

**Community Service 2011 Partner of the Week: Save the Children  
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**Save the Children Responds to U.S. Need Daily and in Times of Crisis**



*Je'Quan holds a book in his elementary school library in South Carolina. Save the Children organizes afterschool and summer literacy programs to help Je'Quan and thousands of other children in rural America become confident young readers. Photo credit: Gary Dowd for Save the Children.*

This spring, when entire Southeast towns were leveled by some of the deadliest tornadoes on record, Save the Children was there, working for the unmet needs of children.

In Alabama and Mississippi, Save the Children has served more than 6,000 kids by creating child-specific areas in community centers and distributing more than 350,000 diapers and other essentials. And Save the Children will be there with long-term programs, too, that support the emotional recovery for children and their caregivers as they rebuild their lives. Americans count on Save the Children during disasters; since Hurricane Katrina, Save the Children has served more than 200,000 families in crisis.



*A Save the Children staff member elicits a smile from Allan, 2, outside an emergency shelter in Alexandria, LA. Allen and his family had evacuated before Hurricane Gustav in 2008; Save the Children provided over 300 children at the shelter with “evacuation backpacks” filled with comforting items such as stuffed animals and flashlights. Photo credit: Susan Warner for Save the Children.*

Save the Children’s work is also about being present in the daily lives of children. In the United States, one in five children lives in poverty. Save the Children works to break the cycle of poverty and fights to ensure every child gets a fair chance in life through a quality education.

In 2010 alone, Save the Children’s education programs served more than 80,000 kids in 14 states. They are providing children from birth to age 12 with the stepping stones to a brighter future. Currently serving 128 schools, the kids in our programs achieve an 81-percent increase in reading at or above grade level. Last year, 84 percent of the youngest children scored at or above the normal range on a national vocabulary test.

Save the Children’s work in the United States is growing every year, providing more children with possibilities that will last a lifetime. To learn more about their U.S. work visit [www.savethechildren.org/usa](http://www.savethechildren.org/usa).

Congratulations Save the Children!