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Title: Changing the World: One Child at a Time

Topic: Contributing to World Vision can help millions of children around the globe who face hunger and poverty.

Purpose: The purpose of this speech is to persuade my audience to donate to World Vision in order to combat hunger and poverty in the lives of children around the globe.

I. Introduction

- A. **Attention Getting Strategy:** According to the Honorable James T. Morris, Executive Director of the United Nations' World Food Program, in his statement before the United States Senate Committee on Foreign Relations dated May 11, 2004, "The life of a child is lost every 5 seconds because we have failed to end widespread hunger and malnutrition." (9).
- B. **Thesis Claim:** Since World Vision can help bring an end to the cycle of hunger and poverty that plagues millions of children, we as individuals should contribute to such a worthy cause.
- C. **Forecasting of Key Points:**
 - 1. First, we shall consider the impact of hunger and poverty around the world.
 - 2. Then, we will examine the ability of World Vision to combat these epidemics.
 - 3. Finally, we will see how World Vision has proven itself a reputable charity, worthy of our contribution.

(Transition) To fully understand the role of World Vision, we must first consider the need for the organization. We must attempt to grasp the magnitude of worldwide hunger and hunger-related issues.

II. Body

- D. **First,** let's consider the devastating impact of hunger and poverty around the world.
 - 1. According to the book *The Geopolitics of Hunger, 2000-2001*, compiled by Action Against Hunger, 800 million people worldwide suffer from malnutrition (245).
 - 2. Some place the number as high as 1.2 billion, as Gary Gardener and Brian Halweil do in *Underfed and Overfed: The Global Epidemic of Malnutrition*, published in 2000 (7).

- a. Furthermore, they argue that “poverty—rather than food shortages—is frequently the cause of hunger” (17).
 - b. DeRose, Messer, and Millman agree in their 1998 book *Who’s Hungry? And How Do We Know?*, saying, “World agriculture produces enough food calories to meet the energy needs of all the nearly 6 billion people who are alive today” (54).
3. The publication of the May 11, 2004 hearing before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, entitled *Saving Lives: The Deadly Intersection of AIDS and Hunger*, contends that hunger’s widespread impact is complicated by its prevalence among uneducated populations and its deadly correlation with the HIV/AIDS pandemic.

(Transition) Hunger is truly ravaging much of the world like a horrific plague, crippling entire countries with cycles of poverty, disease, and ignorance. This is where World Vision enters the scene.

E. **Second**, let’s examine the ability of World Vision to combat these epidemics.

1. Alan Whites records in the August 1999 issue of *Development in Practice* that Bob Pierce founded World Vision in 1950 in response to the suffering caused by the Korean War (412,422).
2. According to the Autumn 2005 *World Vision* publication, the organization has continued to fulfill its mission as a relief and development organization “dedicated to helping children and their communities worldwide reach their full potential by tackling the causes of poverty...regardless of a person’s religion, race, ethnicity, or gender” (2).
3. WorldVision.org reveals that World Vision is currently working to develop communities, provide disaster relief, and combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic in nearly 100 countries, including the United States.
4. Carol Jenkins, Director of Food Resources at World Vision, testified before the U.S. Senate Committee on Foreign Relations on May 11, 2004 that World Vision assists in third-world countries through a two-fold plan of action that seeks to help communities sustain themselves (90).
 - a. First, she states that HIV/AIDS-specific programming is developed in the areas of prevention, care, and advocacy (90).

(Transition) With such an impressive track record, it's easy to see why sponsorship through World Vision is an effective way for you and I to combat hunger.

III. In conclusion,

G. Review the Key Points: We have covered three main points this morning:

1. First, we considered the impact of world hunger and poverty.
2. Then, we examined the ability of World Vision to combat these epidemics
3. Finally, we studied how World Vision has proven itself a reputable charity, worthy of our contribution..

H. Representation of Thesis Claim. : Since World Vision can help bring an end to the cycle of hunger and poverty that plagues millions of children, we as individuals should contribute to such a worthy cause.

I. Call to Action: So I urge each of you to visit WorldVision.org and sign up to sponsor a child.

1. Get together with a friend, or your suitemates, and split the cost to make it even more affordable.
2. For less than the price of a tank of gas, you can change the world for a hurting child every month.

J. Memory Devise:

1. Every five seconds, a child dies from hunger-related diseases.
2. Ninety-six children have died since I began speaking.
3. Sponsor a child today because there is no time to waste.

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