



DCI History

Distressed Children & Infants International (DCI) emerged from the life experience, values, and vision of two doctors: Ehsan Hoque and Brian DeBroff.

The two doctors discovered that they had a common dream of bettering the lives of distressed children and preventing blindness, so they joined together to create an organization that would address this two-fold mission. On May 24, 2003, Distressed Children & Infants International was officially founded at Yale University. Two years later, DCI received official recognition from the United States government.

In January 2006, DCI started its flagship Sun Child Sponsorship Program, which now supports over 5000 underprivileged children in Bangladesh and India. Over the years, DCI has added numerous other successful programs and launched advocacy initiatives to raise awareness about child rights and health.

DCI has received much support and encouragement from its many sponsors and the tireless effort of countless dedicated volunteers. Its accomplishments in the areas of education, healthcare, and alternative income have earned recognition within a short span of time and have garnered assistance from several other reputable organizations. DCI continues to grow each year—in strength, impact, and spirit.



DCI Founders Dr. Brian DeBroff and Dr. Ehsan Hoque visiting children of the Sun Child Sponsorship Program in Bangladesh

Timeline

