# GOING AFTER THE ONE

How Your Generosity Has Changed Countless Stories

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Doug and Suzanne with five of the nearly 2,000 backpacks we distributed to our community this year.

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Dear Family,

As we look back on what God has done through His people so far, we stand in amazement. The stories just keep coming in every week. Sometimes, we're speechless as we hear how God is moving through our Vision 2023 teams, and how He is pursuing the "one" through you. Because you prayed and gave, we can celebrate together that over 9,400 people's lives have been changed forever through the vision of our church this year.

And here's the best part: The story is just beginning and your part is still unfolding! We know that there's still much to be done to see the number of disciples double in our region. Many challenges await us... but on the other side of the challenges are countless lives we haven't met yet that our church is ready to fight for as we seek to share the hope of the gospel with the most hurting parts of our cities.

We have shared before that Calvary is not like a cruise ship, but a battleship. As we prepare to launch out for this next year, we know we can do good things, but if you join us, we can do great things. We truly are better together!

We're inviting you to pray about your part. How would our great God have you use the time, talents, and resources He's blessed you with to reach others? How can you be a witness in your workplace? How can you advocate for someone who can't fight for themselves, whether it be someone struggling with substance abuse addiction, a child in foster care, an elderly person who has been abandoned, a student who just needs that one adult to believe in them, or a family who needs help?

How will you get in the story this year? We can't wait to see what the Lord does through each of you, and we are so honored to begin this next chapter with you.

We love you Calvary family! We can't believe we get to do this together!

In Christ,

Pastor Doug and Suzanne Sauder



# THE LAST YEAR

Our God is faithful! He's proven it time and time again. Here is a brief overview of what we've seen the Lord do this year through His Church!

From July 2018–June 2019 ...

- » 1,166 people gave their lives to the Lord.
- » 1,310 believers rededicated their lives to Jesus.
- » **539** people publicly declared their faith through baptism.
- » **16,283** (average) people gathered each week to worship at Calvary.
- » **268** active groups met regularly around South Florida, with **4,233** members!
- » **72** new groups formed.
- » **242** people attended the group leader and discipleship training.

In our Family Ministry, serving kids (Calvary Kids), middle school (Six78) and high school students (HSM) . . .

- » Over 2,100 kids and 1,000 middle and high schoolers gathered weekly to worship across all of our campuses.
- » 300 special needs children were loved on and served through King's Kids each week across various campuses.
- » Six78 and HSM (our middle and high school ministries) averaged a combined 25 first-time guests per week, while Calvary Kids averaged over 60-first timers!
- » Over 400 student volunteers and 660 adult volunteers actively serve.
- » 26 HSM (High School Ministry) small groups, while Six78 (middle school) has 12.
- » **343** kids and youth were baptized.
- » 440 parents went through a parenting class.



### THERE IS MORE TO YOUR STORY



Calvary Christian academy

### Making Disciples Spiritually, Academically, and Socially

Educating tomorrows leaders for Jesus Christ.

This year we are celebrating 20 years of ministry through Calvary Christian Academy (CCA), a Pre-K-12th grade Christian school that is the largest in the state and one of the largest in the nation.

- » Total school enrollment: 2,005
- » Secondary enrollment: 1,166
- » Second CCA campus opened in Hollywood with another 400 students.
- » Elementary & Pre-K: 800+
- » 2 Secondary mission trips: 8th grade trip to Bahamas and 11th grade trip to Mexico
- » Over 150 small groups
- » 98% of graduates go on to 4-year colleges and universities including, MIT, Dartmouth, Penn, Vanderbilt, Notre Dame, U.S. Naval Academy, UM, UF, Wheaton, and Taylor, to name a few.

# BECAUSE OF YOU OUR HOUSE HAS GROWN

### **Reaching Our Community | Calvary West Boca**

Every August, at Calvary West Boca's VBS, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a contagious faith that empowers them to share it with others—mainly, their families and friends.

Last year, it hosted 120 kids, ages 6 to 11, treating them to a five-day fun fair that included music, crafts, and sports, all the while empowering them to know Jesus and to share His story. That "learn it to share it" tactic soon gained momentum. During VBS week, Campus Pastor Joe Ferraro, along with his staff and a team of volunteers, led 27 kids to receive Christ into their hearts.

On the last day, every kid received a backpack as part of Calvary's Backpack outreach. The kids were thrilled. It was like Christmas in August! And because of VBS, three families joined Calvary West Boca, and since then they have become rooted into the church.





This is a family church, where people really get to do life together. Our Sanctuary has 100 chairs, so everybody gets to know each other well. These are simple, hard-working people, and we've bonded in love and prayer in the mission of making disciples.

-Joe Ferraro, Campus Pastor, Calvary Chapel West Boca



### **Reaching Our Schools | Calvary Plantation**

Most Americans agree that our children are not being adequately prepared for life. So, how is our church responding?

Since Vision 2023's Education team started, Calvary Plantation has reached out to assist five local public schools. The work done has been so transformative that one of Plantation's staff members was invited by the Broward School Board to participate in an exclusive training that was reserved primarily for Broward School teachers. After seeing the value in having our volunteers in their schools, the Board invited Calvary Plantation to participate in an Interfaith and Resilience Recovery group, which empowers people in need to stabilize and improve their lives through comprehensive programs in partnership with diverse faith communities and people of compassion. A representative from Calvary Plantation spoke at the event, helping to get the school community networking, working together with the schools, and actively formulating solutions to prepare students for success in life.

Education Vision Team Mission: To help students thrive while also making an impact in both public and private education.

# **300** SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES

## **Special Needs Ministry**

Being a parent of a child with a disability is a blessing. Is it hard? Yes. Are there days when parents want to give up? Yes. Are there days that feel like years? Yes. But many will share that He brings perspective and purpose.

Every quarter, Calvary Plantation hosts a special needs family breakfast, where anyone who is connected to someone with a special need is welcome to attend and share their story. To date, they've held two amazing events, serving over 100 families. Baptisms for people with special needs are also offered at all our campuses. During the last baptism in Plantation, 10 individuals were baptized. It is a privilege to be an "indispensable" part of Jesus' family where we do not have to walk this journey alone.



"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."—Romans 8:28 (NIV)

> Our Fort Lauderdale campus serves more than

special needs kids per week in King's Kids.

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God knows each and every one of us intimately and is working out His good purposes in each of our lives, including our precious children with special needs, often in ways we would never have expected.

-Chris Baselice, Campus Pastor, Calvary Plantation

# HELPING MARRIED COUPLES THRIVE

The strength of a community lies in the homes of its people. Unfortunately, you don't need to look too far to see that one of the greatest threats to American society is the breakdown of the family. More and more children in America are growing up in broken homes and in a culture of toxic stress and violence.

As part of Vison 2023, Calvary Chapel Boynton Beach has empowered the Marriage Ministry to take a bold step into their city, reaching married couples with the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. And they're gaining ground.

How? By strengthening married couples and equipping them to build their homes according to God's design. And by fortifying their marriages against divorce, separation, loneliness, and spiritual complacency.

A committee of seven couples at Calvary Chapel Boynton Beach, led by volunteers Jim and Donna English, provide premarital and marriage counseling as part of the ministry and offer Christian marriage training such as Adventures in Marriage, Love and Respect, and the Art of Marriage to demonstrate to couples God's plan for a successful marriage. The group meets every third Saturday of each month to encourage older couples, wellgrounded in their faith, to walk alongside, love, and encourage younger, less experienced couples. The ministry has already helped three couples change the direction of their marriage by walking away from divorce.

20 years ago, 90% of children were born to married parents. Today, it's less than HALF. OUR VISION IS TO CHANGE THIS!

**1,200+COUPLES PARTICIPATED IN ADVENTURES IN MARRIAGE,** (INCLUDING 500 AT THE 2018 MARRIED COUPLES RETREAT).

**384.** IN ATTENDANCE

**SMALL GROUPS** 

**MARRIED COUPLES'** 



We believe when a marriage is centered on Christ, keeping God as its foundation, it's more likely to survive the stresses of life. As husbands and wives grow closer to Christ, they will also grow closer to each other and build godly families.

-Donna English, Volunteer, Calvary Boynton Beach



# REACHING OUR COMMUNITY



Altar call at a North Miami service.

IN THE LAST YEAR...

#### NEW CAMPUSES WERE LAUNCHED

- » Parkland service launch had 70 volunteers, 400 total attendees, 1 salvation, 10 re-dedications.
- » North Miami service launch had 30 volunteers, 250 total attendees, 5 salvations.



## **1,200** VOLUNTEERS SERVED IN **3** COUNTIES OVER **6,000** HOURS AT **20+** OUTREACHES

#### ADDITIONALLY, OUR VISION 2023 TEAMS WERE ACTIVE AS WELL:

#### **Foster Care Vision Team**

» 40 families attended care training, 18 became licensed homes, and 27 kids were placed in those homes.

#### **Elderly Care Vision Team**

» Visiting **10** new convalescent homes in Broward and Palm Beach counties, bringing the total number of homes visited to **31**.

#### **Business Engagement Vision Team**

» Recruited over 400 volunteers, including successful business owners, entrepreneurs, CEOs, CFOs, and others.



## CHANGING OUR WORLD

#### GLOBAL OUTREACH

#### Missionaries, Mission Trips, and Church Plants

- » 70 missionaries have been supported to fulfill the Great Commission in 30 nations.
- » 15 short-term mission teams were sent out to serve and share the gospel in 10 countries.
- » 88 youth and 152 adults went on a short-term mission trip.



- 25 in West Africa
- 2 in South Africa
- 1 in Guatemala
- 1 in Colombia

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# YE: A SUMMER TRADITION

This year, **Youth Encounter 2019: Abandon** was bigger and better than ever! Here's a snapshot of the outcomes from an unforgettable three-day experience ...

**1,290** middle and high school students attended YE this year.

- 683 girls and 593 boys
- 632 middle schoolers
- 626 high schoolers

### **OVER 130 CHURCHES**

and organizations from various parts of Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, and Missouri sent students to YE.

• 72 students were baptized.

• 285 volunteers faithfully served, with 120 small group leaders encouraging students.

• **252 scholarships** were given to students in need.

• **290 students** participated in various outreaches.

• 870 next steps cards were filled out.

## **172 STUDENTS** gave their lives to Jesus!



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MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ATTENDED YE THIS YEAR





# CELEBRATING RECOVERY WITH YOU

- Celebrate Recovery averaged **160 people in attendance** each week at our Friday evening sessions, with an average of **80 people in support groups.**
- The Recovery Ministry is impacting people in **8 facilities** with **11 groups.** We also minister in **1 community center** for those who are struggling with mental health and/or substance abuse.
- 83 new leaders were trained.

# This year, approximately **50 people** attended Celebrate Recovery step groups.

At Calvary House and Redeeming Love Home (RLH), our residential discipleship programs for men and women struggling with a stronghold . . .

- Men spend a minimum of 12 months in Calvary House, and then move over to the transition side for about 6 months.
- 25 men graduated Calvary House.
- 20 women enrolled in RLH.
- 6 women graduated RLH, 8 baptisms took place, 10 salvations, and over 50 women served.

Over the last year, approximately **80 new men** entered Calvary House.





PEOPLE WHO CAME THROUGH RECOVERY REHAB WERE BAPTIZED THIS YEAR.

## **RAISING WORLD CHANGERS DISCIPLESHIP AT DID YOU KNOW? EVERY STAGE**

Here at Calvary, we believe one of the greatest investments we can make with our time and money is to disciple the next generation and provide them with a strong Christian foundation upon which the rest of their lives can be built. What does that look like?

83% of all Christians make the decision to follow Jesus between the ages of 4 and 14.

Child dedications Salvation and baptism classes Scripture memorization Calvary Kids Family Experience **Kids Conference** 5th grade transition Weekly worship and Bible teaching

Praying over babies Child dedications Learning to worship Family worship experience **Building friendships** 

**EARLY CHILDHOOD: Seeds of Faith** 

**CALVARY KIDS: Planting/Watering** 







#### Alasia's Story:

I love being part of the Calvary family. The youth pastors and leaders have discipled me and genuinely taught me things I never knew about Jesus. All the love that has been shown to me by everyone only makes me want to pass that on so others can have a similar experience.

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For resources and practical tips on how to disciple the next generation, visit *CalvaryParenting.org*.



Small groups Girls and guys discipleship programs Serving opportunities Mission trips Outreach opportunities 8th grade transition Weekly worship and Bible teaching

SIX78 (MIDDLE SCHOOL): Watering/Growing Small groups

Serving in church and the community

Student leadership training

**Mission trips** 

Student discipleship (becoming a disciple maker)

12th grade transition (yearlong plan)

HSM (HIGH SCHOOL): Growing/Reproducing

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# EQUIPPING DISCIPLES

## Eikon: Building a Community with Kingdom Impact

As young men and women move into college and careers, leaving the nest, going out on their own, experiencing the biggest milestones, the harsh realities, and everything in between that comes with being an adult, the need for a strong, tight-knit community and intentional discipleship is undeniable. That's why Eikon exists! Eikon is a front door for young adults to the family of God. It's an on-ramp to discovering their fit as part of the body of Christ and flourishing in it.

#### Erika's story:

When I started attending Eikon, it was one of the scariest and best things I'd ever done. Now I thank God every day for leading me to Eikon. I've found a family that loves me and supports me. I strongly believe I wouldn't have been able to become who I am today if it weren't for this ministry.



- » This year, Eikon in Fort Lauderdale saw an average of 157 college students and young adults gather together each week, with 30 active volunteers currently serving.
- » At Plantation, the average weekly attendance was **38** with **16 active volunteers.**





## OCEAN'S EDGE: TRAINING NEXT GENERATION WORSHIP LEADERS

- » Ocean's Edge raised up and discipled
  23 dynamic leaders.
- Throughout the year, our students provided worship in over **30 local** churches and ministries throughout South Florida, as well as our own Calvary campuses and ministries.
- » More than **300 graduates** from the past **12 years** are making an impact for God's kingdom throughout the United States and abroad.
- » Over the years **40 graduates** have been employed at Calvary Chapel, bringing an influx of next generation leaders into our staff culture.
- » Ocean's Edge has written and produced **13 worship albums.**

### Trinity University: A Partnership for the Future

As we seek to invest in the current and next generations, Calvary has partnered with Trinity International University to offer classes and degree programs at our Fort Lauderdale campus and provide a 25% tuition discount. We believe this partnership will not only impact the lives of students, but also the countless lives they'll encounter throughout their journey. And we're already seeing it! Check out what one of our current students had to say:



No one in my family has graduated college, and now God has opened the door for me to be the first! Going to school is something I've prayed about since graduating Calvary House, but I never thought it would be possible for me. Now I'm enrolled in a Christian college pursuing a psychology degree! There's no other explanation for this but God! I'm very thankful for Calvary's heart to support a guy like me and Trinity's willingness to partner with Calvary. This experience has changed my life and the way we do ministry at Calvary House!

> —Dan LaLiberte, Calvary House Director



# REACHING A DIGITAL NATION CHANGING OUR WORLD

## How relevant is digital discipleship to our church?

Since March 2009, when Calvary Chapel Fort Lauderdale launched its online campus, we've been bringing the entire service to people on their phones, tablets, and computers. Aside from connecting, encouraging, and providing resources for a seeker or a person looking to find God, it shows our online visitors what life might look like if they were part of our community.

Through Calvary Chapel Online, we show and share the love of Jesus Christ in the digital space. Locally, strategic consideration has been put into our website and social media design. Every avenue of digital communication has received an overhaul—e-mail, website, mobile app, SMS—to provide a personalized platform recommending activities, groups, classes, events, etc. for people to consider as their best next steps in their walk with Christ and to reach more people than ever before with the gospel.

## THE STATS



Online church attendance: **20,328** unique visitors in the month of June watched a service live.

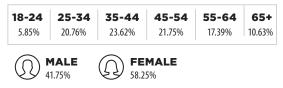


YouVersion App: **77,934** individuals completed our reading plans and over **181,270** interacted with our content.



Daily Devo reads: 259,515 in the last year.

#### **DEMOGRAPHICS**



The pros of providing an online campus are many, but the main one is a more transcendent form of ministry than what the physical location could ever provide . . . the infirm, the prodigal, the Marine, the traveling professional, and a myriad of others in our society who can all connect to the life-giving ministry of Calvary Chapel in ways that otherwise couldn't or wouldn't. Affinity trumps vicinity. That's what the past decade serving in this calling has taught me about people, technology, ministry, and our modern world. If people love what you're about (in our case, Jesus), then distance is no longer the deal-breaker that it once was in order to cultivate a spiritually sustainable community.

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—Dan Hickling, Campus Pastor, Calvary Chapel Online



### SOCIAL MEDIA CONNECTS US

Churches that are embracing social media have found it to be a viable method of reaching a digital world and building community.

Our church uses social media to interact and communicate with our current church family, as well as reach out to new people. Through our daily and weekly posts, people can access sermons, listen to podcasts, connect with others, or view content from the most recent church event, regardless of where they are or the time of the day. In this way, social media has changed the definition of "local," while expanding opportunities for worship, prayer, support, and simply doing life together.



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app launches

2.36M website views/year

636,439

video views in the last year

**15M** social media impressions per year

I so love the Daily Devo that I receive every day. I love how the pastors at Calvary explain the Bible. Having grown up in another church that was more focused on ritual than anything else, I hardly knew the Bible. It wasn't until I met my husband 19 years ago that we started going to Calvary. Thank you for the Daily Devo and the way you explain the Bible.

-Terry Tipton, Daily Devo Subscriber

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## Reaching Our Community

Being a leader in your community is all about action—doing what you love and using it to help others.

### Faith. Family. Skate.

#### THAT'S WHAT RAMP48 IS ALL ABOUT!

We help people to discover faith in Jesus, to feel they belong to a family, and to develop their skating skills. Through Ramp48, skaters have access to a challenging, yet fun individual sport in an awesome environment.

Ramp48 is a fun place that gets kids and young adults off the streets and into a safe space, where ministry happens throughout this 15,707 square foot skatepark. To enhance that experience, renovations are needed. This includes updating the main lobby, where kids and their families come to hear God's Word, play games, and drink refreshments, and improving the skatepark's courses. Updating the courses will highly impact the growth of this ministry, as skaters are often looking for ways to level up their game.





Ramp48 helps skaters to answer these common, key questions:

- Is there a purpose for my life?
- Would purpose change the way I live?
- How can I discover my purpose?

#### Elias' Story:

After completing Alpha, a 13-week video series program offered on Wednesday nights where kids can explore their beliefs, ask questions, and get a better understanding of Christianity, Elias, 21, said, "This was my first time ever reading the Bible and it seems like some really good stuff. I'm just not sure if it's all true." Brandon Herbert, Ramp48 manager explained to Elias that the only way to get a better understanding of the truth of the Bible is through faith. Elias then responded, "I'm not sure if I have that yet."

Elias is still seeking answers. He reads the Bible on his own and comes to Ramp48 where he asks questions about his findings. He's attending Ramp48's second session of Alpha as a volunteer, while Herbert and his team pray with him, looking forward to what God will do with Elias on this journey.

To support Ramp48's updates, visit CalvaryFTL.org/Generosity.

# **GENEROSITY IN ACTION**

It's a fact: Generosity changes lives. It changes communities, and it can change the world! Time and time again, we've seen God move mountains and transform hearts through the faithfulness and generosity of His people. Here at Calvary we've seen some incredible generosity demonstrated by men and women who love God and want others to experience the life-changing power of a relationship with Jesus. But right now, you may be thinking, *I'm not a millionaire*. *I don't have any properties to give, cars to donate, or even much money to spare*.

Guess what? You don't have to be rich to give! While all believers are called to be generous with their finances, **it's not the only way we can be generous.** Here are a few people who got in the story this year!



Donna Churchill crossed counties into Palm Beach to bring her two foster babies into her home.



Luis Martinez, a regional broker with a major insurance company, uses his platform as a successful business person to help the next generation grow in their personal, spiritual, and professional careers.



Margarita Perez has served faithfully as a member of the Parkland campus launch and regularly invests her time into discipling the next generation of women small group leaders.

Looking for ways to put your generosity into action? Visit *CalvaryFTL.org/Generosity* for some suggestions.

# WHY GIVE?

In South Florida . . . a region that contains over 1.9 million residents, only about 60,000 people are committed Christ-followers. That's 3% of people living in South Florida!

### WE ARE ON A MISSION TO DOUBLE THE NUMBER OF DISCIPLES IN SOUTH FLORIDA!

We have an amazing opportunity in front of us! As a church family, we can rise up and be the hands and feet of Jesus in a community that's desperately crying out for the love and redemption of Christ.

This is the time . . . We are the people!

Right now, through Vision 2023, God is moving and working in amazing ways in South Florida. **Will you join Him?** Will you be part of this incredible vision to double the number of disciples in our region by 2023? Will you answer the call to advance the kingdom and win souls for Jesus?

Pray about how you can get in the story as part of Vision 2023. Consider giving a special offering to help this city-changing, five-year vision to double the number of passionate, fully-devoted disciples!

#### **TYPES OF GIVING:**

TITHE: REGULAR GIVING AS A PART OF OUR WORSHIP TO GOD OFFERING: SPECIAL ABOVE AND BEYOND GIVING TO MEET A SPECIFIC NEED



## What area are you passionate about seeing God move in? Where do you feel Him leading you to through our church right now! This past year has been so amazing to watch unfold, but we be generous? In order to make your above and know that the best is yet to come, that He wants beyond giving experience the absolute best it can to do even greater things today, tomorrow, be, we've created four unique areas of focus you and beyond through your faithfulness and can select from to ensure your gift is put towards your area of passion—and so you will be able to generosity. better follow that gift to its eternal impact. Syrian refugee children who have been ministered to through the Made Clean Project, which was introduced Christmas 2017 and supported through the generosity of the people of our church!

God is moving in so many powerful ways

# WHERE **TO GIVE**



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#### Relief and Restoration

Support our commitment to reach out when crisis hits. These gifts are used to serve lost and hurting people through local outreach which includes residential programs, prison visitation, FoodShare, support for single mothers and widows, hurricane and disaster relief, and benevolence and crisis intervention for families.

#### • Kingdom Builders

Invest in the mission to build strategic spaces and places across South Florida where the gospel can flourish through the local church. Kingdom Builders are visionary givers who see the power of investing in the future of God's house and His people. These gifts also help raise up new leaders who are trained and mobilized to make more disciples.

#### o Global Outreach

Fuel the mission to change our world and be a part of what is happening through Calvary all across the globe. We believe in sending the gospel into communities in need of Jesus through strategic international partnerships, special social justice projects, support of local missionaries, and church planting opportunities with the goal of long-term impact in a region.

#### • Vision 2023

#### (during special times of the year)

Propel all of Calvary's vision teams and their focus to double the number of disciples in South Florida by sharing the gospel in the most lost and broken places of our communities. To learn more about each team, visit **CalvaryFTL.org/Vision2023**.

# WAYS TO GIVE

Here are easy ways to give and support what God is doing through your church!



Website: Go to CalvaryFTL.org/Give.



**Text:** Text "GIVE" to 31352 (you'll receive a reply with further instructions).

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**App:** Download our app by searching "CalvaryFTL" in the App Store or Google Play Store.

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**Tithe Box:** Drop your tithe/offering in a tithe box.

Thank you for your generosity!

"Jesus also did many other things. If they were all written down, I suppose the whole world could not contain the books that would be written."

— John 21:25 (NLT)

**Countless stories. Changed lives.** 

## Who will be the next one?

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