



CHILDREN
OF THE NATIONS®

Send your gift by **June 30th**
to have your gift matched and
DOUBLE your impact!

May 31, 2022

Dear <partner_informal>,

Before walking out the door of her home, little Alexandra stops and looks down at her worn pair of sandals. Should she wear them today?

This is her only pair of shoes, and they are already falling apart. She decides she can't risk breaking them while she is playing with her friends. She turns and walks out the door barefoot.



You can protect a child like Alexandra with a new pair of shoes.

In Africa and the Caribbean, walking is how children get around. Children living in poverty walk for miles each day just to collect water or go to school, yet many of them have no shoes to protect their feet. If they do have shoes, they are flimsy sandals or flip flops, often worn for many years or handed down from older siblings.

A new pair of shoes is a life-changing gift for a child like Alexandra. With a gift of \$24, you'll give two children their own pair of sturdy shoes.

As the sun blazes overhead, Alexandra picks her way carefully over the hot, sharp gravel. *Ouch!*

She holds her foot in her hand so she can examine it. There's a piece of glass wedged in the bottom of her foot, and the cut is starting to bleed. She closes her eyes and picks out the glass before continuing on.

It's not just inconvenient for children to walk around barefoot—it's painful and dangerous. They walk on dirt and gravel roads with sharp rocks and broken glass. In some areas, there are parasites living in the soil. Many

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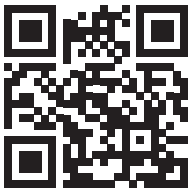
YES! I want to protect a child like Alexandra!

I've enclosed my gift of:

- ☐ \$24 for shoes for 2 children
- ☐ \$48 for shoes for 4 children
- ☐ \$300 for shoes for 25 children
- ☐ \$_____ for shoes for as many children as possible!

Donation Options:

- ☐ Scan the code to give online →
- ☐ Check enclosed
- ☐ Charge my credit card
(see reverse side)



Give by **June 30**
and your gift will be
MATCHED!

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children don't have access to medical care, so cuts can quickly become infected and even be life-threatening.

But you can protect children by giving them a new pair of shoes. Give before June 30th to have your gift MATCHED. Every \$1 you give will become \$2, providing double the shoes to vulnerable children.

“When you put a pair of shoes into the hands of a child, you tell them, “You matter. You are loved.”

Children can feel embarrassed when they go barefoot. It's a clear and obvious sign they are poor. They may feel too ashamed to go to church, and children are not allowed in school without shoes.

Every child should have a good pair of shoes.

When Alexandra was given a new pair of shoes, a huge smile spread across her face. “I have never used sneakers before,” she said.

This small gift changed Alexandra's life. She no longer has to worry about getting injured every time she walks out the door. She can run and play in shoes that won't break or slip off her feet. She can hold her head high. Every day, her feet are protected.

When you put a pair of shoes into the hands of a child, you tell them, “You matter. You are loved.”

For the Children,



Chris Clark
Founder and CEO

P.S. Please send your gift of \$24 by June 30th to protect a child like Alexandra with a new pair of shoes. **A generous COTN partner has told us that every gift up to \$10,000 will be matched, which means your gift of \$24 will become \$48—enough to give shoes to four children!** You can protect a child in need and set them on a new path toward a bright future.

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☐ Billing name and address same as on front.

Name _____

Billing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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If paying by credit card, please completely fill in the information below. (For your security we can't access credit card information on file from previous gifts.)

☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ AmEx ☐ Discover

Card Number _____

Card Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Signature _____ Date Signed _____

If you prefer to give online, visit go.cotni.org/shoes

Thank you
for changing
a child's life!



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