



A pair of crutches can transform a child's life.

50 MILLION CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD ARE IN NEED OF CRUTCHES BUT LACK ACCESS TO THEM.

Due to debilitating infectious diseases, chronic conditions, armed conflict, accidents, and natural disasters these children are unable to walk. When a child cannot walk, he or she cannot go to school, play with friends, or access food and water without assistance. Unfortunately, these children with disabilities are often victims of abuse and neglect.

Crutches are a rare and valuable commodity in many parts of Africa, Asia, and Latin America. As a result of high cost, lack of government planning and limited resources, inaccessible medical centers, and a lack of in-country supply, less than 10 percent of those in need of crutches in impoverished areas of the world have access to them.

In the United States, 10 million pairs of crutches are sold annually for short-term rehabilitation purposes. As a result, there are millions of lightly used crutches being stored in closets, attics, and garages collecting dust.

CRUTCHES4KIDS

OUR MISSION

Crutches 4 Kids works to bridge the gap between the supply and demand of crutches globally to liberate and empower children with physical ailments and disabilities around the world. By providing children living in extreme poverty with access to crutches, Crutches 4 Kids, enables self-sufficiency, increased participation in communal life, and an improved sense of self-worth.

OUR APPROACH

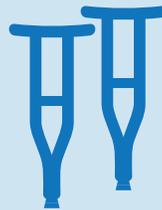
Crutches 4 Kids partners with humanitarian organizations, world-class hospitals, physical therapy

practices, and selfless volunteers to collect gently-used crutches in the U.S. and efficiently ship them to areas where there are children in need. Where it makes sense we also partner with local medical supply manufacturers and distributors to address local needs, ensuring that we are always operating cost efficiently, helping as many children as we can in the process.

Since inception, Crutches 4 Kids has collected over 10,000 crutches, canes and walkers and distributed them to over two-dozen countries including Haiti, Ghana, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Peru, Senegal, and Tanzania.

HOW TO HELP

Our community of volunteers is integral to the success of Crutches 4 Kids. Equipped with a strong network of generous individuals, we know that we can collect thousands, if not millions, more crutches that are sitting unused in people's homes.



Spread the word. Tell your friends, co-workers, colleagues, and family members about this important cause and how tangible an impact an individual can make. Share our website with your social media connections. You never know when someone in your network might have a pair of crutches in storage!

Donate your crutches and make a direct impact on a child's life. Crutches 4 Kids makes donating hassle-free. There are currently more than 30 drop off locations within the New York metropolitan area. To find the one nearest to you, please visit our website.

Plan a crutch drive and make an impact. Consider hosting a crutch drive in your community. Crutches 4 Kids can help you every step of the way to plan and publicize your efforts to collect crutches and make a difference.

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