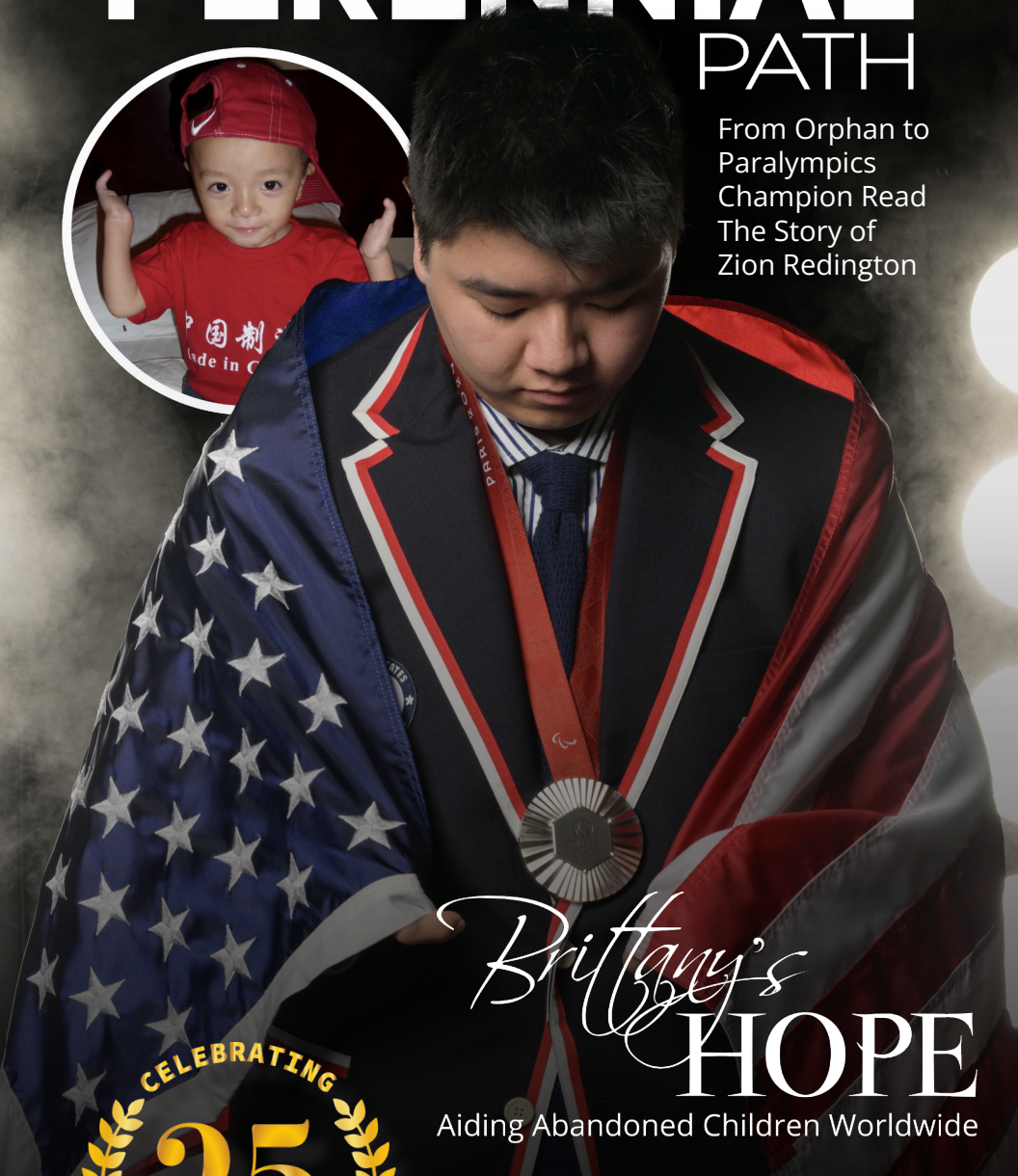


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**ANNUAL GIFT GUIDE**

# Countless Lives: A Message from Our Executive Director



Dear Wonderful Friends of Brittany's Hope,

As we mark Brittany's Hope's 25th anniversary, the team and I reflect on a quarter-century of empowering dreams and transforming lives. When my family began this journey in the wake of my sister Brittany's passing, our vision was clear: **help children with special needs find loving, permanent families**. We didn't fully grasp the magnitude of the mission that would unfold. Today, thanks to you, that vision has grown into a holistic and multi-pronged approach to end the orphan crisis, including:

- **Adoption Grants:** We provide targeted adoption grants that remove financial barriers for children, especially those with complex medical or developmental needs, who might otherwise linger in institutional care.
- **Transforming Institutions into Children's Homes:** We partner with local orphanages to shift from large, impersonal institutions to family-style children's homes with family support. In tandem, we equip the children in our care with the education and tools needed to put an end to multi-generational poverty.

- **Invest in Preventive Approach Projects:** By allocating essential resources to high-risk communities and families, we have implemented a proactive strategy that aims to address the underlying issues and prevents the unnecessary separation of orphaned children from their first families.

And now, two and a half decades later, I find myself humbled. Humbled by the children we've seen thrive, by the families we've helped unite, and by the thousands of you who have believed in this mission enough to make it your own. We have not simply provided assistance—we have changed lives, restored hope, and built futures. In this special anniversary edition, we share just a few glimpses of the thousands of stories made possible by your compassion. These are stories of resilience, transformation, and hope—stories we've written together.

And yet, for every success we celebrate, there are countless more children and families still waiting for support, stability, and for their dream to come true. Together, we can and must continue opening doors, creating families, and ensuring that no child faces the future alone.

I encourage you to use this guide to take action - give in a way that's tangible, meaningful, and mission-moving. Thank you for carrying this mission with us—your compassion, faith, and generosity fuel real, measurable change.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mai-Lynn" followed by a stylized surname.

Mai-Lynn Abel Sahd  
Executive Director  
Adoptee, Viet Nam 1995



# Prevent

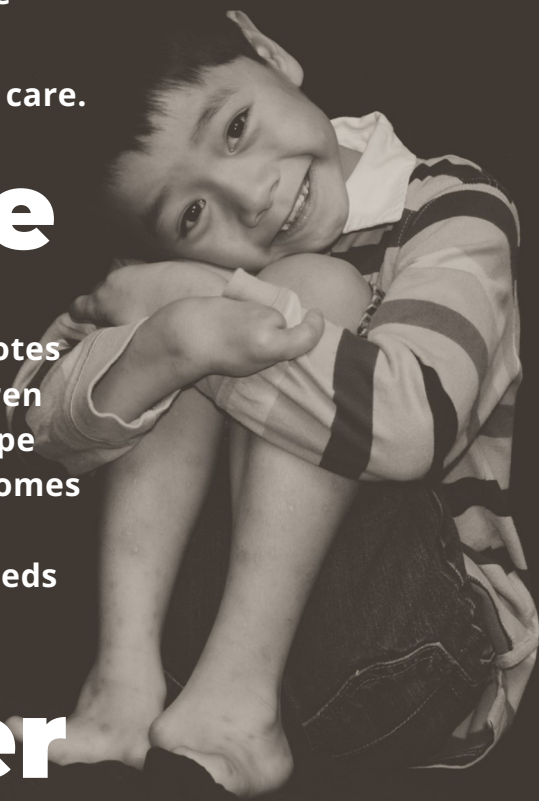
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# Provide

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# Prosper

Children with special needs can fully prosper with a loving and stable family. Help them unite through a Brittany's Hope inter-country adoption grant.



## So Many Ways to Give a Gift and Be the Change



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Fill out and mail the  
enclosed form with the  
**provided envelope**





## Agriculture Bundle \$175

Give a struggling family, or marginalized community, an Agriculture Bundle to empower sustainability and provide for generations to come.

**Bundle Includes:** Clean Water, Fruit Trees, and Chickens.

# Prevent

Directly support orphaned and vulnerable children within their own communities, to strengthen and stabilize families so children can remain in their family's care.



## Clean Water \$60

Clean water is fundamental to all life and a step forward for families and communities working their way out of poverty. Help us deliver clean water sources to families and schools to promote health.



## Water Buffalo \$450

Give a water buffalo to provide nutrient rich, high protein milk to drink and sell. They are also an excellent farming resource. Water buffaloes help with tilling fields, providing fertilizer, and producing calves—all to generate income for a family.



## Fruit Trees \$35

Fruit trees provide children and their families with nutrients and vitamins, a delicious snack, and a source of income. Just as the trees grow and produce fruit, the family who receives fruit trees can stay and grow together, with a means to support their children at home.



## 1 Chicken \$15

## Brood of Chickens \$100

Protein-rich eggs and meat provide nourishment to children in sponsorship programs, and family projects. A gift of a chicken or brood will create sustainability for our programs and family livelihoods.

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## House Build

**\$6,000** Build a House

Give the gift of shelter, a lifelong asset. Homes provide stability and safety to parents and children who may otherwise face the risk of displacement or separation.



## Family Enterprise

**\$300** Activate a Business Plan

Empower a family and create generational change by providing capital to put a family business plan into action!

## More Than Four Walls: The Home Build Program

Around the world, countless children live with the heartbreaking risk of being separated from their families—not because they aren't loved, but because poverty, unsafe housing, or sudden hardship leaves parents with impossible choices. No mother or father should have to give up their role simply because they can't afford a safe place to live. And no child should have to lose the comfort of family just to gain a roof and four walls.



Our hearts are forever marked by the anguish in the eyes of these parents who wanted nothing more than to keep their children close, to raise them with love, laughter, and hope, yet felt forced to entrust them to orphaned care simply because they believed it might offer a better future. That's why Brittany's Hope launched the Home Build program: a restorative approach that helps keep families together by building safe, permanent homes—right where they belong.

## How It Works

- **Local Partnerships:** We collaborate with skilled local builders and local volunteers to construct sturdy, cost effective weather-resistant houses.
- **Cost-Effective Impact:** In Vietnam, each home for a family of 5 costs around \$6,000—the same amount it costs Brittany's Hope to care for four children for one year, in one of our partnered children homes.
- **Lasting Impact:** Unlike temporary aid, a permanent house transforms lives. Parents or guardians can focus on their livelihoods, enabling a secure future for their children. Most importantly, children can remain right where they belong: with their family and community.

To date, we have built 52 homes, achieved a 100% success rate, increased household incomes, and kept over 160 children with their families.



## Chi's Story: A Home That Kept Them Together



Distraught and exhausted, Ms. Chi began to face a thought no parent should ever have to entertain: that perhaps her only way to keep her daughter safe was to place her in the care of a nearby orphanage.

Then Brittany's Hope—and you—stepped in. For just \$6,000, local partners built a simple, durable home where mother and daughter could finally breathe again.

- **Safety and Security:** No more sleepless nights fearing the next storm would tear their shelter apart.
- **Renewed Opportunity:** Chi can work without the constant fear of collapse, and her daughter can attend school—reclaiming an education poverty once threatened to steal.
- **Dignity Restored:** This home is more than walls and a roof; it is a foundation for stability, dreams, and a future where survival gives way to possibility.



As Chi shared her gratitude, she said:

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*Thank you. After five years of painful worry and feeling inadequate, this home has given me confidence. This house is an investment in me...as if these generous donors have said, 'we believe that you are a good mother, that you work hard, and that you are the best person to raise your daughter.' I cannot stop smiling.*

Right now, many families stand at the same crossroads where love meets survival. Like Ms. Chi, they face an unbearable choice: keep their children or place them in an orphanage—not because they don't love them, but because they love them so deeply they'll do anything to protect them. Your gift can replace an impossible choice with a safe home.



## The Ripple Effect of Your Generosity

50+ Homes Built: Over fifty families so far have stayed together, thriving under roofs you made possible.

- **1000's of Lives Changed:** Each home unlocks better health, education, and economic opportunity for parents and children alike.
- **Forever Impact:** Unlike temporary aid, a permanent house transforms trajectories—one family at a time.

Right now, there are more families at the crossroads where love meets survival. They face the impossible choice: keep their children or surrender them to an orphanage.

## Will You Stand With Them?

Your support of the Home Build program does more than construct houses—it preserves families, honors parental love, and breaks the cycle of poverty. Together, we can ensure no parent must separate from their child due to the lack of safe shelter.

**Join us:** let's build homes, restore hope, and keep families whole—one house, one family, one future at a time.



# Provide

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## Sponsor a Waiting Child

**\$444/annual  
or \$37/month**

Provide one (1) year of support for a child who does not yet have a sponsor, and give immediate care to a child who is still needing a long-term sponsor.



### Medical Care

**\$100**

Preventable and treatable illnesses like the flu are life threatening to children in poverty. Broken bones and minor cuts can also result in serious conditions. Your gift will provide the critical treatment needed for children, helping them to live healthy and happy lives.



### Emergency Relief

**\$75**

When children's homes face unexpected disasters or shortages, your gift fills the gap and delivers needed resources such as medical supplies and nutrition for children.



### Provides Two Weeks of Specialized Resources

**\$50**

### Provides Two Months of Specialized Resources

**\$200**

Your gift will provide specialized resources like wheelchairs and access to physical therapy for children to gain their independence and develop critical life skills.



### Uniform and Shoes

**\$40**

### Fill a Backpack

**\$60**

### One Laptop

**\$600**

Even when schools are accessible, many vulnerable children cannot attend because they lack basic school supplies. Your gift provides uniforms and shoes for the school year, a backpack filled with supplies, or technology for our college-bound students.

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## From Sponsored Child to Inspiring Leader: Lucas's Journey Comes Full Circle

When Lucas first arrived at the Ukweli Home of Hope in 2005, he was just a small, weary boy trying to survive another day. Abandoned by his mother on the streets of Njiru, Nairobi, he and his brother lived with uncertainty as their constant companion. But beneath the hardship was a spark—gentleness, curiosity, and a quiet determination that only needed a safe place to grow.



Ukweli became that place. And because of generous sponsors and the unwavering love of the Sisters of the Little Sisters of St. Francis, Lucas finally had what every child deserves: safety, nourishment, education, and the assurance that he mattered.

Even as a child, Lucas's heart was remarkable. He helped younger boys with chores, shared his beloved soccer ball, and radiated hope in a home full of children rebuilding their lives. That spark became strength, and strength became possibility. With support from his sponsors, Lucas worked tirelessly, eventually earning his degree in Accounting. Today, he works for KPMG—one of the world's leading firms providing audit, tax, and advisory services.

And now, as a father himself, Lucas carries forward the compassion once poured into him. Despite long workdays and family responsibilities, he returns to Ukweli again and again. Reflecting on his journey, he shared a message that captures the heart of transformation:

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*I was a very shabby, short, and thin boy from the streets. Living at the Ukweli Home I learned how to shower and wash my clothes. Through the Sisters, Brittany's Hope, and my sponsor family I have become the man I am today.*



Lucas's gratitude doesn't end in words. This year, he fulfilled a dream years in the making: reuniting the boys who once called Ukweli home. Creating a WhatsApp group and rallying his former peers, he organized the first-ever Ukweli Alumni Reunion. Twenty-five young men returned—once vulnerable boys, now confident adults—bringing snacks, sharing meals, and pouring encouragement into the younger children. They even pledged small rewards for good academic performance, igniting a new wave of motivation and pride among the boys.

When asked why he visits, Lucas's answer was simple and deeply moving:

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*The reason why I visit as often as I can is to avail myself to encourage the boys to continue their studies.*

Lucas's journey is a testament to what love, faith, and sponsorship make possible. Your generosity doesn't just change a child's life—it creates ripples of hope that last for generations.







## Unite A Family

Every Gift Helps

The financial barriers of adoption often keep children with special needs from joining their forever families. Your support will help a child with special needs find permanency with a gift of an Adoption Grant.

# Prosper

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## Celebration

\$30

Whether it's a birthday, graduation, or special holiday, every child deserves to be included and celebrated. Make a child feel extra special with a gift of celebration.



## Bicycle

\$130

A gift of a bicycle will help children get to school more quickly, minimizing their commute and freeing up time to concentrate on their homework, sports, and playing with their friends.



## Service Trip

Every Gift Helps

College students travel to Viet Nam and embark on projects including building houses, delivering bicycles, assisting with therapy, and taking children on field trips to explore their world—all while learning, loving, and laughing with the children. Support a project so they can have an even greater impact.



## Playground Equipment

\$50

Our partners actively create opportunities for children to engage in childhood play. A soccer ball, jump-rope, or swing will encourage interaction, play, and bring joy to children in our Child Sponsorship Programs.

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## Zion's Journey



In 2009, when Heather, already a mom of four, came across an email from an adoption agency she wasn't necessarily looking to expand her family. But out of curiosity and a passion for kids with special needs, one little boy stood out. First, she was intrigued by the Brittany's Hope Adoption Grant post on his picture. And then, she saw her son.

She felt as though God was telling her that adoption could be possible. **And so little Zion came home from China at just two years old—made possible by a Brittany's Hope adoption grant** and the unwavering faith of his mother, Heather. Born with a rare genetic deficiency (one finger on each hand and one toe on each foot), Zion's early years were marked by full-leg casts and painful fractures. At age six, after long deliberation, Heather and Zion's medical team made the courageous decision to amputate his feet. This choice unlocked the mobility and independence he'd been denied.

Through every surgery and setback, **Heather was Zion's fiercest advocate.** She celebrated milestones, cheering the first steps he took on prosthetics. She encouraged exploration, inspiring Zion to try new adaptive sports. Heather also taught him that "no" was not an option.

It was that very motto that Zion approached life with—the mindset that every potential was limitless. And all along, you—our donors—were their foundation. Because of your donations, the list of why Heather should not adopt evaporated and the tug on her heart to adopt grew stronger.

From Brittany's Hope to the World Stage, Zion was the youngest member of the 2024 silver-medal-winning USA Wheelchair Rugby Team and he is now a **member of the 2026 USAWR National Training Team.** Zion is currently a First-Year Finance Major at Auburn University. His journey to the Olympic Wheelchair Rugby Team is a testament, not only to his grit and faith, but also to the power of community support. In 2022, Under Armour named him "The Athlete No One Saw Coming," and now, all eyes are on Zion as we watch his limitless potential unfold.

**Zion and Heather embody the very essence of Brittany's Hope—proof that when a child is uplifted and supported, the impossible becomes possible.** YOU may have been part of Zion's story from the very start; YOU can still be part of Brittany's Hope's next chapter.

## Join Us in Empowering the Next Generation

As we honor 25 years of redefining futures, the moment is now to ensure the next 1,617 (and beyond!) waiting children can come home.

Your gift to our Adoption Grant Fund writes the next chapter for hopeful families and courageous children like Zion. Together, we can keep transforming lives, one grant at a time.

Invest in the Next Story Like Zion's—*Give Today.*

Thank you for being the heart of Brittany's Hope.





## Breaking the Cycle: The HOPE College Scholarship Program

Imagine growing up in a world where your future feels predetermined—where opportunities remain just out of reach, no matter how hard you try. That's the reality faced by too many orphaned and vulnerable youth.



At Brittany's Hope, we've always met children's most basic needs. But to truly break the cycle of generational poverty, we launched the HOPE College Scholarship Program. Since its inception, the HOPE Program has empowered hundreds of young adults from our partner children's homes to pursue higher education—and to rewrite their futures. These scholars aren't just attending college—they're thriving. They're tomorrow's teachers, surgeons, financial experts, and community leaders.

### Anh's Story: From Uncertainty to University Honors

Anh grew up in a poor village in Hà Tĩnh Province, Vietnam, without a father and with a mother too sick to care for her. With her younger sister, she faced unstable housing, little emotional support, and no real path to education.

When Anh entered the Hà Tĩnh Children's Home in October 2018, everything changed. For the first time, she found safety, steady encouragement, and a place where she belonged—and with it, the freedom to hope and dream again.



Brittany's Hope—and Anh's sponsor parents—provided more than material support; they surrounded her with the priceless gifts of love, guidance, and steady encouragement.

- **Academic Breakthrough:** In 2024, Anh scored a 28.25, nearly perfect score, on Viet Nam's National High School Graduation Exam, earning admission to one of Viet Nam's top universities with a prestige scholarship within the Primary Education Department.
- **Campus Leadership & Awards:** As a freshman honors student and class monitor, she's already earned multiple awards—from innovation and teaching-skills competitions to recognition in sports and cultural events.

Anh's desire to teach is deeply personal. After graduation, she hopes to return to Hà Tĩnh Children's Home to inspire and nurture the next generation—just as she was.

### Why Your Support Matters

One Student, One Future: Each scholarship investment keeps a determined young adult like Anh on track—covering tuition, materials, and living expenses.

- **Multiplying Impact:** Every graduate becomes a multiplier—teachers who educate dozens of children, entrepreneurs who create jobs, and professionals who strengthen communities.
- **Sustainable Change:** Education creates lifelong returns: higher earning potential, healthier families, and cycles of poverty broken for good.

### Join Us: Invest in Tomorrow's Leaders

With your partnership, we can keep turning hardship into hope—one scholarship, one scholar, one future at a time. Invest in a Student's Future.

Make a Scholarship Gift Today.



# 1,617

## Children Home



You said “yes” and helped remove the financial barriers that can stand between a child and a forever family. Because of your compassion and generosity, 1,617 children have come home, and their futures have been rewritten with hope. Now, as we look ahead to bringing many more children home this year, we’re honored to introduce you to eight of the 27 incredible children you helped bring home in 2024—each one a living reminder that your giving changes everything.

“With six children in the home, deciding to open our hearts and arms to another child was significant. The grant money allowed us to prepare for the arrival of Angel into our home. This money is such a blessing to us as we worked tirelessly to bring him into a loving and stable home. We are so grateful!”



“Thank you so much for supporting our family in this adoption process and making it possible! Relieving so much of the financial burden makes it possible for me to adopt as a single mom. Adriana is home, attaching to us, adjusting so well, and thriving! We are all so incredibly grateful! Thank you!”



“The journey to adoption was filled with many challenges, but through it all, we saw God’s hand at work. Your support was one of those clear signs of His provision. Without your generosity, bringing Daniel and Fabrice home may not have been possible. We are overwhelmed with thankfulness for the role Brittany’s Hope played in helping unite our family.”



“After spending eight years in different adoption systems, it took us some time to even believe she was coming home! It was surreal for weeks – maybe even months but now we know it’s real. We’re super grateful for what you do.”



“We are beyond thankful for the help and financial support within our adoption journey. We feel blessed and our hearts are full of gratitude for Brittany’s Hope helping us. Our son is thriving, and our family is growing in the most miraculous way. Thank you. Thank you beyond what we can express in words.”



“We always wanted a big family, so when we learned Mhyra and Nitin are siblings we were thrilled to bring them home together! Two children means double the cost—so we were ecstatic when we learned about Brittany’s Hope! Thank you for helping to bring our children home!”





## The Power of Service

Viet Nam Service trips offer transformational experiences for orphan children and student volunteers. Volunteers\* cover their travel expenses and creatively fundraise to implement projects to foster stability and financial independence. Students lead the children on a field trip to work on motor skills, explore their world, and play.

\*For information about joining a trip as an adult volunteer, please contact Mai-Lynn at 717-367-9614.



## Empower Orphaned and At-Risk Children Through Legacy Giving

Consider including Brittany's Hope in your estate plan as a lasting way to extend your support and transform lives. By making this commitment, you help carry Brittany's Hope's mission forward - advocating for vulnerable children and families and providing the hope and resources that redefine futures. Your legacy ensures steady, long-term support for adoption grants, humanitarian care, and sustainable community development for years to come.

For more information about remembering Brittany's Hope in your Estate Plan contact your Attorney\*, Financial Advisor, or Brittany's Hope's Director of Charitable Giving at [myersd@brittanyshope.org](mailto:myersd@brittanyshope.org).

\*A special thank you to Shawn Pierson, Esq. who assists with Estate Planning and contributes a portion of the proceeds to Brittany's Hope.

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Clean Water		x \$60	
Fruit Trees		x \$35	
Water Buffalo		x \$450	
Chickens - 1 Chicken		x \$15	
- Brood of Chickens		x \$100	
Agriculture Bundle		x \$175	
Medical Care		x \$100	
Emergency Relief		x \$75	
Adaptive Equipment & Specialized Resources		x \$200	
School Essentials - Uniforms and Shoes		x \$40	
- Fill a Backpack		x \$60	
- Laptop		x \$600	
Celebration Fund		x \$30	
Bicycle		x \$130	
Playground Equipment		x \$50	
Sponsor a Child		x \$37/month	
Support an Un-sponsored Child		x \$444/year	
Viet Nam Service Trip			
Unite A Family (Adoption Grants)	\$		
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