Little Way Children's Foundation

SUMMER 2026 NEWSLETTER



As a Catholic nonprofit, we invest in long term, infrastructure-based solutions that create lasting change for the poorest of the poor.

Through our 100% model of philanthropy, every dollar given goes directly to these life-changing projects. Thank you for your walking the little way with us as we celebrate our first year of service to the least among us.

David Odom,
Founder, Little Way Children's Foundation







Little Way Children's Foundation Overview

Who We Are

A Catholic foundation committed to the dignity of every child through sustainable, impactful philanthropy

What We Do

We build infrastructure for our mission-aligned partners focused on healthcare, education & career pathways

Our Focus

We focus on local & global high-impact projects and partnerships that form individuals and transform futures

Our Promise

100% of donations go directly to mission projects. We operate with a faithful, clear stewardship model

We invest in children through mission-driven initiatives that form hearts, build communities and change the future.

www.littlewayfoundation.org

"Whatever you do for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you do for me." Matthew 25:40

Guided by Catholic Social Teachings



Human Dignity. Stewardship. Solidarity.
Preference for Poor. Subsidiarity. Dignity of Work.

Our 100% Model of Philanthropy

Generosity should be simple, honest and powerful. That's why we created a model where your entire gift goes directly to the mission



Operating expenses are covered by LWCF leadership , so donors can give with confidence that every dollar advances the mission

Little Way Foundation Team



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OUR FIRST YEAR IN REVIEW

MAY 2025



LWCF RECEIVES 501C3 STATUS

Mission & vision established, leadership team formed, first project chosen, fundraising begins

June 2025



CHALCO ON-SITE MEETINGS

LWCF selects Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children as the beneficiary of our first project - nursing/dental school

July 2025



MAHJONG FOR A MISSION

LWCF hosts its first small group fundraiser, a mahjong tournament with the ladies of CCLA

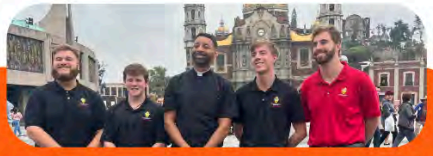
Sept 2025



PARTNER TRIP WITH HALLOW

LWCF visits Chicago & Notre Dame with the leadership team from Hallow App

Oct 2025



FR. JOSH JOHNSON IN CHALCO

Fr. Josh Johnson & the seminarians joined LWCF for a spiritual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe & service in Mexico City

Jan 2026



MEDICAL MISSION TRIP

A team of 28 nurses, doctors and healthcare specialists traveled to Chalco for service and spiritual formation

Mar 2026



MONSTRANCE GIFT

LCWF gifted a replica of the Monstrance in Chalco to Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, as a reminder of our time in Chalco

May 2026



MIKA VILLAGE PROJECT FUNDED

LWCF completes funding for a project in Mika Village near Tanzania. It includes a primary, sedoncary school and nursery.

Happy Birthday Little Way!

PARTNER SPOTLIGHT:
Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children - Chalco, MX






3,200 girls ages 11-17 from the poorest communities in Mexico have access to a tuition-free, all-girls full-time residential education program in Chalco. Many have endured domestic violence, sex trafficking, and drug trade.

The opportunity for a better life is made possible through a foundation established by the Venerable Fr. Aloysius Schwartz and the Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children, Girlstown, Chalco.

The school provides housing, nutrition, health care, religious formation, and a full academic curriculum. They graduate with a high school equivalency and vocational training in trades such as accounting, electronics, and fashion.

MISSION TRIPS FOR THE SISTERS OF MARY






LWCF mission trips have provided medical, spiritual and wellness support for the SOM sisters and students in Mexico. Our missions program, led by LWCF Board Member Hunter Hardin, has allowed local physicians, priests, seminarians, dentists and wellness professionals to provide care for those we serve.

Our visits have shown a strong need for on-campus healthcare, as well as a desire for advanced education beyond high school. Building a nursing and dental school to meet these needs is our next step in service to the Sisters.



Current Key Project:
NURSING/DENTAL SCHOOL- Chalco, MX



Little Way Children's Foundation is constructing a fully accredited Technical Nursing and Dental Services School in Chalco, Mexico, for the benefit of the Sisters of Mary World Villages for Children at the Villa de las Ninas Girlstown School.

The school will open a path for young women to pursue careers in a lucrative field . It will also contribute to improved health outcomes in underserved areas, while providing daily medical care for the students in Girlstown. Support for this project will have long-term benefits. Planned project cost is $4M.

WHY THIS PROJECT?

The world will need 13 million more nurses by 2030, with poorest areas affected most

The ripple effect is lasting - one educated healthcare graduate impacts thousands

The lack of faith-formed caregivers leaves communities with unmet physical & spiritual needs



WHAT ARE WE BUILDING?

- 2-story, 30,000 sf class & clinic space
- State of the art simulation laboratories
- Accredited nursing program
- Comprehensive dental program
- On site medical and dental clinics
- Faith-centered formation
- Strong clinical partnerships

WHAT IS THE IMPACT ANNUALLY?

150 students enrolled → **50 nursing/dental graduates** → **Countless placement sites** → **Thousands of patients served**



FROM VISION TO REALITY….. AND ON TO PHASE 2!

July 9, 2026: Inauguration of Phase 1 of the Chalco Nursing & Dental School.

This state-of-the-art educational facility will welcome its first nursing students this August—opening doors to life-changing careers while expanding healthcare for the 3,200 girls who call the Sisters of Mary campus home.

Today, we're launching Phase 2 of our campaign to complete the second floor with additional clinical training space, classrooms, simulation labs, and the specialized medical and dental equipment needed for a fully accredited program. Just over $2 million remains to bring the entire vision to life.

Thanks to our 100% Model of Philanthropy, 100% of every project donation goes directly to completing the Chalco Nursing & Dental School. Help us finish what has begun and equip future healthcare professionals to serve their communities for decades to come.

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE CHALCO PROJECT HERE

HIGH IMPACT GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

- **MONETARY GIFTS (Direct, one-time via check, cash or online payment)**
- **PLEDGES (Monthly, annual or multi-year gifts)**
- **MATCHING GIFTS (Multiply a gift with an employer match)**
- **IN-KIND GIFTS (Goods and professional services)**
- **LEGACY GIFTS (Estate giving including asset and stock donation)**

Nursing/Dental School naming opportunities available for as little as $2500

100% OF YOUR DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO THIS PROJECT



GIVE TO THE
CHALCO SCHOOL



PLEDGE A
MONTHLY GIFT



July 2026: Little Way Children's Foundation was honored to stand alongside the Sisters of Mary as **450 young women graduated from the Chalco campus**, celebrating years of perseverance, sacrifice, and extraordinary achievement. These graduates now step into bright futures equipped with education, faith, and hope. We through the new Nursing & Dental School! Felicidades!

LITTLE WAY FOUNDATION AT WORK IN AFRICA

PROJECT FUNDED

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHINGS AT WORK GLOBALLY THROUGH LWCF

MIKA FOUNDATION EDUCATION PROJECT
MIKA VILLAGE -TANZANIA, AFRICA



WHO WE SERVE:

Mika is a community of 9,000 in Tanzania impacted by the devastating effects of the the HIV crisis. Many are orphans.



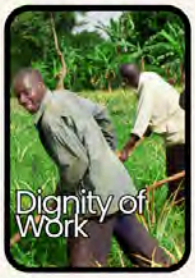
WHAT WE WILL BUILD:

An education pipeline to include a Nursery School, Primary School Expansion, and Secondary School Development.



OUR IMPACT:

This project will improve education outcomes and create skill development while creating long-term career pathways and better healthcare.



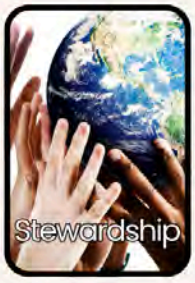
WHY THIS MATTERS:

Early education is limited, classes are overcrowded, enrollment is increasing and expanding current infrastructure is critical.



OUR APPROACH:

We partner with local trusted leaders, providing project management and oversight to build long-lasting and community-led solutions.



SUSTAINABILITY:

This project is fully funded with a 2-year timeline for impact. 100% of funds have been invested with total transparency.

THE MIKA FOUNDATION

The MIKA Foundation was founded in 2002 by Mika native, Dr. Hector Alila to support orphaned survivors of the AIDS epidemic. They are committed to sustainable projects – sanitation, education, hospitals, & jobs to break the cycle of poverty in Mika.

THANK YOU TO OUR FIRST YEAR DONORS!

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