, Colombia
Inaugurated March 2007
NINA RAE WESSION CENTER
Guadalajara, Mexico
Inaugurated August 2007

DAVID C. EMMETT CENTER
Lusaka, Zambia
Inaugurated August 2007
ROBERT AND PAULA LARKIN CENTER
Santiago, Dominican Republic
Inaugurated November 2007

JACQUELINE BYER DIAL CENTER
Guadalajara, Mexico
Inaugurated July 2008

DAVID PROVOST CENTER
Patulul, Guatemala
Inaugurated June 2008

BAILEY FAMILY COMMUNITY CENTER
Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Inaugurated November 2008
SAN LORENZO CENTER
San Lorenzo, Guatemala
Inaugurated July 2009

B.U.D.S. COMMUNITY CENTER
Bastión Popular, Ecuador
Inaugurated May 2010

HOPE CENTER KANSAS CITY
Lusaka, Zambia
Inaugurated June 2010

THE PHELAN CENTER
Los Tres Brazos, Dominican Republic
Inaugurated July 2010
LAWRENCE T. PHELAN CENTER
La Caleta, Dominican Republic
Inaugurated October 2011

THE NEAL FAMILY COMMUNITY CENTER
Asentamientos Humanos, Honduras
Inaugurated March 2012

HOMAPON COMMUNITY CENTER
Legazpi, Philippines
Inaugurated February 2011

LAWRENCE T. PHELAN CENTER
La Caleta, Dominican Republic
Inaugurated October 2011

TILDEN KELLER FAMILY COMMUNITY CENTER
Bawana, India
Inaugurated December 2012
HOPE SPRINGS COMMUNITY CENTER
Bayaguana, Dominican Republic
Inaugurated August 2013

CPXi COMMUNITY CENTER
Por Fin, Colombia
Inaugurated June 2014

PHELAN CENTER AND LAUFER FAMILY YOUTH WING
Francisco Jácome, Ecuador
Inaugurated December 2013

ZINNI-NEAL COMMUNITY CENTER
Copán Ruinas, Honduras
Inaugurated September 2014
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