After the devastating earthquake in 2010, the people of Haiti found themselves stranded in terrifying circumstances and surroundings. This disaster took the lives of 300,000 people and displaced 1.5 million. More than 300,000 of these displaced people were children—children who were left to wander the streets through the rocky debris . . . scared, alone, and helpless . . . desperately searching for their parents who were nowhere to be found. They had nothing . . . nobody.

THE NEED

Extreme poverty and destitution consumes Haiti on a daily basis. Children are still roaming the streets, fending for themselves . . . simply trying to survive from one day to the next. Even three years later, the people and children of Haiti are struggling from the lasting effects of the earthquake.

But in the midst of this despair, there is hope . . . Danita’s Children. It’s an oasis of hope in the midst of a dark, dismal region overwhelmed by adversity and disease. Almost immediately after the earthquake, our partner took in over 50 orphans.

Today, more than 100 boys and girls are living on campus and an additional 300 children from the community attend the school, where they are receiving the care and necessities they desperately need to live healthy, happier lives. Hope has been restored for these children . . . hope for promising futures. However, with so many children in Haiti in dire need, Danita’s Children is overflowing. They are fervently working toward expanding to provide better accommodations for those currently living there, and ultimately, to provide room for many more.
THE SOLUTION

To date, the facility has constructed four buildings that will serve as orphan-care homes. One of these homes will specifically cater to children with special needs—providing a live-in nurse and specialized medical equipment to accommodate their various needs.

Each building has two stories with approximately 2,000 square feet. They will consist of 8 orphan-care homes in total, each housing 10 to 14 children in addition to the house parents who will care for them. Their goal is to establish a family-style setting, providing a nurturing and loving environment.

These buildings will also accommodate multi-family unit dwellings with bedrooms, bathrooms, kitchens, and living-room areas. While the basic construction of these homes is complete, there is still much more work to be done. They are in great need of further outfitting in order to fully complete this project.

The total cost for outfitting and furnishing these orphan-care homes is $165,000.

Basic costs will cover electrical work, plumbing, furniture, security, and landscaping. Some specific items these funds will provide include:

- Generators and other specialized equipment for heating and electric
- Kitchen appliances such as stoves and refrigerators
- Fencing, security cameras, and watchmen
- Crisis training to prepare staff to respond appropriately in the event of security threats or natural disasters
- Washers and dryers for the laundry rooms
- Furnishings for the living areas and kitchens
- Bunk-beds and bedding materials
- Utensils, linens, pillows, dishes, and other necessary supplies

You can directly impact the lives of children in Haiti by partnering with World Help to complete the outfitting and furnishing of these four orphan-care homes. In doing so, you will help restore lives while eternally impacting future generations.