

The World Children's Center mission is to build programs that foster education, provide housing and shelter, as well as ensure the safety of underserved children. The World Children's Center believes that every child should have the opportunity to grow in a safe, stable environment, have equal access to education and quality health care, and experience meaningful and productive work throughout his or her life.

Initially, the World Children's Center Academy will serve children from Georgia, the southeast, the United States and ultimately from other nations helping to ensure the ethnic diversity reflective of those children who most need the benefits of our School and Home.

When completely built, the World Children's Center Academy will educate, provide housing and enrichment/character-building programs, as well food and clothing to an estimated 800 children. To ensure best practices, the Academy is being modeled after successful educational programs, with the Milton Hershey School serving as our greatest advisor. For over 100 years, the Milton Hershey School located in Hershey, Pennsylvania has provided support to an estimated 16,000 students, provided services to thousands of young men and woman to achieve post-secondary education, and trained thousands more in gaining meaningful employment.

Environment

The World Children's Center is being built as an environmentally friendly community. Under the advisement and expertise of Southface and 2005 National Builder of the Year John Wieland Homes & Neighborhoods, we are building sustainable student homes. Our residential buildings will be Earthcraft certified, which embraces a blueprint for energy and resource efficient housing. Additionally, to aid in the conservation of water, the Center designed and built as part of the original infrastructure a surface water irrigation system.

Master Planning and Watchful Oversight

The master plan embracing over 700 acres was developed by the award-winning firm of Cooper Carry and will take an estimated twelve years to complete. Components of the campus include student housing, parks and playgrounds, PreK-12 grade educational facility, athletic fields, admissions and wellness center, international humanitarian development training center, food and clothing distribution center and a non-denominational worship center. At build-out, the campus will consist of 100 student homes with two house parents and up to eight students living in each.

The campus will be built over a twelve to fifteen year period and, in addition to providing educational and enrichment opportunities to students living on campus, children in the surrounding community may also benefit.

Our continued progress is made under the watchful eye of leading law firm McKenna Long and Aldridge, which has named the World Children's Center as a leading pro-bono client. McKenna Long and Aldridge is an international law firm with more than 450 attorneys and public policy advisors. The firm provides business solutions in the areas of environmental regulation, international law, public policy and regulatory affairs, corporate law, government contracts, intellectual property and technology, complex litigation, real estate, energy and finance.

Conclusion

In conclusion, as a whole, the World Children's Center will serve as a year-round community that provides for and/or promotes the development of protective factors required to enable children to escape the negative consequences of poverty, abuse and neglect, thereby, fostering the development of self-sufficiency and opportunity. Children will be protected, sheltered, clothed, fed, educated and nurtured to become leaders of our nation and world who will serve as advocates for future generations. Ultimately, our goal is to help children reach their greatest potential. Perhaps too, many of our alumni will return home to serve the World Children's Center.