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The Importance of Children's Education

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Millions of children are not getting the education that they need. This makes it almost impossible to get a good, high paying job. Many good careers require you to know how to read, spell, and do math. Of the world's 787 million children, 8% of them are not in school because they do not have the opportunity and resources to. Altogether there are 58.4 million kids who are not being educated globally. Many of these kids are poor, and do not have the money to go to a good school. That is why we need to be donating our money and time to this matter.

Charities like (SFS), Scholarship and Financial support, (YEPS), Youth Education Programs and Services, and (SE) ,Special education (for kids who are gifted or have disabilities) ,are some great charities to donate to. Even if you are not able to donate money, you can host fundraisers, volunteer to help at the school , or even bring food to soccer games or any other school event.

School lunches are a big part of the donations. A lot of students rely on school lunches because they do not have enough money or time to make lunches from home. Approximately 60% of high school students do not eat breakfast in the morning. We should be donating food to school cafeterias so those who get to school early are able to eat. Studies by the Food Research and Action Center ,(FRAC) ,and the United States Department of Agriculture, (USDA) ,have proven that eating breakfast in the morning improves the student's behavior, performance, and grades.

Due to the pandemic these past 3 years, COVID 19 skyrocketed, resulting in online school for students. This really affected the way students learned. About $\frac{2}{3}$ of the students who were able to do online school dropped in academic performance. There are still about 965 schools in the US alone that are still doing online school due to COVID 19. Donations are very much needed for the students who do not have computers or any device that they could use for online meetings.

So far only 14% of donations go to children's education globally. If more people do not contribute to this cause, students all over the world will not be able to provide for themselves in the future. All careers require you to have at least some sort of education. If you donate to this cause, more children will have a chance to have a sustainable occupation.

In conclusion, we should be helping students get the education they need to succeed in life. Donations have made it possible for the students to get good

careers. Many of the students who received donations did increasingly better *in school*. The next time you're considering donating to something, I hope you think about the children in need of a good education. Education has given students across the world amazing opportunities in life, and I hope they continue to.

