

Our Focus:

Three prevailing movements underpin the Mercy Girl Effect:

- Education and Raising Awareness of the situation of girls worldwide.
- Action Project focusing on educating girls in schools run by the Sisters of Mercy in the developing world.
- Leadership and Skills Training during our annual workshop held each year in Philadelphia.



From Philadelphia to Sudan

**“USE YOUR VOICE
AND YOU CAN
AFFECT CHANGE”**

Melinda Gates

“LET US ENCOURAGE THE
GENEROSITY WHICH IS TYPICAL
OF THE YOUNG AND HELP
THEM TO WORK ACTIVELY IN
BUILDING
A BETTER WORLD.
YOUTH DO NOT SOLELY NEED
MATERIAL THINGS. ABOVE ALL,
THEY NEED TO HAVE THOSE
NON-MATERIAL VALUES WHICH
ARE THE SPIRITUAL HEART
OF A PEOPLE... SPIRITUALITY,
GENEROSITY, SOLIDARITY,
PERSEVERANCE, FRATERNITY,
AND JOY.”

Pope Francis

**“MERCY IS THE NAME OF
GOD. WE ARE THE AGENTS OF
CHANGE. IF YOU DON'T DO THIS
WORK, WHO WILL?”**

Pope Francis

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MERCY GIRL EFFECT



**“THE FUTURE OF OUR
WORLD IS ONLY AS BRIGHT
AS THE FUTURE OF
OUR GIRLS.”**

Michelle Obama



What is the Mercy Girl Effect?

The Mercy Girl Effect is a “mercying” movement which began over 25 years ago when high schools in the USA formed a coalition, bringing together schools from across the country to share ideas and the Mercy. Over 12 years ago, we rebranded ourselves to become **The Mercy Girl Effect**. **The Mercy Girl Effect** is about developing and empowering young female leaders to understand our world and their place as Mercy women to become agents of change.

The Mercy Girl Effect is a Non- Government Organization in consultative status with the UN working group on Girls. Our main focus is about empowering the girl-child and, as research can testify, educating young girls is one of the greatest privileges and challenges of our time.



For over 12 years, **The Mercy Girl Effect** has collaborated with Mercy Sisters around the globe making a difference one child at a time!

We built a small school in Cambodia after the war and genocide; provided bicycles as transportation for children in rural areas; built a school in Nuba, Sudan and when the school was bombed **we re-built it!**

We provided the means to build a small second-level school in Zambia and a small school/community center in Nigeria, as well as providing scholarships, a food kitchen and refurbishing a library in Kenya.

To paraphrase Catherine McAuley

“NO WORK OF MERCY CAN BE MORE PRODUCTIVE OF GOOD TO SOCIETY THAN THE CAREFUL INSTRUCTION OF GIRLS.”

When Boko Haram forced the Sisters and over 1000 families to uproot and leave their homes in North Eastern Nigeria, we worked with Sisters on the ground and provided small mud homes.

The Mercy Girl Effect is a Global Mercy Network and our passion is educating, enabling and empowering each other through inter-connection and collaboration based on the belief that

“THOSE WHOM WE THINK WE ARE LIBERATING ARE IN FACT OUR LIBERATORS. WE CANNOT BE LIBERATED WITHOUT THEM.”

Marie Chin RSM

