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Impacting Others.

Last month, I was visiting my Denver Kids for March Madness and then traveled to an AI conference in Chicago the week of April 15th. While I was away, unbeknownst to me, Carrie volunteered to 'pass out children' at the CeCe Winans concert in Austin.

I had no idea who CeCe is, but that is not the point of this story: Yesterday, 4/25, Carrie and I went to the concert as **volunteers** for **Compassion International**. Our task along with about 15 others, was to pass out children packets during intermission. I'll detail more about Compassion later.

These packets contain **pictures** and **information** about children in the Compassion program, **waiting to be sponsored**. Being sponsors ourselves, it was natural for us to help others become sponsors. Between Carrie and me, **we helped 10 kids get sponsors!**

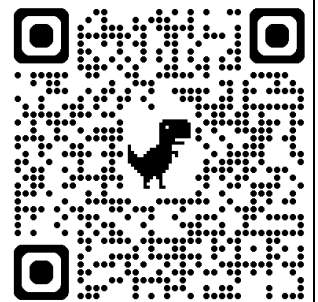
The **Impact** of that: Those 10 kids lives will be **forever changed**. Their families and their community will be too. Speaking from experience, the **sponsors lives will also be forever changed!**

Make an Impact Today! Til June, Tom

Compassion International

If you have heard of **Compassion International**, then you know the important work they do. From their website:

"Compassion is a child-focused, church-driven, Christ-centered ministry that connects compassionate people with children around the world who live in poverty."



Use the QR Code for More Information!

Our Compassion introduction occurred last year at the Casting Crowns concert at Reed Arena at Texas A&M. We had never been to a Christian concert before, and to say I was not hesitant, I would be lying! **But we went and it was life-changing.**

During intermission is when one of the artists would talk about Compassion. They speak of the **real impact** that sponsors make to the **kids**, the **families**, the **communities** and to the **sponsors**. **Real, tug at the heart strings stuff!**

One aspect that they talked about, that we really liked, is **letter writing!** You as a sponsor get to write them letters and send pictures. Then in return the kids will **write you** letters, **create** drawings and **send** pictures back. How cool is that you get to learn about them and communicate **one on one?** Writing letters to kids on the other side of the world, **sharing God's Love**. Amazing!

At that point the volunteers in **blue smocks** (ala Kmart!) start walking up and down the aisles holding the children packets in outstretched arms.

Well, we had no idea about Compassion but for **only \$43/month**, we could sponsor a child. The packet that got handed to us was for **Dayla**. She was not even 2 at the time. **A real cutie!** We sponsored her **on the spot**.

But we really liked the **letter writing** stuff, so we asked for other a little older kids to choose from. All have heart-breaking stories, but lo and behold, there was **Leonel**. A 12 year old boy, in a **Maroon** turtleneck, flashing a **Gig'em sign** (thumbs up for all the non-Aggies!). We immediately sponsored Leonel. Then over the next months, followed by **Matias**, **Carin** and **Sophie!** **Seems we collect Compassion Kids instead of Grand Kids!**

The AffiliatePartner250 → \$500 Sweepstakes

The AffiliatePartner250 Program Paid Has Paid Out \$2500!

(+\$250 since last month)

1. For every **AffiliatePartner250 Client Referral**, you get an entry in the **\$500 Sweepstakes**. The \$500 will be awarded after every 5th AffiliatePartner250 Payout! Currently, we have **THREE** AffiliatePartner250 referral on the books. **Only 2 more and someone will get an extra \$500 CASH. Could be you!**
2. The next way to earn **\$500 CASH** is after every 5th AffiliatePartner250 Client Referral you earn **\$500 in CASH**. That is **\$1750 CASH in your Pocket!**

Our Compassion Kids!



Dayla, Bolivia
Turns 3 June 3rd!



Leonel, Bolivia
14 Years Old



Matias, Colombia
Turns 12 May 18th!



Carin, Tanzania
19 years old.



Sophie, Burkina Faso
Turns 10 May 25th!

Matias, we sponsored at a King & Country concert at Reed Arena. Look at that **trouble-making grin!** Carrie found **Carin** on the Compassion website and she had been waiting for **over a year** for a sponsor. We sponsored **Sophie** at the We Are Messengers concert in Waco earlier this year.

May Holidays

- **No Pants Day (May 1):** Pants are overrated
- **National Two Different Colored Shoes Day (May 3):** Mismatch to impress on National Two Different Colored Shoes Day!
- **National Paranormal Day (May 3):** Ghosts and ghouls come out to play on National Paranormal Day!
- **Star Wars Day (May 4):** Harness the Force on Star Wars Day—May the Fourth be with you!
- **National Root Canal Appreciation Week (May 5-11):** Show some love to the unsung hero of dental pain relief.
- **National Lost Sock Memorial Day (May 9):** Pour one out for your lost socks on National Lost Sock Memorial Day.
- **MOTHERS DAY (May 12):** **Arguably THE BEST HOLIDAY THERE IS!**
- **National Sea Monkey Day (May 16):** Honor your invisible aquatic friends on National Sea Monkey Day!
- **National Mint Julep Day (May 30):** A perfect day to sip on this refreshing bourbon-based cocktail, especially if you're a fan of Southern traditions.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY WORD SEARCH
PUZZLE FOR KIDS

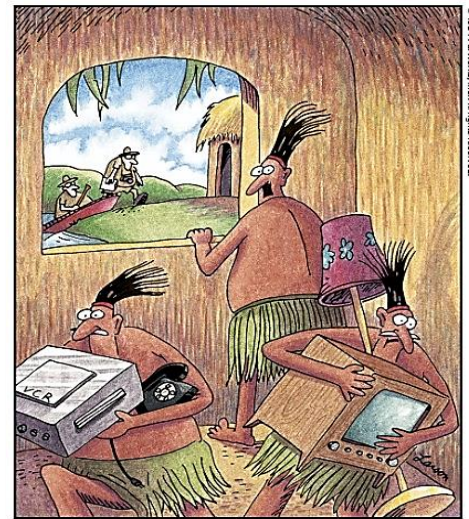
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Word Bank

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|-----------|------------|------------|-------------|
| 1. mom | 2. flowers | 3. super | 4. strong |
| 5. caring | 6. family | 7. best | 8. charming |
| 9. happy | 10. loving | 11. mother | 12. hugging |

Mothers Day – 5/12

- The **highest number of phone calls** compared to any other day of the year—everyone’s checking in!
- The **third highest selling day** for flowers and plants.
- **Pink and red carnations** are the go-to because they symbolize admiration and love.
- Perfume sales spike during Mother’s Day season.
- **Serbia:** Kids sneak into their mom’s bedroom and **tie her up** on Mother’s Day. She **has to pay** a ransom in chocolates or treats to be freed.
- Anna Jarvis, who started Mother's Day, was **arrested for disturbing the peace** on Mothers Day.
- **More than 122 million phone calls** are made on Mother's Day. “Hi Mom, did I catch you at a good time?”



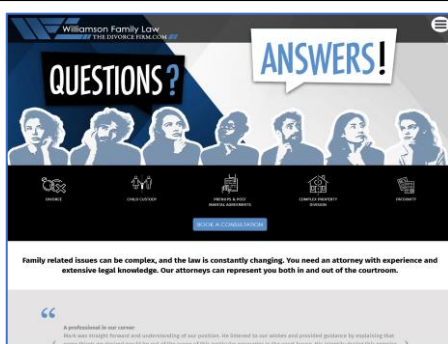
“Anthropologists! Anthropologists!”



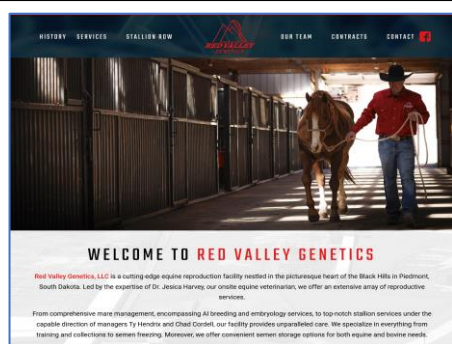
“I **challenge** you to scan the QR Code to view the available children to sponsor. You can even search on a **name** or a **birthday**. Only **\$43/month**, less than a **coffee** a day, to make a **HUGE Impact** on your **Compassion Kid**, their **family** and **YOU!**” ~ Tom



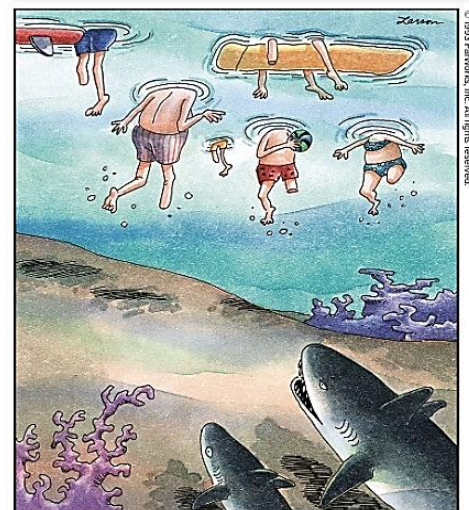
New Clients Spotlight – Welcome!



Williamson Family Law
TheDivorceFirm.com
Dallas, Texas



Red Valley Genetics
RedValleyGenetics.com
Piedmont, South Dakota



“This is it, son—my old chomping grounds.... Gosh, the memories.”

Affiliate Partner 250

SHARE TO EARN!

Thank you AGAIN,

Cami Bussman,

for your Referral!

Remember, Share with your
Family and Friends and

Earn up to \$1750!



What Would You Do With an Extra
\$1750?

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Featured Client Redesign – Oregon CHA!

2008



2024

The Oregon Cutting Horse Association have been clients since **2008!** Yes, you read that right. **16 years!** Well, it was about time to update their website. Check out the pictures above! **Amazing transformation** and their new website will be great for the next 16 years! **Thank you to the Oregon Cutting Horse Association for your business and loyalty all these years!**

Are you ready to **upgrade** your **tired, old** website? **Let's Do It!** Discounts available now! Give me a **call**, and your website **could be featured in June!**

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