



## OUR TEAM OF KIDS

# Newsletter 2019

by Mike and Amanda

We are so grateful and thrilled that God has allowed us to put together our fourth newsletter, sorry it has taken so long. We want to update everyone on what is happening with Every Child Matters.

First, we would like to say a special thank you to all our Sponsors. We thank each one of them for hearing God's call for this mission, and for stepping forward in faith to truly make a difference. We also thank each of our core team members for their commitment and dedication in helping us to keep ECM running smoothly.

This newsletter is for everyone. You may already know about our program, and would just like to

know what is happening. Or you maybe you are new to all of this, and are wondering what this program is all about. Hopefully we can answer both of these questions.

The driving force for this program is our Mission Statement, which is as follows:

*There are so many underprivileged children right here in our own backyard that need help, either spiritually, emotionally, or financially. Children need good role models and people to look up to. They need to feel like they belong, and that they have something to offer. They need a positive, structured environment, and good social skills. They need to know that God loves them, and that He*

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has a plan for their life! *Every Child Matters* was formed to specifically meet these needs.



## Co-Founders

Hi! This is Mike and Amanda! We are so excited to see God working all around us. And we thank Him every day for the opportunities that He has provided through this program. Lives are being changed. Come and join us on this journey.



## What's been happening?

So we have some exciting new things to tell you. Since our last newsletter a lot has changed. We are officially a nonprofit 501-c3 organization. Through generous donations, we are now officially insured. We can now reach more lives. We have 17 children in our program and 16 sponsors, and are looking for more every day. ECM is thriving! We are so blessed to have everyone's love and support. We have been able to take several of our children to Disney World on a day trip. They absolutely loved it. We have been encouraging our kids to give back to the community. The ECM children are all thriving. We have seen such a big difference in so many ways. We have some kids who are doing great in school, getting all A's and B's on their report card. Some have even made the honor roll. Two of the ECM kids received a third grade bible at church, and others went through the confirmation process. We have taken our kids to the beach a few times. This is an opportunity for all our sponsors and kids to get to know each other. We can't believe we are approaching our five years anniversary of ECM in August. Let's be honest. It's not easy. But as Mike always says, if it's easy everyone would do it. Being a sponsor is challenging yet rewarding all at the same time. As a program we have to face a lot of challenges, whether it be

with the children's behavior, lack of sponsors, or having financial struggles. Every time God has been there for our sponsors, our children, and our program. We are truly blessed. If you feel GOD is calling you to be a part of our family, please check us out at:

*Website: [everychildmatters.com](http://everychildmatters.com)*

*Email: [everychildmatters@aol.com](mailto:everychildmatters@aol.com)*

*Love and God Bless.*

*Mike and Amanda*

## Upcoming Events

The following events are being planned for the upcoming months. Please check back on these as we are always adding something new and exciting!

- ECM Christmas party Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Park clean up January 2020
- ECM annual garage sale Apr 11<sup>th</sup>

## Our Future

The future of Every Child Matters is bright. We see GOD doing some amazing work. In the near future, we hope to expand into other churches in our area to try and gain more sponsors. We are also hoping to have 25 children in the program by next year. We are excited for the future and know that GOD has amazing plans for us. We do ask for your continued

love, prayers, and support as we begin expanding our program. We do need donations to help keep ECM going. We have no overhead and all the money goes right back into helping our children. If you're interested in donating to help us continue GODS work, please make your check out to Every Child Matters.

## A note from Fernando

(Fernando is one of our ECM kids) Hi everyone! If you don't already know me, I'm Fernando Henrice. I'm 11 years old, and I have been in ECM for 5 years now. I would like to take this time to thank my wonderful sponsors Mrs. Bobbie and Mr. Carlos. I would be nowhere without you guys, and everyone that has helped me over the past few years. Mrs. Bobbie would sit with me and help me with my homework and would never get frustrated with me when I was distracted. Even though you aren't my biological mom I feel like I belong to you like I belong to your family. You have accepted me for me and have never wanted me to change. Thank you for always being there when I needed to talk. Even though I don't always make good choices and often get into trouble, you are always there for me and never give up on me. I have felt so loved over the last 5 years, I don't know where I would be without you guys, I know you guys will be leaving soon, I didn't think I would be able to do this without you guys and I know that no matter where you go you will

always be by my side and there for me. You know how much I love you guys, thank you again for a wonderful 5 years. LOVE YOU GUYS SO MUCH.

## Our Team

The following individuals have played a key role in helping us bring this mission to reality!

- ✚ Pat Beers
- ✚ Carol Donmez
- ✚ Denise Fatigate
- ✚ Andrhea Kittredge
- ✚ Jan Hameister
- ✚ Makenna Kruse

## Some Photos



## We are sad to say goodbye

We are sad to say we will be losing two of our sponsors. Bobbie and Carlos Haggler are moving this coming January. The Hagglers have been with ECM and their sponsor child since day one. They have done nothing but loved and supported their child through these last five years. We are sad to see them go and will cherish the time we have spent with them over the years. We are asking for your prayers as they embark on this new journey. We are also asking you to keep their sponsor child in your prayers. He is currently transitioning to a new sponsor. We have seen him thrive over the last 5 years, and we credit that to all his sponsors have done. We can't wait to see what God has in store for him.

