



## **THE GRACE CHILDREN'S FOUNDATION™**

*Connecting Children In Need to People and Organizations Ready to Help*



**CHILDREN'S RESOURCE EXCHANGE CENTER**

*Accelerating Access and Delivery of Pediatric Healthcare*

## MISSION STATEMENT

Established in 1997, The Grace Children's Foundation (TGCF) is a United States based 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to improving the lives of children in need through the **Children's Resource Exchange Center (CREC)** model with a focus on pediatric healthcare – medical, surgical and rehabilitative care and groundbreaking research, treatments and cures.

### WHY WE EXIST



Millions of children globally are affected by war, poverty and neglect, with little or no access to vital healthcare resources or continuous care. Many of these children are suffering from debilitating but treatable diseases and medical conditions, traumatic injuries, congenital birth anomalies and mental health disorders. There is a severe, often fatal, gap and a profound lack of innovative life-changing product for children in need that accelerates the access, coordination and delivery of these resources. Countless people and organizations are working tirelessly to provide their care and expertise from home and on the front lines abroad. However, without comprehensive coordination and communication, these efforts often fail to create sustainable social impact.

### THE CHALLENGE

The challenge is to efficiently and systematically connect any child of any background living anywhere in the world to the vital resources they require for their wellbeing.

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The **Grace Children's Foundation (TGCF)** has been working for two decades through the **Children's Resource Exchange Center (CREC)** model with partners and children from North and South America, Asia, Africa, the Caribbean, Europe and, most recently, the Middle East, connecting children to pro bono and subsidized care on a case-by-case basis. Now, as we continue our journey in the age of digital transformation, our goal is to disrupt the industry by systematizing and accelerating global access and delivery of pediatric healthcare. The **CREC** digital platform is envisioned as the go-to source for connecting children in need to people and organizations ready to help them, scaling the solution to the magnitude of the problem.

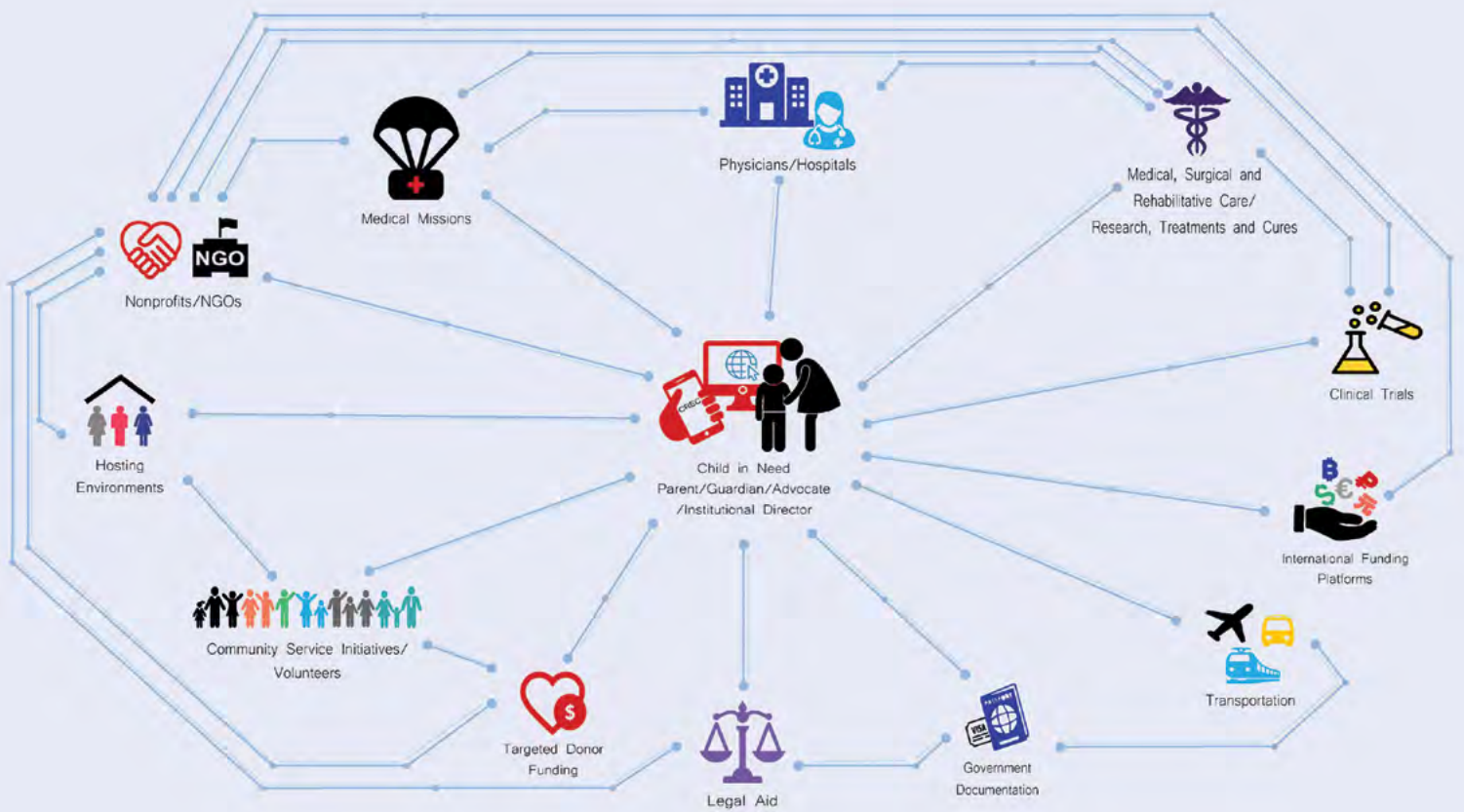
### THE STRATEGY

TGCF has partnered with innovators in healthcare and technology to transition the **CREC** manual network to the **CREC** connective digital platform.

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CREATING THE SINGLE PORTAL TO A DIGITAL PLATFORM THAT  
WILL HELP SAVE THE LIVES OF CHILDREN WORLDWIDE



## CLOSING THE GAP

The Grace Children's Foundation (TGCF) has partnered with innovators at Microsoft to develop a web application, a prototype, for the Children's Resource Exchange Center (CREC) digital platform powered by Microsoft technology and Artificial Intelligence. This partnership is facilitating the transition of the CREC manual network into a connective digital platform. The CREC platform will accelerate access and delivery of pediatric healthcare resources for children in need by combining human conscientiousness with technology.

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## COMBINING HUMAN CONSCIENTIOUSNESS WITH TECHNOLOGY

The CREC web application is the portal that will provide a connective facilitation care management tool where the advocate for any child in need can easily access and navigate an international network of care, expertise and funding. The platform will include information about resources such as medical providers, like-minded non-profits/NGOs, medical missions, clinical trials, transportation and government documentation. The medical community will be greatly benefited by peer-to-peer communication, coordination of care, secure sharing of information, a crisis alert system and a separate funding arm that supports out-of-region patients and international mission trips through the CREC.

## THE CREC PLATFORM WILL ENABLE

- Accelerated delivery of resources • Accessibility, facilitation and coordination
- Self-service access • Collaboration with other like-minded individuals and organizations
- Continuity of care • Telehealth communications • Global social impact



Microsoft Hack for Good, 2018 Hackathon, Microsoft Campus, Redmond, Washington

## FROM ONE TO 100 THE CREC PILOT PROGRAM

In order to showcase the power, efficiency and projected social impact of the **Children's Resource Exchange Center (CREC)** digital platform, TGCF has launched **From One to 100**, a pilot program that will connect up to 100 children to pediatric healthcare resources either here in the United States or in the regions where they live. This program highlights the critical problem for those who have little or no access to medical resources or continuous care. While helping to rejuvenate the lives of these first one hundred children, **From One to 100** provides access to vital healthcare resources while coordinating with non-profits/NGOs, governments, the private sector, humanitarian aid organizations and hosting communities. This program will result in a sustainable initiative that will serve children living as refugees, those on the periphery of society or any child unable to connect to the care he or she needs.

### SHEYMA

Sheyma is the first child to benefit from **From One to 100**. She is a 9-year-old girl who was shot in the face by a sniper while fleeing her home in Aleppo, Syria. She lost her right eye in the attack, sustained severe damage to her left eye and was left with a crater above her brow, a life threatening injury. Her surgeons in New York City removed a shattered bullet that had been lodged in her skull for more than two years. Unfortunately, by the time Sheyma was able to access the necessary medical and humanitarian resources, too much time had passed and she is now totally blind. As we continue to provide vital resources for Sheyma and others in need, going forward the **CREC** app will connect children at the speed of technology.

TGCF is grateful for the many people and organizations that helped Sheyma on her road to healing including: Emergency Care, Craniofacial and Ophthalmic Specialists, Gaziantep, Turkey • Selam Center • US Department of State • United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees • Microsoft and Microsoft Philanthropies • Lenox Hill Hospital, Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital/Northwell Health and NextGenFace • Global Medical Relief Fund • Lighthouse Guild • Host Families • Volunteers • Turkish Airlines • Amtrak



Sheyma (left) and the children who wait

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*Dedicated To The Children Who Wait™*



The Grace Children's Foundation is grateful for its supporters who are helping to fulfill its vision. Together we are working to see the children to a place where they may elevate themselves beyond survival, to a place where they may flourish and have a chance for lives with dignity and purpose.

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