

# THE PERENNIAL PATH 2020

**Commemorating  
Brittany's Hope  
20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**

*Hope for children in  
this time of uncertainty.*

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*Brittany's*  
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Dear Brittany's Hope Supporter,  
In 20 years with Brittany's Hope,  
you and others have reached  
into far corners of the world and  
made, for the children involved, an  
unimaginable difference.

**You have replaced desperation  
in these little lives with hope,  
with a chance, with simple decency.**  
What a changed world for them!

It is with great joy we observe this  
anniversary and the record of  
accomplishment it represents. We  
hope very much that you'll share  
in this joy.

But mixed with this feeling is a  
deepened concern caused by the  
global health environment.



Children residing in orphanages  
face increased danger from  
COVID-19. Struggling single  
mothers in Viet Nam no longer  
have the income to feed their  
children. And in a terrible twist of  
fate, **our children in Kenya and  
Ethiopia, already exposed to  
health danger, face massive food  
insecurity due to floods and the  
worst locust infestation in 70  
years.**

In this global crisis, Brittany's Hope  
is their only lifeline. The need for  
us to care and protect the world's  
abandoned children is now more  
serious than ever. But in the face  
of this, our fundraising has been  
severely reduced by our own  
country's situation.

While recognizing challenges that  
our own families may be facing, we  
cannot fail to bring the pronounced  
needs of children elsewhere to our  
donors' attention.

**We cannot stand by and let the  
pandemic and natural disasters  
ravage the lives of defenseless  
children.**

Therefore we ask—***we must  
ask***—for your support to respond  
to these urgent needs, ***if it does  
not present a risk to your family.***  
***Please extend a hand, if possible,  
to these wonderful children who  
are in such need.***

*With utmost gratitude.*

*Mai Lynn Sato*

# Rekindle Hope In Uncertain Times

During these unprecedented times, children are in need of your gifts which will improve their today, and forever change their tomorrow.



## Essential Humanitarian Programs - \$3,000

Anticipating a 30% decrease in revenue, our ability to maintain support to our partners, is under threat. Your gift will help fill this gap and allow us to continue our commitment to children.



## Critical Food Relief for Families in Kenya - \$1,500

Children who may have received their only meals at school are now facing intense food insecurity. Your support will provide immediate food directly to children & families in crisis.



## Keep Children Safe With Vital COVID-19 Resources - \$500

Provide safety essentials like thermometers, masks, water, & other hygiene supplies to keep children healthy, both at home & as they prepare to return to school.



## Emergency Aid to Children Who Need It Most - \$100

The pandemic has impacted our ability to find sponsors for children & youth in our program, just when they need it the most. Your gift will meet the critical needs: such as food, medicine, & baby care items.



# Brittany's Ball 2020

## A Boots And Bow Ties Gala



Talk about cutting it close. We were extremely fortunate to hold the **1<sup>st</sup> annual Brittany's Ball on March 7, 2020**. The outpouring of generosity that night turned out to be life-saving for us. It was an amazing success – **together we raised over \$150K – far exceeding our goal.**

Significant vision, time, and passion went into planning the gala, further propelling Brittany's Hope's mission into action to care for orphans and high risk children with special needs. Our hearts here at Brittany's Hope are filled with gratitude, as these funds have been key in **sustaining our programs through these difficult months during this pandemic**. As a non-profit, we had many big plans for fundraising, but this crisis set us back substantially.

Simply put, this remarkable night would not have been as prosperous without the leadership from our incredibly generous sponsors. Equally valuable is our fabulous planning Committee. Thank you Tracy Artus (Committee Chair), Michele Brenneman, Jena Miller, Randy Wolgemuth, Billie Jo Devine, and Judy Swarthout. We are deeply grateful for your time and leadership.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Brittany's Ball will be held on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at the Stone Gables Estate. This highly anticipated event will be co-chaired by Dr. Rodney Brenneman and Mrs. Michele Brenneman. We're looking forward to brighter days when we can come together, celebrate, and just do good work for children in need.

## A Special Thank You

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# Bring Mickey Home

Through no fault of his own, Mickey is living without a family. Unfortunately, there are many stories of kids who are eligible for adoption, weekly narratives, tugging at one's heart strings. Without a family who loves him and gives him the right support and resources he needs, this **little warrior will never reach his full potential... and that is the real tragedy.**

At 18-months-old born with Harlequin Ichthyosis, he looks different than his peers and everyone else around him, in an orphanage in Viet Nam. His skin condition visibly covers his body which has uniquely redefined the shape of his eyelids, nose, mouth, and ears.

Mickey's current life as an orphan is sharing clothes, food, and attention — he has nothing of his own and he belongs to no one. **To compound his hardships, the humid weather and lack of medical resources in Viet Nam, is exacerbating his skin condition.** He loves to giggle laugh, and is very attentive to his surroundings! Mickey is a fighter - strong and resilient - skills we all need in life; however, as each day passes by, it's another day of discomfort for this sweet, affectionate little boy.

Mickey urgently needs a family — to give him the love, support, and acceptance which only a family can provide.



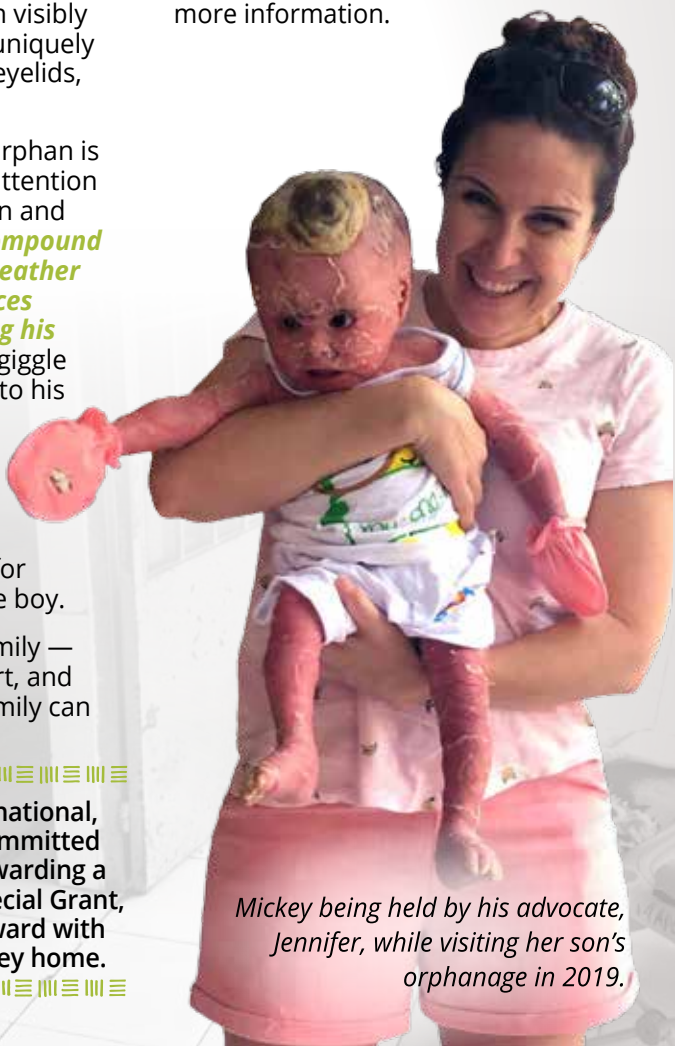
Together, with Holt International, Brittany's Hope is fully committed to finding his family, by awarding a \$10,000 Brittany's Hope Special Grant, to a family who steps forward with open hearts to bring Mickey home.



Can you show him what it means to be a son and how it feels to have a family who promises to love, support, protect, nurture, teach, and guide you throughout life's challenges? Maybe, you need Mickey in your family, as much as he needs you. Don't miss out on this incredible life, any longer.

**Spread Awareness.  
Make a Donation.  
Bring Him Home.**

There is a special family out there for Mickey, we know it. Contact us for more information.



*Mickey being held by his advocate, Jennifer, while visiting her son's orphanage in 2019.*

# Granted Children Home

*July 2019 to Present*



**Julián & Miguel**  
**from Columbia**

"The days may be challenging and exhausting at times, but we have NO doubt the Lord will continue to grant us the grace to do it."



**Lulu**  
**from China**

"It is because of you, I was able to move forward with my adoption in a timely manner. Because of you, my days are filled with love and laughter."





Through your continued generosity, a total of 1,386 children with special needs have been united with their forever families through adoption grants.

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



## **Thomas**

**from The Philippines**

"Because of your generosity, we are in a position to meet with a specialist team to make sure he has a full, healthy life."



## **Meilyn**

**from China**

"Our daughter is a tremendous blessing in our lives and we are so glad we didn't let fear win."





# Brittany's Hope Rising Stars

As much as we would love for the children in our programs to stay young forever, they simply can't. One day, they will grow up, enter the world as adults, and forge their own impact.



**However, we can help shape how they enter the world – through education, support, and love.**



Driven by our mission, our goal once the children's basic needs are met, is to ensure they have the resources, marketable job skills, and support they need for a successful future, whether attending a trade school or university. *It has been a privilege*

*to emotionally and financially care for these young adults with your unyielding support.*

The results are in and the numbers don't lie — there is a 95% success rate of our students who complete their programs and enter the workforce. Once orphans, now teachers, healthcare workers, chefs, small business owners, religious leaders, and even a doctor, are all ready to be agents of change, in their own communities.

The pandemic has been on our minds, but on the minds of the **62 Rising Stars**, is the wait to embrace a new start. Many of these young adults are without





sponsors, leaving them at risk for a future filled with hardships.



**They have been reaching out, concerned, and hoping their dreams won't be cut short due to the pandemic.**



Their fears are valid; with our resources stretched further than ever before, our choice may soon be to feed a child or to educate one.

On average, it takes approximately **\$1,500 to cover an entire YEAR of a college education**, for one student. Can you even imagine? \$1,500 to help mold a teacher who will educate a whole village of young eager minds, a nurse who will comfort the sick, or a chef creating a masterpiece.

These types of skills are of the utmost importance to these young adults. It will allow them to make their own positive impact in the world. Your gift today, for these inspiring minds, will have a ripple effect — measuring tenfold.



**During this most challenging time, we implore you to be an agent of change. Not only for them, but for generations to come.**



### Continue Their Higher Education

**\$375 - Support for 3 Months**

**\$750 - Support for 6 Months**

**\$1,500 - Support for 1 Year**



**Saturday  
September  
19<sup>th</sup> 2020**

In response to  
COVID-19, our  
annual Walk of Love  
will be Brittany's  
Hope 5K — a Social  
Distance Race

**Register at  
[WalkOfLove.org](https://WalkOfLove.org)**

# A Big Thank You

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