**Children Without Beds – Corporate Script.**

Vincent Van Gogh once said, “Great things are done by a series of small things brought together.” Children Without Beds is doing GREAT things.

Tracy Chmlecki is the founder of Children Without Beds. Tracy has been involved with ministry to children for over 20 years. While helping children, as part of an outreach to kids living in low income apartments, Tracy quickly saw firsthand how great the need was in those neighborhoods.

One day, while taking part in an Atlanta outreach, Tracy’s life would be forever changed. Tracy met Samisha, a single mom, who desperately needed furniture. Tracy collected donations of furniture for Samisha and her daughter. As Tracy was bringing the furniture into Samisha’s house, several kids from the neighborhood, offered to help.

As they brought in the furniture, the kids let Tracy know they didn’t have beds either. One girl took Tracy to her house to see her bedroom. The “bed” consisted of cushions from a worn couch, along with tattered sheets and blankets. The girl’s clothes were on the floor, because she had no where to place them. It was then that Tracy knew she must do something to help.

According to Parents Magazine, these are the Top 7 Reasons Kids Need Sleep.

1. Sleep promotes growth.
2. Sleep helps the heart.
3. Sleep affects weight.
4. Sleep helps beat germs.
5. Sleep reduces injury risk.
6. Sleep increases attention span.
7. Sleep boosts learning.

Therefore, when kids don’t get enough sleep, they run the risk of weight gain, moodiness (including anxiety and depression), trouble in school, accidents and bad judgment.

According to Mattress Advisor, 22% of the kids in America live below the poverty line. That means 1 in 5 kids live in poverty and many of them have care givers who cannot afford beds.

Children Without Beds provides children with a new bed frame, mattress, box spring, water proof/bed bug proof mattress cover, comforter with sheet set and pillows.

What are we asking of you? We are asking you to help provide beds for children whose families cannot afford them. We are asking you to help kids get the sleep they need so they can grow as they should; physically, mentally, emotionally, intellectually.

We are asking you to think about how much you enjoy sleeping in your own bed. After a good night’s sleep, are you better able to focus, discuss, lead, create? Your monetary donation will provide this same opportunity to children, so one day, they can be exactly where you are today.