THE CURRENT SITUATION

Through a strong coordinated global commitment, we have seen many lives saved through increased access to vaccines. An estimated 2.5 million deaths are averted each year. Still, an estimated 1.5 million children continue to die (a life lost every 20 seconds) before reaching their 5th birthday each year from diseases that are easily preventable by common vaccines.

COVID-19 threatens to vastly diminish the progress made in decreasing mortality through immunization. Disruptions in healthcare services including routine childhood immunizations has put 80 million children at risk for measles, diphtheria, polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases this year alone, up from previous estimates of 19.4 million children.

The stakes have never been higher as we struggle to combat a disease for which there currently is no vaccines, COVID-19. This pandemic has served to remind us of the power that vaccines have to save lives and prevent illness. Now more than ever, we cannot afford to lose the gains we have made in immunization coverage, lives depend on it.

THE CHILDREN’S HEALTH INITIATIVE

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT 5-YEARS

Over the past 5 year’s Vaccine Ambassadors has provided over 700,000 life-saving vaccines, protecting against 12 different diseases, to children and families residing in Latin America and the Caribbean. Building on this success, and focusing on the goals of the next 5-years, Vaccine Ambassadors is launching the Children’s Health Coalition.

This initiative will bring together companies, organizations, and individuals to leverage their collective goodwill and achieve something under this philanthropic umbrella that could not be accomplished alone. As a member of the Children's Health Coalition, you will be able to amplify your impact to reduce child mortality in low and middle-income countries and make a tangible difference in the health of another.

The value of vaccines goes far beyond the prevention of illness and disease. Good health is a gateway to improved educational outcomes, gender equity and social and economic prosperity.

COMMITTING TODAY

During the initial six-week (September-October 15) launch of the Children’s Health Coalition all contributions will go to the critical shortage of pentavalent vaccines (5 vaccines in one injection) for children in Venezuela.

Pentavalent vaccine- diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), hepatitis B and Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib).

*In general, over 95% of our vaccines go to children. On occasion we provide vaccines to adults, including pregnant women and the elderly.
THE POWER OF THE CHILDREN’S HEALTH COALITION

Impact Snapshot

1,666 Vaccines
1 company

24,990 Vaccines
15 companies

Number of pentavalent vaccines based on a $2,500 contribution

BENEFITS OF BEING A MEMBER INCLUDE:

- Children’s Health Coalition membership acknowledgement on our website and social media platforms
- Graphic badge identifying your organization as a Children’s Health Coalition member for posting on your digital platform
- Communication updates to engage and inform your team on Vaccine Ambassadors’ ongoing work, thought leadership articles and news on vaccines and disease prevention
- Recognition for the number of vaccines that your annual contribution made possible

ABOUT VACCINE AMBASSADORS

Established in 2015, Vaccine Ambassadors, a 501(c)(3) US-based nonprofit (EIN 47-3813673) corporation, was created by healthcare providers and advocates of children’s health who believe that opportunity begins with good health and that access to vaccines is a basic human right.

Through strategic partnerships with established global health organizations including the Pan American Health Organization, Regional Office of the World Health Organization for the Americas, Vaccine Ambassadors funds the purchase and delivery of high-quality vaccines and related supplies and services for children and families in the Pan American Region (Latin America and the Caribbean).

To maximize impact, vaccine selection is based on priority needs identified by experts in the field. To date we have provided over 700,000 vaccines covering 12 different diseases. Beyond supporting routine vaccination efforts, we have provided vaccines following natural disasters and during humanitarian crises.