



Starfish Kids: New Look, Same Mission

The look is new but the mission is the same - through generous sponsors, school fees, books, and supplies are provided for children in Haiti to be able to attend school. The bonus is sponsored children also hear about Jesus in their Christian school and are required to attend church regularly to disciple them and further their spiritual growth.

In 2020, Mercy, inc. was asked to take on the administration of Starfish Kids. Prior to that, Gwen Pinkerton (left) and Janeen Aspden (right) worked together to administer the program.



Gwen was stateside while Janeen lived and taught school in Haiti.



As of January 2021, Cindy Lenker has returned as the coordinator of Starfish Kids. **Many thanks** to Gwen and Janeen for their faithful service to the children of Haiti.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.
Colossians 3:17

Thank you Faithful Sponsors



The enclosed vinyl sticker is a small token of appreciation to our many faithful sponsors. Without your commitment to Starfish Kids we cannot continue to bless the children of Haiti.

What's ahead for Starfish Kids?

- Connecting with current donors and reconnecting with former donors
- With God's help, expand the program to reach more children with educational and gospel opportunities
- Reinstigate the feeding program (one school at a time)
- Launch SFK Champions Program

The Champion Program seeks individuals to become the "go to" person in their church or community to promote Starfish Kids, provide connection opportunities with the goal of seeking new donors, and provide information and answer questions for current and potential donors.

For more information on becoming a Starfish Kids Champion, contact Cindy Lenker at Starfish@mercycompassion.org

Have you made the switch?

Thank you to those who have already switched their monthly giving from OMS to Mercy, inc.

Although it adds another item on your to do list, the best way to ensure donors receive up-to-date announcements, mailings, giving records, student reports, and program information is for donors to make the switch. Whether you give by check, e-Check, or credit card, the switch is easy, just follow the simple instructions below.

By Check:

Mail your **check** (note Starfish in memo line) to:

Mercy, inc.
PO Box 20012
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By eCheck (ACH or EFT):

1. Login to your OMS donor account at www.onemissionsociety.org and cancel your reoccurring transaction.
2. Mail a voided check indicating how much you'd like to deduct monthly and note your student ID# (if known). We can set it up from there. (Please provide an email and phone number if there are follow-up questions).

By Credit Card:

1. Go to <https://donorbox.org/starfishkids>, select "card" or "bank transfer" and follow the prompts to set up your donation. If you have your student ID#, please include it in the comment section.

If you have questions contact Cindy Lenker at starfish@mercycompassion.org.

From the Starfish Kids Desk:

Just imagine how excited I was to be invited to share about Starfish Kids at a small gathering of mission-minded women a few weeks ago! Telling stories and experiences from Haiti and talking about how much being a Starfish Kids sponsor has impacted my life (as well as my students' life) reminded me of how important it is to be God's people in both word and deed! At this event I met another Cindy who had the idea of providing the "wordless book" bracelets to children in Haiti. Since we plan to be in Haiti later this month the timing was perfect to be able to gift children with these bracelets and share the valuable, life-changing message they represent. Cindy contacted me February 8, to let me know their group has made 1,600 bracelets with more on the way. **God is good!**



Our current plan is to be in Haiti February 25—March 11, with the goal of visiting as many Starfish schools as possible to gather information and get school updates and photos of students. During these visits we will also distribute the bracelets and share the gospel story to as many children as God brings to us.

Please pray for our trip. We are asking for God's safety, discernment, and perfect timing. Haiti is currently experiencing political unrest which could impact our ability to travel into Haiti, as well as our opportunity to visit schools which currently are closed in some areas of the country. Thank you in advance for your prayers.



Visit and LIKE our Facebook page (Starfish Kids—Mercy, inc.) for updates during the trip. Who knows, maybe you'll catch a glimpse of your Starfish kid!



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In His Service,
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