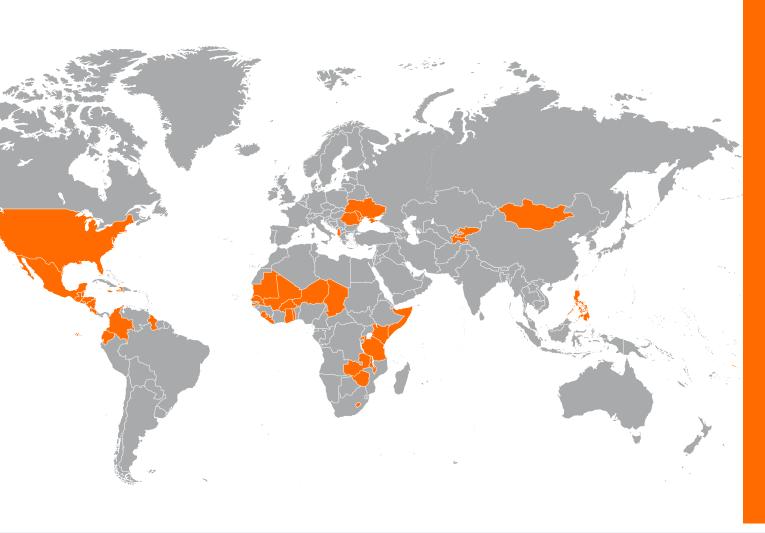


Increasing sustainability while impacting lives



Countries receiving donated Costco product

- •Albania •Belize
- •Burkina Faso
- •Chad
- •Columbia
- Costa Rica
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
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- Reliya
- Kyrgyzsi
- Lesotho
- Liberia
- Malawi
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- Mauritania
- Mexico
- Moldova
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- Niger
- ${\color{red} \bullet Philippines}$
- •Romania •Rwanda
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- •Sierra Leone
- •Somalia
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- Tajikistan
- •Togo
- •Ukraine
- United States
- •Zambia
- •Zimbabwe
- **Top 10 product categories donated by Costco**
- Appliances
- Baby diapers and
- supplies
 •Bicvcles
- •Building supplies
- Cleaning supplies
- •Food

- Household furniture and
- supplies
- Personal care items
- Recreational items
- •School and office
- supplies

Life cycle of returned items



Member Returns first-quality, undamaged product





Product
Shipped to a Costco
return center





Costco
Selects first-quality
products to donate



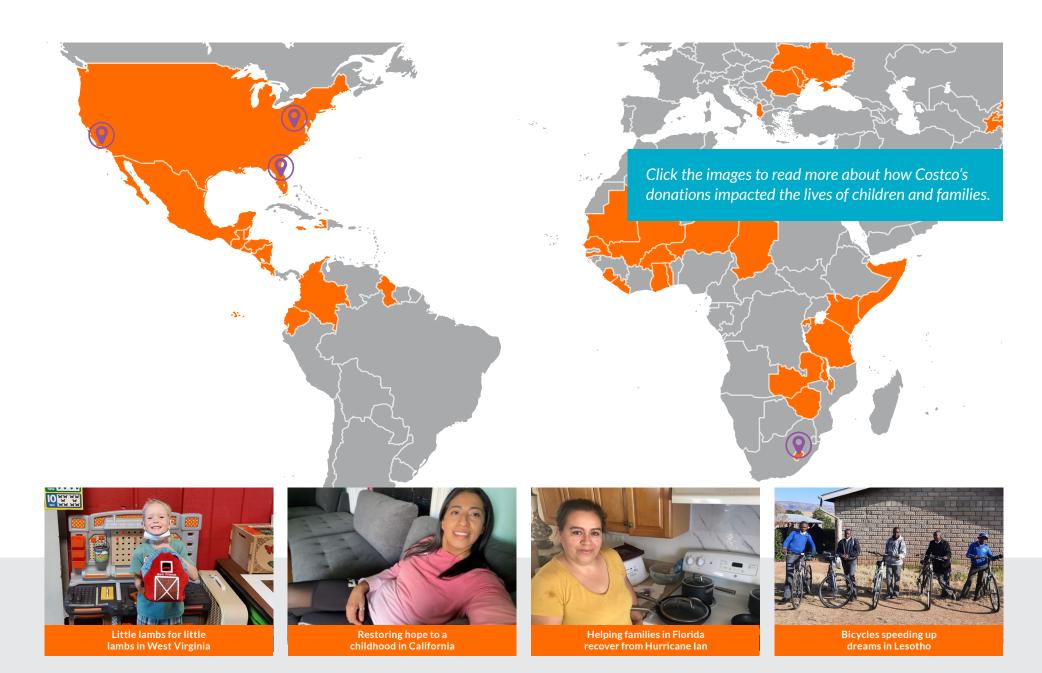


Donations
Sent to people in need locally and globally





Partnering together to serve the world



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Little lambs for little lambs in West Virginia

Many teachers confess that their classroom can seem like a zoo. But thanks to Costco donations, the classrooms at Feed My Sheep Christian School in West Virginia were like a well-run farm! These students in Appalachia received adorable Farm Plush toys to take home, where the stuffed animals are well loved by grateful kids. Struggling to recover from the pandemic and reeling from rising costs, the last few years have been challenging for schools and students alike. But these toys have been a ray of joy and hope for tired families and teachers. Feed My Sheep Christian School is a World Vision partner serving vulnerable children and families in one of the poorest areas of the U.S.





Restoring hope to a childhood in California

Dignity, pride, and hope. That's what the gift of furniture can feel like for a mom working hard to offer her daughter a better life. Juanita is a single mom who recently moved into a new place in **California**. The only furniture she owned? Two mattresses for her and her daughter. That's all. So imagine Juanita's joy when she could put together a beautiful home for her family! Thanks to Costco and World Vision's local distribution partner, Mayfair Seventh-day Adventist Church, Juanita received a lovely Costco living room set, dining room table, two queen bed frames, and a variety of essential household items like a crockpot, heater, toilet paper, and more. Gifts like these help transform homes AND lives.

Partnering together to serve the world

Helping families in Florida recover from Hurricane Ian

Picture this: A disaster has just destroyed your home and all your belongings. What would you do? Where would you stay? How would you go about rebuilding your life?

Families in southwest **Florida** know this scenario all too well. Many are still recovering following the devastation from **Hurricane lan** in September 2022.

Lydia and Claudia are sisters who'd been living in temporary housing for over four months since the storm. When they finally moved into their permanent residences, they had no furniture or accessories. Nothing to make a house into a home. But thanks to Costco and World Vision's local distribution partner, Benison Center, the sisters were able to receive a new sofa, entertainment center, kitchen table, bedroom set, pots, pans, dishes, and silverware. Volunteers from the Benison Center even came and assembled everything! It's proof that the worst storms can't stop good people from making a difference.





Bicycles speeding up dreams in Lesotho

In many rural parts of developing countries, students may be forced to drop out of school because they live too far away or risk dangers like violence or kidnapping while traveling long distances to class. But these students at **Bethel High School** in **Lesotho** can now tell a different story—one about how grateful they were to receive the gift of bicycles donated by Costco and distributed through World Vision!

Thanks to Costco, they now have a fast and reliable way to get to class—and have been given the precious gift of time for an education. Time to spend on building a better future for themselves and their families. The wheels are now in motion for these eager students to achieve their dreams—and you've been a part of this good news!

Did you know?

Costco donated over 16,000 bicycles and nearly 50,000 boxes of diapers to World Vision in 2023.

Together, World Vision and Costco are empowering vulnerable communities around the world.

Why are bicycles so important?

Bicycles are a form of recreation and sometimes transportation in the U.S. Yet in developing countries, bicycles are often the only form of transportation other than walking, especially in rural areas.

In many countries, young girls and boys have to walk for hours to reach the nearest school. Unfortunately, the children often drop out as parents feel their time would be better spent working and supplementing the family's income.

For vulnerable children living in remote villages, a bicycle can create new opportunities and change their future. A much quicker mode of transportation than walking, bicycles enable children to spend far less time traveling to and from school—and ensure they get home in time to help out their families.

(Source: World Vision)





Why are disposable diapers so important?

Few people realize that unlike other essentials such as food or health insurance, there is no federal assistance for purchasing diapers. SNAP (food stamps) and WIC (a supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children) do not cover diapers.

Nationally, low-income families spend nearly 14% of their monthly income on diapers. Many low-income parents stretch the time between diaper changes, which puts children at risk for painful rashes and infections. It's not surprising to learn that studies show that mothers who are unable to afford diapers for their babies are more likely to suffer from maternal depression and mental health issues.

Most childcare centers require a one-day supply of disposable diapers, which only compounds the problem. Low-income parents who can't afford to leave disposable diapers at daycare centers are then unable to access childcare, impeding their ability to go to work or attend school.

(Source: WestSide Baby)



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World Vision works in some of the world's toughest places, going beyond quick fixes to equip communities with comprehensive solutions like clean water, healthcare, education, and more.







We are the leading nongovernmental provider of clean water in the developing world.

We also support sanitation improvements and healthy hygiene behaviors that save kids' lives and help them thrive.

- World Vision is reaching one new person every 10 seconds and three more schools every day with clean water.
- In the last six years, World Vision has delivered clean water access to more than 25 million people, including 6-year-old Cheru in Kenya (Top middle column).

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