## Changing the World for Children: A Call to Action for a Brighter Future



Children are the future of our world, and they deserve the best possible start in life. Unfortunately, millions of children around the world face challenges that threaten their health, well-being, and education. These challenges include poverty, hunger, disease, lack of access to education, and discrimination.

#### The Challenges Children Face

**Poverty** is one of the biggest challenges facing children today. More than 600 million children live in extreme poverty, which means they live on less

than \$1.90 per day. Poverty deprives children of basic necessities like food, water, and shelter, and it can also lead to poor health, malnutrition, and stunted growth.



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**Hunger** is another major issue affecting children. An estimated 155 million children under the age of five are stunted due to malnutrition. Hunger can lead to a variety of health problems, including cognitive impairment, developmental delays, and increased risk of disease.

**Disease** is a leading cause of death among children. In 2019, more than 5 million children under the age of five died from preventable or treatable diseases. These diseases include pneumonia, diarrhea, malaria, and measles.

**Lack of access to education** is another major challenge facing children. An estimated 263 million children of primary school age are out of school.

Lack of access to education deprives children of the opportunity to learn and develop skills that will help them succeed in life.

**Discrimination** is another issue that children face. Children who are discriminated against often experience bullying, harassment, and violence. Discrimination can also lead to lower self-esteem and a reduced sense of belonging.

#### What Can We Do to Help?

There are many things we can do to help create a better world for children. Here are a few ideas:

- Donate to charities that support children. There are many organizations working to help children around the world. By donating to these organizations, you can help them provide food, water, shelter, education, and other essential services to children in need.
- Volunteer your time to help children. You can volunteer your time at a local soup kitchen, homeless shelter, or after-school program. By volunteering your time, you can make a difference in the lives of children in your community.
- Speak out about the challenges facing children. Let your elected officials know that you support policies that help children. You can also write letters to the editor and post on social media about the importance of investing in children.
- Be a positive role model for children. Children learn by watching the adults in their lives. By being a positive role model for children, you can help them learn how to be kind, compassionate, and respectful.

Children are our future, and it is our responsibility to ensure they have the opportunity to thrive. By working together, we can create a world where all children have access to the food, water, shelter, education, and health care they need to reach their full potential.



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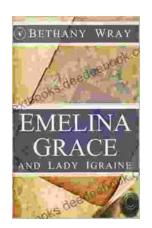
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