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In My Words – A promise for Alejandra

Sponsor and wife advocate for children in the Dominican Republic.

In December 2002, my wife, Alejandra, suffered an aneurism.

At that time, I made a promise to make a special gift to one of the poor children we sponsor through our special charity, Children International (CI), if Ale survived.

When Ale was released from the hospital, we donated the money to build a second story to one of our sponsored children's home in the Dominican Republic.

Several years before her illness, Ale and I had come across CI. Children International is a nonprofit humanitarian organization which works to help impoverished children around the world overcome the hurdles of poverty by helping them become healthy, educated, and productive members of society.

CI's world headquarters is located in Kansas City, Missouri, and their sponsorship program serves more than 324,000 needy children in 11 countries, including Chile, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Mexico, the Philippines, the United States and Zambia.

I had the privilege of visiting their headquarters in Kansas City last year, and I was mesmerized with the effective and professional operation that the organization runs and the fact that 80% of the proceeds reach worldwide charitable programs.

Last November, we hosted a party in our home here in Toluca Lake to bring other sponsors together to celebrate yet another donation of \$10,000, which will help expand and renovate the Cien Fuegos Community Center in Santiago, Dominican Republic. This expansion would enable CI to increase the number of children to 5,000 in this area, receiving essential benefits such as medical and dental care and nutritional and educational support.

Recently through the success of our business, EFM FINANCIAL, we have expanded our sponsorships to 27 children, mostly in the Dominican Republic since I was born there and have a passion to help children there.

Our goal with this letter is to reach out to our community with the outstanding humanitarian program that CI is performing around the world and to solicit greatly needed sponsors. Southern California with its massive population and economic level can make a significant contribution to this worthy cause.