

Closer to Zero

Thanks to the generosity of everyone who has donated to UNICEF through Project Edan and to the continuing efforts and support of the Peter Wingfield Fan Club, we are making a difference in the lives of children. UNICEF has just released a report with new figures showing that the number of children under the age of five dying each day has significantly dropped from 25,500 three years ago to 24,000 today. Statistics tend to be clinical and antiseptic, but it is hard to ignore the real world implications of these numbers – 1,500 more children are alive every single day! This is remarkable progress in the fight for child survival and proves that UNICEF's comprehensive strategies and interventions are clearly making an impact. From measles campaigns in Pakistan to emergency therapeutic food in Ethiopia; from tetanus vaccination in Indonesia to well drilling in Sudan; from hurricane relief in Haiti to anti-malarial net distribution in Nigeria – UNICEF continues to reach out to children.

There is a direct line between your contributions and every child whose life has been saved. Each dollar you've contributed has made a difference. Ree and I would like to join the Wingfields in expressing our sincere gratitude to each and every one of you – this announcement is not just UNICEF news, it's your news. Thank you for Believing in Zero!

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