

THE PERENNIAL PATH

*See how Brittany's Hope
adapts and changes to
increase our impact.*

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Brittany's
HOPE

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Remembering & Honoring Brittany

Brittany Ann O'Connell (December 22, 1975 - January 19, 1999)

The loss of a loved one is devastating, especially when a life is taken too soon. Brittany's death at the age of 23 on January 19, 1999, left the hearts of her family, friends, and community with a hole not quickly filled. Brittany possessed an inner quality of light and hope — as an adoptee herself, Brittany envisioned a world *"Where all children know the peace and love only a family can provide,"* just as she had experienced.

How does one cope with the tragic loss of a child? It seems that only time can heal one's broken heart and sometimes, on rare occasions, time can lead to inspiration. Out of grief, Brittany's Hope was established. Originally created to support families to adopt children with special needs, Brittany's Hope has blossomed into support for more than 3,000 abandoned and at-risk children in 3 countries, while uniting more than 1,200 kids with forever families.

Your advocacy has guided and advanced Brittany's legacy for the most vulnerable of children — those who were once forgotten.

Your steadfast support is rewriting these children's stories in a way that is genuinely fantastic.

And all along, Brittany's dream is being realized with every child, every day.

This year marked the 20th anniversary of Brittany's passing. Joyfully, this anniversary is no longer associated with grief for those who knew and loved her, but with fond memories and celebration. In this spirit, we are excitedly planning a new event, **the Brittany's Ball: A Boots & Bow Tie Gala on March 7, 2020 to remember and honor Brittany.** Mark your calendars now to save the date for this amazing celebration!

Your gift today rewrites another child's story, just as Brittany had envisioned.

Remembrance..... \$20
Honorable \$50
Celebration \$100

Our Promise

Thank you for helping transform lives in 2018. We promise to be the best possible stewards of your passion, time, talent, and financial gifts to further the mission of Brittany's Hope. We believe in the fundamental rights of all children to know the love of a family and we want to realize that mission in the most ethical way possible.

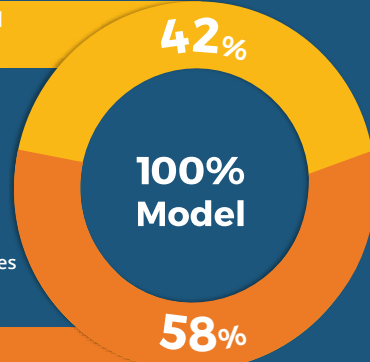
Humanitarian Aid & Sponsorship

Administration & Events

100% paid for by Corporate Sponsor

- Salaries (In-Kind)
- Facilities (In-Kind)
- Fundraising Supplies
- Marketing

Adoption Grants



Humanitarian Aid & Child Sponsorship:

Creating bonds across borders



Education

Enrolled In 2018
1,221 Kids



1.5 MILLION Meals
in 2018



Since 2005

29 Kids
Kids Placed in Families through Adoption



739
Sponsorship Letters Written

3,060 Kids
Supported

330 Kids
Sponsored

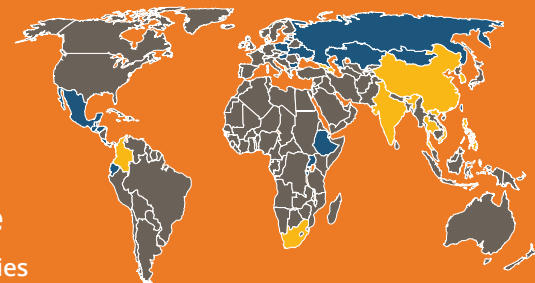
Adoption Grants:

Uniting children with families



119
Kids Home

From 13 Countries



Humanitarian Aid & Community Support:



3
Countries

24
Communities

290
Families

Children Thrive In Families

In 2018
13 Kids
Reunified
Since 2005
149 Kids
Reunified



Viet Nam



Kenya



Ethiopia

A Shift in Strategy

As the landscape of orphan care evolves, so has the mission of Brittany's Hope.

We've been listening to the communities we serve and relying on our local partners in Viet Nam, Ethiopia, and Kenya, making sure to follow best practices. Our resources are being invested into developing effective community-based programs to ensure **we preserve the fabric of a family unit, particularly for orphaned and at-risk children.**

A shift in strategy led us to consider options which prevent and address the complex structural and underlying causes of placing children in orphanage care. It's evident through our work that many children are being abandoned due to extreme poverty, rather than truly being orphaned.

Brittany's Hope, with our faithful supporters, is making a difference through community based programs. **By focusing our efforts, we've spread aid to over 500 families.** Houses were built for single parents in Viet Nam, nutrition and health trainings were given to marginalized children and their families in Ethiopia, and educational scholarships and health insurance were provided for impoverished families in Kenya.

These practical impacts are profound — 53 children have been reunified and 156 more were kept from separation.

We are encouraged by these real-life effects and are committed to expanding our community-based reach in Kenya.

Hope for Her

Only three hours away from Nairobi is the small town of Nyahururu, where Kenyan girls are missing school every day. Girls are drastically falling behind in their education and are at-risk of early childhood marriage, pregnancy, dropping out of school, and repeating the vicious cycle of poverty. **These girls are facing barriers simply because of their gender.**

It might seem odd to publicly discuss this private issue, but access to sanitary pads and reproductive health is a significant issue for girls living in impoverished communities. Not only do girls stay home from school during their menstrual cycle, but 42% of Kenyan girls reported to using whatever methods necessary to stay dry.

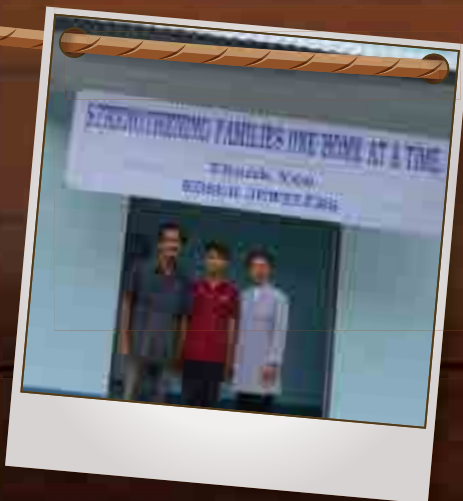
With no other options, girls are resorting to unsafe practices with high rates of infection, such as using padded down mud, old rags, and herbs to keep themselves clean.

Our Hope for Her campaign aims to keep girls in school by providing access to sanitary pads and reproductive healthcare to orphaned and at-risk girls. We are committed to this project and we need your support. **Our goal is to raise \$50,000 to provide monthly free access of feminine hygiene pads to 2,500 of the neediest orphaned and at-risk girls** in Nyahururu and to secure a reliable vehicle, for our community workers to distribute these much-needed supplies.

Stay in School. Become Confident. Hope is Hers. Give Today!

Vehicle\$100

3 month's worth of pads\$50



Granted Children Come Home

July 2018 to Present

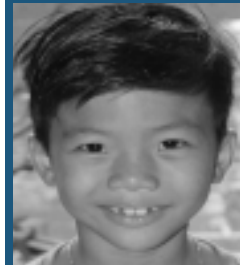
Through your continued generosity, a total of 1,268 kids have been united with their forever families through adoption grants.

Thank you for removing the financial barriers and helping them come home!



Ruby
from China

"We cannot thank you enough for the way that you helped us to complete our family with the adoption of this precious little girl."



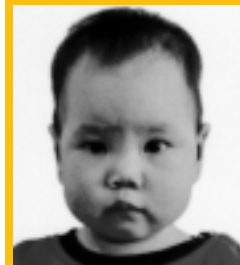
Michael
from Viet Nam

"We can't thank you enough for the intervention you gave Michael before we adopted him which will ensure his success in the future."



Andrei & Claudia
from Columbia

"Brittany's Hope was great for helping us finalize our adoption."



Lydia
from China

"Thank you for partnering with our family. We cannot imagine our family without our daughter."





Once a Dream, Now a Reality!

A wave of emotions hit many onlookers at the official ground-breaking ceremony at Ha Tinh Village on February 14th. The new Adaptive Living Quarters for children with profound disabilities became a reality when the soil turned over and the foundation began to set.

The reactions of joy and anticipation on the faces of the local families were clear as they gathered with the children and staff of Ha Tinh Village to share in the excitement.

We are eager to share the good news — **the long-awaited building goal has been met!** *With the generosity of all who participated in the campaign, Abel & Son Roofing and Siding, and the inspiring matching gift of \$25,000 from our close friend James Heckman, together we have successfully satisfied our \$100,000 goal toward the construction.* This means the Ha Tinh children and community are one step closer to having a place to serve their needs. We are grateful for the loving hearts and relentless dedication you, our supporters, have shown for these children. It's a true testament

of devotion from the Brittany's Hope family of advocates.

With construction underway, our focus now shifts to raising \$40,000 to provide the urgent therapeutic necessities for these kids to thrive. These needs include specialized beds, shower & bath equipment, and supportive devices. This equipment will improve the quality of life for kids like Quan, living with Cerebral Palsy in the care of his elderly grandmother, and many children just like him.

Together we can deliver this life-changing equipment to improve the daily care of these amazing children.

With the right tools, kids like Quan will no longer be restricted by the confines of his bed. Having a handicap-accessible ramp, adaptive beds, and the necessary physical therapy will give them limitless possibilities.

Your donation to our "Life-Changing Gifts" will ensure the home is properly furnished and ready to open its doors by June 3rd.

Life-Changing Gifts

Honor all occasions

See the immediate impact of your dollars through these projects — all being completed by June 3rd! Give now & show your commitment to changing children's lives.



Physical Therapy Equipment - \$25

A regular physical therapy regimen can increase quality of life. With trained staff, individual routines can give these children increased mobility.



Feeding Equipment - \$30

Meal time can be difficult for children with disabilities as traditional utensils can be difficult or painful. With the right tools, children will have the ability not only to get more nutrition, but feel independent.



Adaptive Bedroom Equipment - \$50

Adaptive equipment like specialized beds and ladders give children the support to gain a sense of independence and safety while increasing their comfort.



Mobility Equipment - \$100

Devices such as canes, walkers & wheelchairs assist children who have difficulties moving around and allows them to enjoy greater independence.



Britt's Kids Making an Impact

The impact of uniting a family with a special child doesn't stop when they come home. So many of 'Britt's Kids' have continued making an impact on the world around them, long after they united with their forever families.

Nicholas Neaman is an extraordinary young man. In 2008, Nicholas came home from India with help from a Brittany's Hope Adoption Grant. **From the very beginning, his generous spirit and grateful heart were strong.** He made everyone around him feel at ease with his natural affection and mega-watt smile, despite being ill and facing several medical hurdles.

However, one would never know he faced these hurdles. **A natural helper, he often goes above and beyond, on his own, to make the world around him a better place.** On his morning route to school, Nicholas noticed his neighbors didn't always get their trash and recycling cans to the curb on time, so he started doing it for them — with no expectation of payment. At school, Nicholas is a force of good in his classroom, always the first to reach out and include a new student or someone struggling. He shared with his class how he remembered how welcoming they had been to him when he was new, and he wanted to pay that forward.

Nicholas's mother recently shared what best reflects who Nicholas is at heart. *"Nicholas and I were at a doctor's appointment and received some very disappointing news. As the diagnosis was shared and the treatment explained, I was crushed. The experimental treatment could have difficult side*

effects, such as hair loss, cystic acne, and weight gain. I kept thinking about him starting middle school with all of these very visible reminders of his challenges.

Nicholas remained very quiet, so I asked him what he was thinking. Pausing for a moment, he replied,

'I don't want to go through any of this, but I just have to remember everything I have to be grateful for... I have a family who loves me, friends who will stick by me, and I will still be able to do a lot of things I enjoy. I know I'll feel bad some times, but I'm going to keep trying to think good things.'

He brought me to tears with that pure expression of trust, peace, and gratitude."

Nicholas is certainly an inspiring young man. But with respect to all of the children brought to a new life by Brittany's Hope, his story in essence is not unique. In fact, **each child given a loving forever home through your support is like a ray of light sent out into society** — it continues to spread everywhere, all through the years. Seen this way, the long-term power and effect of your support of Brittany's Hope comes into a much more realistic — and wonderful — perspective. We thank you!

Giving just a little can make a BIG impact.

Save The Date!

Spring Bingo
May 19

Walk of Love
September 14

Christmas at the
Star Barn Village
December 7

Brittany's Ball
March 7, 2020

A Big Thank You to our 2018 Walk of Love Sponsors!



Gift Guide

Complete this form or give online:
www.Brittany'sHope.org/trip

Description	Qty	Amount
Physical Therapy Equipment		x \$25 ea
Feeding Equipment		x \$30 ea
Adaptive Bedroom Equipment		x \$50 ea
Mobility Equipment		x \$100 ea
Total	\$	

Gift In Honor Of

Honor a friend or loved one through your life-changing gift to a child.

- ☐ Please send me (#)___ blank cards
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- ☐ **Honoree** ☐ **In Memory Of**

Item(s):

Honoree's Name:

Address:

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