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CFCA
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CFCA Media Fact Sheet

What is CFCA?
Christian Foundation for Children and Aging is an international nonprofit assisting families living in poverty in developing countries. CFCA's Hope for a Family program brings people together through a sponsorship model in which one sponsor offers support and encouragement to a child, youth or aging person in a developing country.

- **CFCA's mission** is to walk with the poor and marginalized of the world. (*Click link for complete mission statement*).
- Established in 1981 in Kansas City, Mo.; headquarters in Kansas City, Kansas.
- Founded by lay Catholics and rooted in Catholic social teaching, CFCA serves persons of all faith traditions.
- Given an A+ rating from Charity Watch, formerly the **American Institute of Philanthropy**.

How does CFCA work?
CFCA's Hope for a Family program takes a personal approach that focuses on building partnerships with individual families to help them create a path out of poverty. Sponsors contribute $30 a month, which CFCA uses to provide sponsored friends and their families with basic life necessities, while empowering them to become self-sustaining through education, skills training, livelihood programs and community-building activities. Sponsors get to know their sponsored friends through letters and photographs. Some sponsors travel on CFCA-hosted awareness trips to meet their sponsored friends. (*Click link for additional information about **how sponsorship works***.)

- CFCA currently serves more than 300,000 children, youth and aging persons through the generous support of more than 267,000 sponsors, primarily in the U.S.
- CFCA has projects in **21 developing countries** located in five regions, including Mexico and Central America, the Caribbean, Asia, Africa and South America. (*Click link for a full list of countries*)
- 93.6 percent of **CFCA's expenses** go toward program support. The remaining 6.4 percent is used to cover fundraising and administrative expenses. (*Click link for complete financial reports*)
- CFCA also accepts donations for **special funds** to assist with various needs, including scholarships, birthday and Christmas celebrations, and disaster assistance. (*Click link for a full list of funds*)

History
CFCA was established in 1981 by brothers Bob, Bud and Jim Hentzen, their sister Nadine Pearce and friend Jerry Tolle. Bob Hentzen, a former Christian Brother, and Tolle, a former Jesuit priest, worked in Central and South America for many years. They developed the sponsorship program to help people living in poverty and to help form real friendships between people from different cultures and economic circumstances.

Leadership
President and Chief Executive Officer: Scott Wasserman

Click links for a list and bios of **board members** and **staff leaders**.

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