

## Our Mission

*At Children's World Impact we commit to looking after orphans and widows in their distress, and to make a significant impact on the lives of the neglected.*



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Summer comes and goes rather quickly. It's hard to believe we're on the downward slope of the season. Although short in duration, summer tends to be a season packed with activity-travel, golf and other summer recreation, outdoor concerts, boat rides and swimming, to name just a few.

It's no different for us at Children's World Impact. There is always a lot that we pack into the short time known as summer. Thank you for taking a few minutes to read our e-newsletter to stay in touch with what's going on in the organization.

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## School Dedication

### **New School Building is Completed and Dedicated in Haiti**



Less than a year ago (October 2016), construction began on an elementary school in Desarmes, Haiti, financed by Children's World Impact (CWI). In June, Tyson Ray, founder of CWI, and Mike Hoffman, board member, had the honor of traveling to Haiti to take part in the dedication ceremony for the school, which is now completed.

With 8 classrooms and an office building with storage, the new school is ready to welcome its first students this September for the

2017-2018 school year. After meeting for many years in a "building" made from torn tarps and wooden posts, the teachers and 200+ students are thrilled to have actual walled classrooms in which to teach and learn.

The ceremony was full of "pomp and circumstance" with many speakers, participation from the students (pictured above), song and dance, and a local band. Even the area police squad was invited to give their stamp of approval on the school. The

dedication was particularly special to Tyson, as the building was dedicated in honor of his elementary principal, Bob Johnson, a long-time educator and principal of Woods School in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin.

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## Reunited

### Past Promise Comes Full Circle



During their trip to Haiti, Tyson and Mike were able to connect with a Haitian woman they met two years ago on a previous trip to that country. At the time, Sentamen was a single mother raising 4 children alone, and doing her best to make decisions that would better the future for herself and her children. After speaking with her and learning her story, CWI committed to purchasing some land in Sentamen's name and building a home for her and her family.

The land purchase happened rather quickly, but due to unforeseen circumstances, contact with Sentamen was lost for over a year. After much searching through local Haitian contacts, we were able to reconnect with Sentamen. She was indeed living on the land that had been purchased for her, but in a home that was barely inhabitable. We found a local Haitian builder and construction began in early 2017. During the June visit, the home was finished, except for a few finishing details.

What a blessing it was to be reunited with this woman, and to see first-hand the home in which she is now living, thanks to generous contributions from our donors. How wonderful to be able to fulfill a promise made over two years ago!

## Another Successful Golf Outing



It was a perfect morning for golf, as participants gathered at Geneva National Golf Club on Monday, August 14 for CWI's Annual Golf Event. With temperatures in the low 70's, slightly overcast skies, and a gentle, cooling breeze, golfers were led to their first hole on the Arnold Palmer signature course.

After golf, a good old fashioned burger and brat lunch was served outdoors in the pavilion, where golfers learned whose score earned them bragging rights. Tyson Ray, founder of CWI, also made a short presentation reflecting on last year's event, which provided funds for the start of construction on the school in Desarmes, Haiti. The profits from this year's event are going toward construction of bathroom facilities for the school.

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