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- Laura Formentini writes about the positive transformation of the lives of once-sponsored children with support from Plan International USA ([www.planusa.org](http://www.planusa.org)).
- Stories will give a global perspective to the benefits of sponsorship in countries like Bangladesh, India and Nepal.
- Laura Formentini has sponsored more than 40 children worldwide through Plan International USA for over 16 years.

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Laura Formentini will write a book about inspirational stories that have transformed the lives of sponsored children with support from Plan International USA ([www.planusa.org](http://www.planusa.org)). Ms. Formentini will shed light on untold stories of the positive impact of child sponsorship, giving a global perspective to the benefits of sponsorship and how they have affected the farthest-flung parts of the world, including Bangladesh, India, and Nepal. The focus will be on once-sponsored adults and the positive impact the experience has had on their lives and communities.

Founded in 1937, Plan is an independent development and humanitarian organization that is active in more than 80 countries. Powered by its supporters, Plan partners with adolescent girls, young women and children around the world to overcome oppression and gender inequality, providing the support and resources that are unique to their needs and the needs of their communities, ensuring they achieve their full potential with dignity, opportunity and safety. One aspect of Plan's work is the elimination of sex trafficking, and Laura Formentini will also have access to these stories and incorporate them into this important book. For over 16 years, Laura Formentini has sponsored more than 40 children from around the world.

While advocating travel to impact the world for positive global change, Laura Formentini turned into a child welfare activist and an advocate for the prevention of cruelty to animals. An archaeologist, conservationist, and photographer, she is also Vice President of Rifugio Isola del Sole, an animal sanctuary in Southern Italy, where she spearheads the free sterilization of street dogs and cats and advocates humane education. Born in Milan, she's lived in Italy, Missouri, Colorado, and California, and holds a Bachelor of Science in Archaeology and Art History from Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri. She spreads the message that Love in Action heals not only the world but that it also holds the key to our own healing. Follow her to begin the journey at <https://lauraformentini.com/>.