**Children Without Beds – Heartfelt/Website Script.**

If you want to know how valuable children are, just ask some of our world’s greatest leaders. United States President, John F. Kennedy once said, “Children are the world’s most valuable resource and it’s best hope for the future.” South African President, Nelson Mandela said, “Children are our greatest treasure. They are our future.”

Unfortunately, in many communities, the future seems uncertain for children. As the founder of Children Without Beds, Tracy Chmlecki quickly found out, our communities lack the basic needs that are so important for survival.

The story of Children Without Beds begins with Tracy taking part in a church ministry focused on kids in Atlanta. During her time doing this ministry, Tracy had seen the need in the neighborhood. She had seen poorly dressed kids, kids who had not eaten, homes that had broken windows or bullet holes in the windows or in the doors. Tracy longed to do more for these neighborhoods than simply visit once a month.

One day during outreach in Atlanta, Tracy met Samisha, a single mom, who desperately needed furniture. After hearing Samisha’s story, Tracy collected donations of furniture for her and her daughter. As Tracy was bringing the furniture into Samisha’s home, 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. They asked her if she could help get them some beds, like she helped Samisha and her daughter. One girl invited Tracy to come to her house and see her bedroom. What Tracy saw brought her to tears.

The “bed” consisted of cushions from a worn couch. The couch was so old that the rest of it was on its way to the dumpster. The couch cushions were covered with a tattered sheet and blanket and the little girl had one small pillow, which was very dirty. The girl’s clothes were on the floor, because she had nowhere to place them. Tracy knew, in that moment, she HAD to do something to help these kids.

Tracy’s first thought was to do a bed drive, but God kept speaking with her about creating a non-profit organization which would help children whose living situations were similar to the little girl. This is how Children Without Beds was born.

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. They do this, because when a child gets a good night’s sleep, it changes their whole world; physically, mentally, emotionally and intellectually.

You know where you will be sleeping tonight. Please donate to Children Without Beds and give a child that same peace of mind. All donations are tax deductible.