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We Are So Lucky

Dana Reinke shares why her family chooses to give to Global Friends

sharing one world

"We are so lucky. I've known that for a long time," says Dana Reinke. "I get to live the life I do because of where I was born and who I was born to."

Being lucky is a gift. Making a conscious and compassionate decision to share that luck with those less fortunate is a deliberate decision. A decision that Dana and her husband, Kerry, made following a visit to an impoverished school during a family vacation. Dana says seeing the stark contrast she witnessed between the pristine, all-inclusive resort where they were staying and a local school they visited was life-changing. The school had outdoor bathrooms, classrooms crowded with 50 or more students, children wearing tattered clothes, and not enough pencils to go around.

The Reinke family is Dana, her husband Kerry, and their three children, Charlotte, Carson and Peyton. They have been supporting Global Friends since 2016. Their gifts have enabled the foundation to build 8 classrooms in Uganda and provide multi-year scholarships for four children in Tanzania.

Their donations are already having an effect on dozens of children but the deep and lasting impact of these gifts will come years from now when thousands of children are educated in the classrooms and through the scholarships the Reinke's provided the funding to support. When we consider how communities will be transformed because of the contributions made to those children, we are excited, inspired and humbled by the reach the Reinke's generosity will have. Countless young people can now imagine -- and will actually live -- their futures educated and free of at least some of the most crippling barriers of extreme poverty.

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When asked why the Reinke's chose to support Global Friends, Dana explains that it was because of her husband, who plays baseball with the husband of Global Friends founder, Catherine Mulvale. "Kerry is a very generous



Donations from the Reinke family, Dana, Kerry, and their three children, Charlotte, Carson and Peyton have provided the funding to build 8 classrooms in Uganda and support several multi-year scholarships for children in Tanzania. Pictured above are the happy, thankful, educated children of Katulaga Primary School in Uganda.

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Dana and Kerry Reinke with their children (right to left) Carson, Charlotte and Peyton.



man and he likes to solve problems,” says Dana. “He liked Catherine and as we learned more about the organization, we realized how much the money our family donated could do. We were overwhelmed.” Dana says the amount they give is not so much that it hurts and that knowing it can do so much more for those who need it is gratifying. Supporting those less fortunate is simply a part of who the Reinke’s are.

Throughout our discussion, Dana’s commitment to motherhood – for her own children and those of the world -- is evident. “I want the children we support to know that I am in a lot of ways just like their own moms. I love my kids and do whatever I can for them. I think it’s important that the vulnerable children we support know that somebody loves them.”

We asked Dana if she would ever want to meet the children her family is supporting. Her response was unequivocal, “Absolutely! If we are to have an impact on those we support, then we must let them have an impact on us too. Any charitable work has more meaning when there is a personal connection.” “I want my kids to take from our experience with Global Friends what I’ve always wanted for them,” Dana summarizes for us. “I want them to grow up

knowing how lucky they are and knowing that each of us can make a difference in this world.”

We couldn’t agree with Dana more. We are indeed very lucky. We are also very proud to have the Reinke family embracing the Global Friends vision of sharing one world with such enthusiasm, pragmatism and compassion. Our heartfelt thanks go out to each member of the Reinke family.



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The incredible transformation of Katulaga Primary School in Uganda from a crumbling shell to a beautiful, bright education centre for thousands of children thanks to the generous support of the Reinke Family. A second block is coming in 2019.