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Dear Parents,

The Oneonta family has always responded with kindness and human compassion to bring relief to those in need throughout the years. From providing Christmas gifts to orphans in Mexico to sending financial help to victims of Natural disasters: Sri Lanka(tsunami), Philippines (volcano eruption), Louisiana (Hurricane Katrina), Australia (wild fires), as well as victims in war torn countries (Ukraine) and families affected in the violent attack against our country on 9/11.

Now, the devastating scope of death and destruction caused by the 7.8 magnitude earthquake that struck Southern Turkey and Northern Syria continues to unfold daily and once again we find ourselves asking "how can we help?" While there is no amount of money that could bring back life as it was; we are hopeful that we can contribute to rebuilding and providing for a future of hope to the surviving victims.

The most urgent need is cash donations to quickly purchase much needed provisions from neighboring countries. We are so grateful for our Oneonta families who, through the years, have responded so generously in critical and dire circumstances such as these. Food, medical supplies, machinery, manpower are all urgently needed in Turkey and Syria. It is our hope that your emergency donation will help fund the purchase and distribution of these much-needed supplies. We have chosen to partner with Save the Children, the world's leading expert on childhood, to ensure that the money raised will go straight to those most in need. Through Save the Children's work – every second of every day – a hungry child is fed, a sick child gets care, a young mind is learning, a vulnerable child is protected, or a family gains tools to overcome poverty. Together, we reached more than 183 million children, including 837,000 here in the United States. (On next page, see information about Save the Children charity).

"We can't heal the world today, but we can begin with a voice of compassion, a heart of love and an act of kindness". Let's get together now to help those who are unable to help themselves. Thank you for your compassion, support and most importantly, for the example of human kindness you are setting for your children. Our goal is to collect \$1000.00. Please fill out the slip below and return it to your child's teacher at your earliest.

Thank you for your generosity. Sincerely,

Ms Fiona Director



Child's Name: _____

Room #_____

Amount: \$_____

Check #_____

Cash: \$_____



Nonprofit Rating FAQs about SAVE THE CHILDREN CHARITY

Is Save the Children a good charity?

Save the Children is <u>the world's leading expert on childhood</u>. Since our founding 100 years ago, we have changed the lives of over 1 billion children. In 2021, we reached more than 183 million children, including 837,000 here in the United States.

These results are reflective of our proven efficiency, effectiveness and accountability. Our independently audited <u>financial statements</u> consistently show that **out of every dollar spent, 85 cents goes directly to programs** and services for children and families in need. By keeping administrative costs low, more funding goes to children's programs.

Where does Save the Children fall in nonprofit and charity rankings?

Charity watch groups name us as a top-rated children's charity among other children's charities and non-profit organizations. Included among these charity rankings are a four-star rating from Charity Navigator, an A rating from GenderFair and an A- rating from CharityWatch.

What percentage of expenditures go to program services?

You can be assured that Save the Children uses the valuable resources donors have provided in the most cost-effective ways possible.

In fiscal year 2021, **85% of all expenditures went straight to our mission**. This means that, out of every dollar spent, 85 cents goes to programs and services for children and families in need. <u>Learn more here</u>.

Who helps make Save the Children an effective charity?

We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

Our experienced and highly skilled staff and teams around the world work tirelessly to build a better future for and with children by responding to emergencies and conflict, delivering innovative development programs, and ensuring children's voices are heard through our campaign and advocacy work. This wouldn't be possible without our supporters who <u>donate to kids in need</u>.

Over 1.3 million people in the U.S. supported Save the Children as <u>donors</u>, <u>advocates</u> and <u>volunteers</u>, plus millions more around the world.