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U.S. Christians are **major supporters** of orphanages, children's homes and other forms of residential care for vulnerable children around the world.

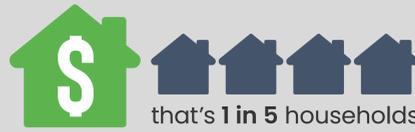


TAKE-AWAY

A considerable number of U.S. Christians have given their time, treasure, or talent toward supporting orphanages around the world.

What does that SUPPORT look like? >>

19% of survey respondents have given to residential care



\$3.3 BILLION PER YEAR

! The projected amount of donations from Christian individuals, annually, to support residential care



Meet the "supporters"

Who are the 19%?



Giving by denomination:

- 54% Non-Mainline Christians
- 30% Catholics
- 16% Mainline Christians



Giving by age:

- 38% Gen Z and Millennials
- 33% Gen X
- 30% Boomers and Elders



Giving by race:

- 64% White
- 16% Black
- 14% Hispanic
- 4% Asian
- 3% Other



Giving frequency:

38% of supporters donate as regular, ongoing donations

21% of respondents who have gone on a mission trip have visited an orphanage



Most people visit orphanages **with their church**



30% of Christians interested in mission trips **desire to visit an orphanage** or children's home

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The U.S. Christian population is **not well educated on best practices** in orphan care.

TAKE-AWAY

U.S. Christians are in agreement that providing support for orphans and vulnerable children is important, but need more information about the available options to best care for these children.

What are the PERCEPTIONS? >>



86% of Christians believe orphanages are a positive place for children



96% **YET** also believe a family environment is essential

! **91%** The vast majority of respondents believe that orphanages are necessary



Older generations are more favorable toward **family structures** ...



... while **younger generations** are more likely to feel positively about **residential care**

Christians who have been on a **SHORT-TERM MISSION TRIP...**



They are also more **aware that poverty** is a reason children are in orphanages

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For U.S. Christian respondents, **ending the need for orphanages** around the world is inspiring, and a worthwhile goal.



TAKE-AWAY

If made aware of the importance of family care, U.S. Christians could play a vital role in shifting from supporting children in orphanages to supporting children in families.

Is it possible to change our PERCEPTIONS? >>

72%

of Christians surveyed feel inspired to make a **change towards family care** over residential care



81%

believe **ending the need for orphanages** is a worthwhile goal

