

Advocating for the right of every child to a safe, permanent, and loving family.



## *Know The Question.*



Who will tuck them in at night?

**132,700,000—Orphans and vulnerable children.**

Who will dry their tears?

*If all the world's orphans and vulnerable children lived in one country, it would be the 9th largest country in the world.*

Who will walk them down the aisle?

There are an estimated **510,000 children in the U.S. foster care system.**

According to a survey of U.S. foster youth, **25% reported that they had been homeless** at least one night within 2.5 to 4 years after exiting foster care.

**In Africa, 5,760 children become orphans every day.**

While there is evidence that both domestic adoption and foster-care are on the increase in Russia, many children remain in the orphanages **with 10% committing suicide** after emancipation.

Children living **outside of permanent parental care are:**

- **More likely** to be recruited as **CHILD SOLDIERS**
- More likely to become **victims of sex trafficking**
- **More likely** to **use illegal drugs**
- More likely to **become VICTIMS of violent crime**
- More likely to **commit SUICIDE**



Who will mark their graves?

**An Orphan:** a child who is living outside of permanent parental care.

A child is considered **vulnerable** when they are at risk of living outside of permanent parental care.

Institutionalized children entering family care before 24 months of age display significant improvement in IQ. Children entering family care after 24 months of age display only a slight improvement in IQ.