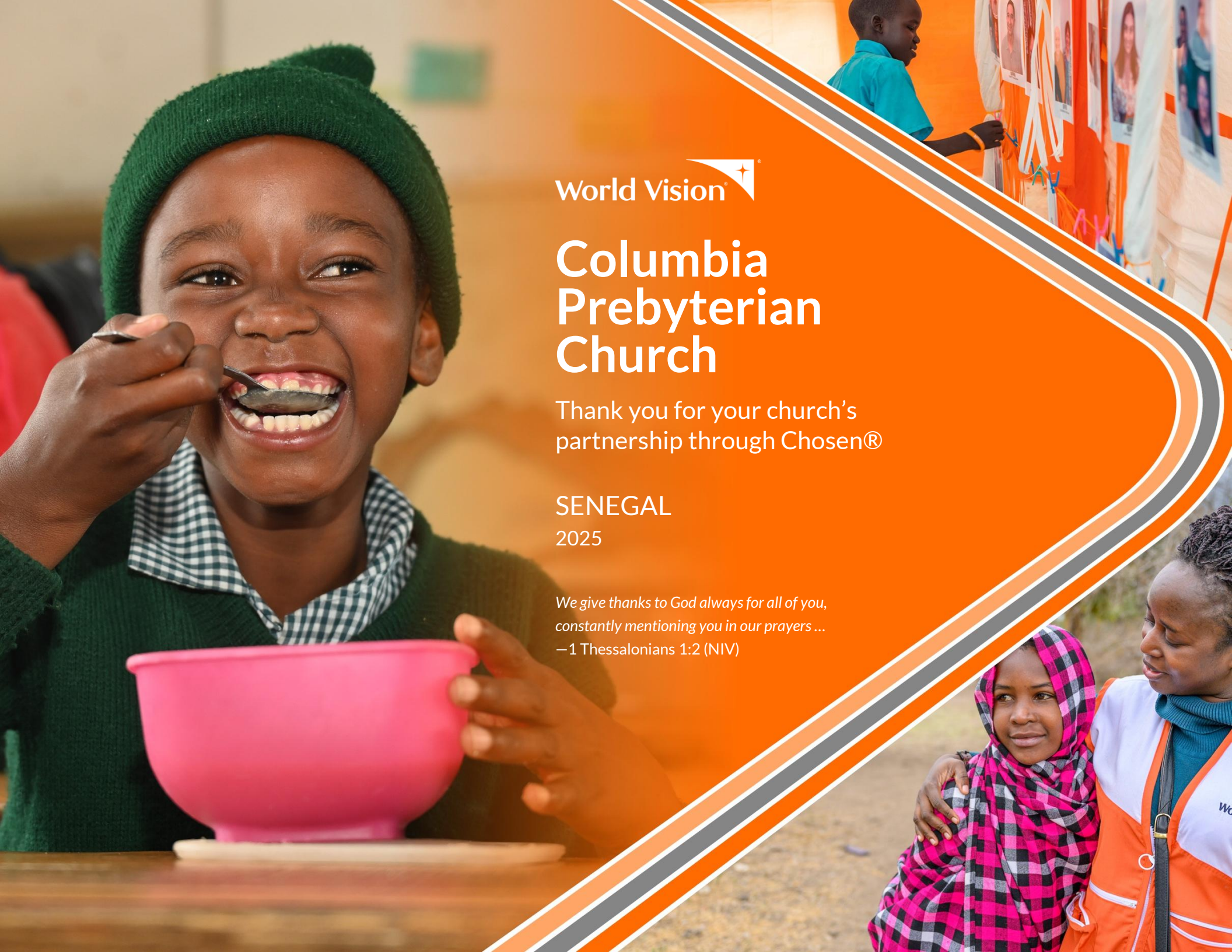


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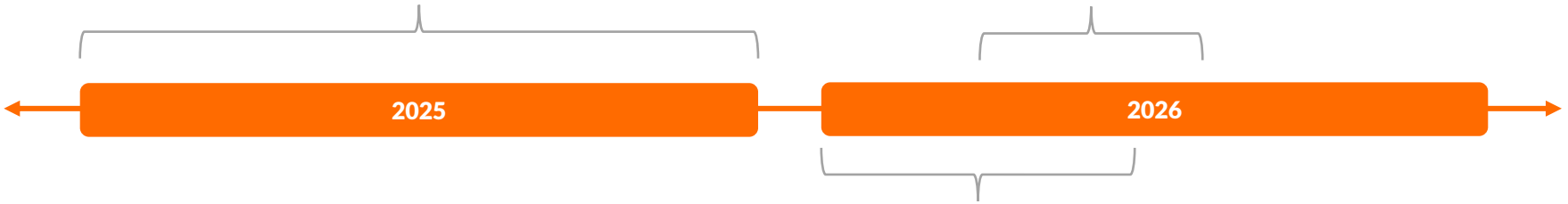
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Reporting timeline

REPORT GATHERING
Community progress is documented throughout the year.
World Vision collects all reports from communities and countries at the end of the year.

PREPARING AND SENDING
The report is then prepared and sent to your church.



COMPILING AND VALIDATING
At the beginning of the current year, three to five months are needed to compile all updated reports and make sure they are accurate and available.



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Senegal

Boubakar's Story — Joy and Hope despite Disability and Food Scarcity in Senegal

In the quiet village of Taif Thiekene in Senegal's Kaffrine region, seven-year-old Boubakar and his 15-year-old sister Mariama have grown up facing both physical challenges and social barriers. Boubakar was born with a disability and Mariama now walks with bowed legs after fractures as a baby that were never treated by medical professionals.

"Children living with disabilities are no longer rejected or hidden away."

Neither of their parents are alive – they are cared for by a stepmother. For much of their early lives, misunderstanding and stigma shaped how others saw them. Local beliefs led many to think their conditions were caused by spirits, and their father sought help from traditional healers without success. "He took Boubakar to healers for prayers many times, but nothing worked," Mariama says.

Everything began to change when World Vision started working in their village. Through awareness campaigns and ongoing engagement, people's attitudes toward Boubakar and children with disabilities began to shift. (Editor's note: there are only two people in the village who have a disability so his condition is not common). "The community now has greater consideration for us," said Mariama. "Children living with disabilities are no longer rejected or hidden away."

Story continued

As part of World Vision's child sponsorship program, Boubakar and three of his siblings were registered and began receiving immediate support and care. A key turning point came when Boubakar was given a wheelchair to help with his mobility. "Before, he had to crawl on the ground to move," said Mariama. "He would get very dirty, and it was painful to watch. Now, he can move freely, go outside to play, and be with his friends whenever he wants."

The change has been life-giving for the whole family. "With his wheelchair," Mariama said, "Boubakar no longer feels disabled. He can go wherever he wants, and that's restored his dignity. All the children like him have regained their confidence."

In addition to mobility support, World Vision has provided the family with goats, food supplies, and regular follow-up visits that have strengthened their resilience through difficult times - particularly during the rainy season, when food becomes scarce and they live on rice only, surviving well below the poverty line.









Story continued

Mariama also lives with a disability caused by an untreated childhood fracture. Despite this, she radiates optimism. “My deepest wish is that Boubakar will one day be able to walk.”

Now, their family feels more supported and accepted than ever before. “We’ve really felt strong support and a clear change in our lives,” Mariama said. “I am so happy to see my brother in his chair, moving around freely. I thank the sponsors and World Vision for this remarkable support and pray for the success of all their projects.”

Thanks to child sponsorship, Boubakar and Mariama’s story has become one of hope, inclusion, and dignity restored — a powerful reminder that when communities open their hearts, children’s lives can change forever.



Story continued

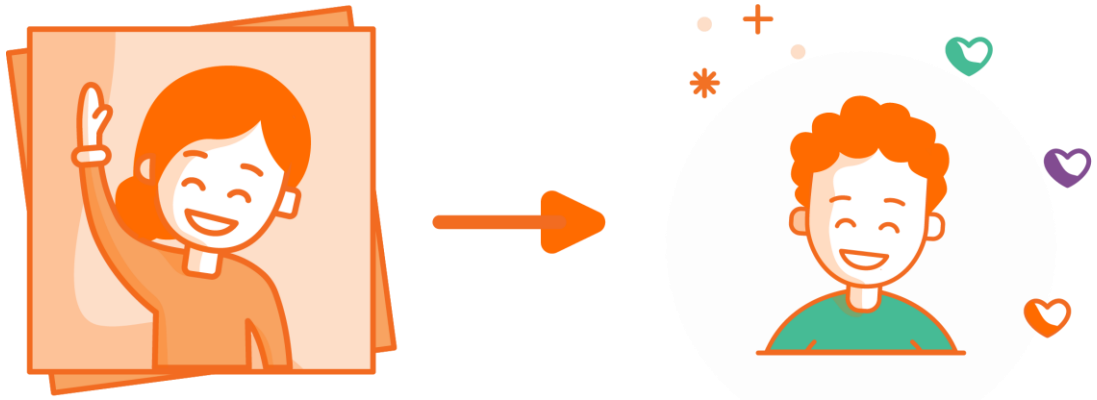


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WHY CHILD SPONSORSHIP?

Child sponsorship is the backbone of our community development approach. It helps families and community leaders establish sustainable access to life's essentials — building a healthy environment where all children have the opportunity grow, thrive, and reach their God-given potential.

The following report highlights specific ways your church's sponsorship funds have combined with other donors' giving to impact children. Remember, these are more than just numbers. These are real people that Jesus loves dearly!



YOU

YOUR SPONSORED CHILD

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HOW CHILD SPONSORSHIP WORKS

Vulnerable children are nominated by people in their community for the sponsorship program. Each boy or girl is matched with only one sponsor. This one-to-one connection is a powerful way to share God's love.

Monthly sponsorship gifts are combined with other donations to invest in locally tailored solutions, ensuring long-term access to essentials for your sponsored child, their families, and other vulnerable kids.

Our in-country staff connect with local leaders and parents to determine their unique needs, then partner with them on solutions like clean water, education, economic empowerment, and more. Our aim is to equip people with the tools and knowledge they need to lift themselves out of poverty.

COMBINED SPONSORSHIPS FROM YOUR CHURCH EMPOWERS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY



FOLLOWING JESUS' MISSION IS OUR MISSION

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SEEING VULNERABLE CHILDREN THROUGH THE EYES OF JESUS

When we do this, we see each person's God-given potential. That drives us to serve the most vulnerable in the places where it's hardest to be a child.

JESUS INTENDS FULLNESS OF LIFE FOR EVERY PERSON

That's why we address both physical and spiritual roots of poverty, working toward restoration and wholeness on every level. Our biblically based programs lead pastors, community leaders, parents, and caregivers to apply scriptural truths to the key issues facing their community.



Every year:

- We equip **50,000+ pastors and church leaders** around the globe with resources and training to strengthen their ministries.
- **4+ million people** around the world participate in or benefit from our Christian discipleship programs.

A BOLD COMMITMENT

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Your church's sponsorship funds are helping reach a bold commitment to empower 300 million people by 2030 with life, hope, and a future in the name of Jesus Christ.

LIFE

- Water
- Health

HOPE

- Child Protection
- Christian Discipleship
- Emergency Response

FUTURE

- Economic Empowerment
- Education

Thanks to God and His power, we know that when believers come together, we can make a lasting difference — equipping children and families to free themselves from extreme poverty.

We firmly believe that God "is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20, NIV).

LIFE

WATER

Your church's investment through sponsorship helps establish lasting access to clean water, improve sanitation, and support people to adopt healthy hygiene behaviors. The result is fewer life-threatening diseases, more time for children's education and women's economic opportunities, and a healthier community.

HEALTH

Your church's support is helping save the lives of moms and kids! Together, we're improving health centers and training and equipping community health workers to prevent and treat diseases in hard-to-reach communities.



HOPE

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CHILD PROTECTION

All children are a precious gift from God and deserve a childhood free from violence and exploitation — one in which they're nurtured and encouraged to become the unique person God has created them to be. With your help, we're equipping children, families, communities, and local partners to address the root causes of violence against children.

CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them" (Matthew 19:14). Your church is helping teach parents and caregivers parenting principles that reflect Scripture, training pastors and local leaders, and strengthening children's and youth ministries with Bibles and teacher training.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

When disaster or conflict strikes, together we can be bearers of Jesus' love to a hurting world. With a presence in nearly 100 countries, we're uniquely situated to respond to any humanitarian emergency, anywhere in the world — protecting lives, restoring dignity, and renewing hope.



FUTURE

ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

The majority of people worldwide living in extreme poverty are rural farmers. Your church's sponsorships are helping equip people with the tools and training they need to lift their families and communities out of poverty and reach their God-given potential.

EDUCATION

Together, we're able to invest in the futures of vulnerable children — equipping them with skills that will last for a lifetime. Your support helps address barriers to learning as we also work to improve the quality of education children receive.



Lour/Ribot, Senegal

Progress Summary

God is moving in the Lour/Ribot community of Senegal, where churches and families are joining hands to help children flourish. Families are experiencing healthier living as clean water, good hygiene, and improved health services become more accessible. Through learning, skill-building, and economic strengthening, families are building a hopeful, sustainable future. Local churches are investing in the spiritual growth of children and inspiring families to live out Christ-like compassion. Pastors and ministry volunteers are guiding children in truth and hope, supporting faith that shapes their futures. Together, these efforts are nurturing a brighter, hope-filled future for children in Lour/Ribot.

Lour/Ribot, Senegal

LIFE

Health

- 100% of community health committees we are working with addressed some of root health issues that moms and children face, helping to improve their lives.
- 100% of people in the last six months started family planning for the first time after a visit by a community health worker, helping to improve the health of moms and babies.
- 267 malnourished children under age 5 joined a feeding program, giving them highly nutritious food to help them recover.
- 207 severely malnourished children under age 5 were treated at a health facility, helping them to get the special care they need to recover.
- 624 severely malnourished children under age 5 were supported to start treatment at home, to help them make a full recovery.
- 100% of trained community health workers are actively identifying malnourished children, helping more children to get the treatment they need sooner.

Lour/Ribot, Senegal

LIFE

Water

- 5 committees learned how to manage, maintain, and repair their local water source, helping children and their families to have clean, disease-free water for the long term.
- 82 new taps were installed at schools from clean water systems, so students and staff can drink clean, disease-free water.
- 5 schools now have at least one handwashing station that people with limited mobility can use, helping to keep more students and staff safer from diseases.

Lour/Ribot, Senegal

HOPE

Child Protection

- 100% of volunteers we trained led community sessions on how to engage with the government, empowering people to fight for their rights.
- 100% of child protection community groups have a joint plan to strengthen child protection measures, helping to keep more children safe.
- 25 community members were given information about World Vision and our work for children, empowering them to share their feedback with us.

Lour/Ribot, Senegal

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FUTURE

Education

- 450 highly vulnerable children received education support from us, like school supplies, bags, uniforms or assistive devices like wheelchairs, to help them go to school and reach their full potential.

Economic Empowerment

- 1089 women and men learned about running a business, empowering people to earn a living and meet their family's needs.
- 305 savings groups are running in the community, empowering members to save money, earn interest, access loans, and better provide for their children.
- 7625 women and men are active members of a local savings group, helping them provide for their children, now and in the future.
- 305 savings groups kept a social fund that they contribute to and manage, to help members and children in need.
- 10 adults and youth were trained in technical or practical job skills and trades, helping them to increase their job options and earn a living.
- 23 new savings groups were started, helping moms and dads to provide for their children, now and in the future.
- 2183 community members took part in training to help them realize their potential, building their confidence and empowering them to stand on their own two feet.

Lour/Ribot, Senegal

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FUTURE

Economic Empowerment

- 27593 children have caregivers who participate in our programs that help them secure their livelihoods and earn more income, empowering families to provide for their children's daily needs.
- 88% of savings group members were trained in financial skills, such as household budgeting and saving, helping them to provide for their children's and household needs.
- 1304 community members learned how to manage their family income and expenses, helping them to budget, save, and provide for their children's needs.
- 27593 children have a parent or caregiver who is part of a savings group, helping caregivers to provide for their children's daily needs.

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World Vision U.S. President and CEO

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