

Understanding U.S. Christian SUPPORT & PERCEPTIONS Based off the 2021 Barna study: Residential Care: U.S. Giving and Missions

of Orphanages







the world.

TAKE-AWAY

A considerable number of U.S. **Christians have** given their time, treasure, or talent toward supporting orphanages around the world.

What does that SUPPORT look like? >>

of survey respondents have given to residential care—



that's

BILLION PER YEAR

The projected amount of donations from Christian individuals, annually, to support residential care*

of respondents who have gone have visited an orphanage

on a mission trip

The projected number of Christians reporting to have gone on a trip to visit an orphanage or children's home

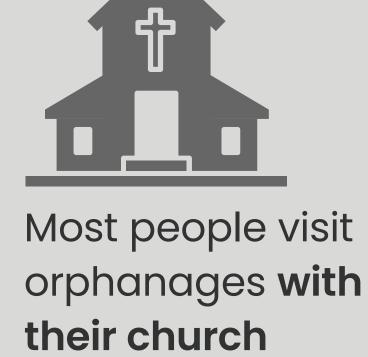


Giving by denomination:

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- **54%** Non-Mainline Christians 30% Catholics
 - 16% Mainline Christians
- Giving by age: **38%** Gen Z and Millennials **33%** Gen X
- **30%** Boomers and Elders Giving by race:
- 64% White 16% Black 14% Hispanic 4% Asian 3% Other
- Giving frequency: of supporters donate as regular, ongoing donations





of Christians interested in mission trips desire to visit an orphanage or children's home

*Reported giving to residential care globally and in the U.S.

FINDING



The U.S. Christian population is **not** well educated on best practices in orphan care.



TAKE-AWAY

U.S. Christians are in agreement that providing support for orphans and vulnerable children is important, but need more information about the available options to best care for these children.

What are the PERCEPTIONS? >>





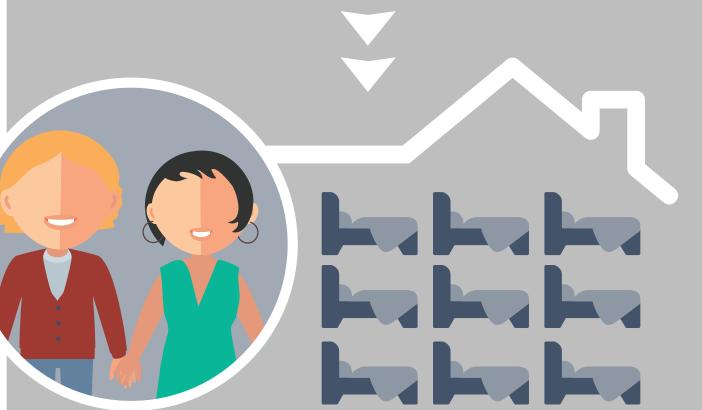
also believe a

family environment is essential The vast majority of respondents believe that

orphanages are necessary



Older generations are more favorable toward family structures ...



... while younger generations are more likely to feel positively about residential care



They are also more aware that poverty is a reason children are in orphanages

FINDING



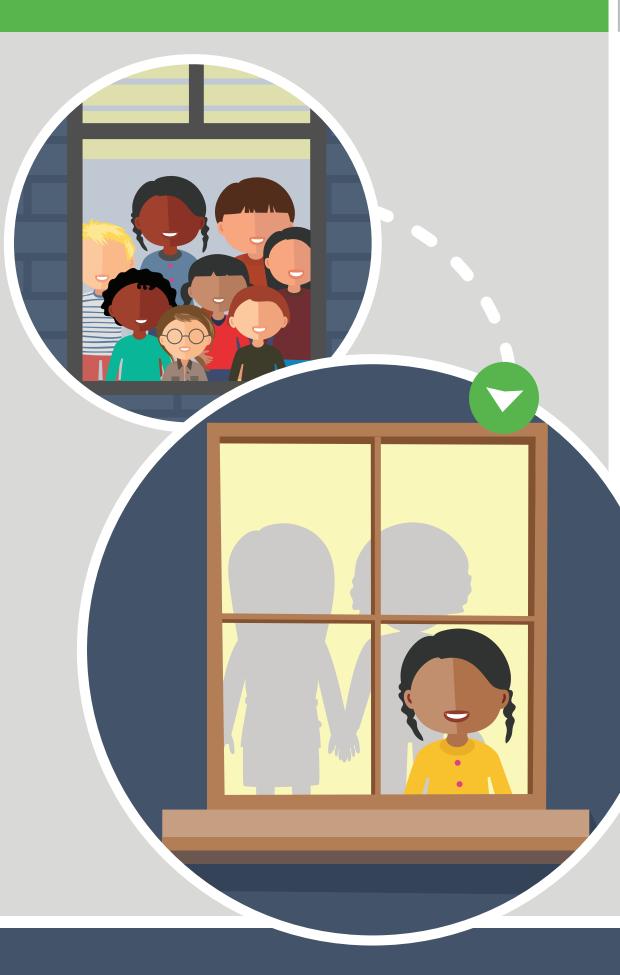
For U.S. Christian respondents, ending the need for orphanages around the world is inspiring, and a worthwhile goal.



Is it possible to change our PERCEPTIONS? >>

of Christians

surveyed feel inspired to make a change towards family care over residential care



81%

believe ending the need for orphanages is a worthwhile goal

TAKE-AWAY

If made aware of the importance of family care, U.S. Christians could play a vital role in shifting from supporting children in orphanages to supporting children in families.