

## Who We Are

Distressed Children and Infants International (DCI), is a US-based nonprofit child rights organization. It was founded in 2005 to improve the socio-economic, educational, and health conditions of underprivileged children in the United States and worldwide.

Most of us take for granted the basic necessities of life: food, water, shelter, health, education and family. But there are millions of children in the world who lack these essential things. DCI's goal is to help provide these necessities to impoverished children throughout the world. At DCI, we have chosen sponsorship as the base program for helping children in developing countries because we have found that sponsorship is the most effective way to provide stable, long-term, ongoing services to the children and the families we serve. DCI also works with the families and communities of its sponsored children to develop sustainable income-generating activities for long-term prosperity.

## Mission Statement

DCI's mission is to advocate for child rights, and to help severely underprivileged children worldwide lift themselves out of poverty by providing them with basic life necessities, education, and health care. We also seek to educate American children about the challenges facing children worldwide, and to foster in them a desire to take a leadership role in working for humanitarian causes.

## Vision

DCI envisions a world in which all children will have equal access to basic human amenities – including education, health care, food, and shelter – as well as the opportunity to achieve a secure and prosperous life. DCI hopes for a day in which child labor will be eliminated globally.