

“Never Too Young to Start Giving”

Madison Lane MacDonald has not yet made her appearance in this world, and yet, she is already making a difference.

Madison’s parents are the kind of people that leave you feeling hopeful about the future. By day, Meg & Kai MacDonald are both lawyers. But in their free time, they love to travel, to care for their growing farm (11 animals and counting), and to spend time outdoors. Having traveled to nearly 35 countries together, they are true world citizens who care deeply about the planet, about animals (they’re vegetarians), and about people. Both Meg & Kai have volunteered in India and in Ethiopia with Los Angeles-based education nonprofit Visions Global Empowerment (“Visions”), and have supported numerous charitable efforts both domestically and internationally.



But the next great adventure that lies ahead for these two will be welcoming their first child – Madison – early this year.



Visions. In total, nearly \$700 was raised that day!

On December 3rd, 2016, Meg’s mother-in-law Tamara Lafarga hosted a beautiful baby shower at her home in Rancho Santa Fe, CA. Madison (with a little help from her mother...) decided to make the most of the opportunity by utilizing the event to raise funds for two causes important to her. An invitation was made for San Diego-based business [Jewels with a Purpose](#), which donates 30% of all its profits to charity, to sell jewelry at the event and help raise funds for

Worldwide, millions of children face immense daily hardships that prevent them from accessing a quality education or realizing their true potential...and Visions is doing something about it. Each year, an unimaginable reservoir of talent goes untapped due to poor educational systems & infrastructure. Recognizing this reality, Visions has worked tirelessly since 2003 in enabling educational initiatives for youth affected by conflict, poverty, & disability, impacting more than 31,000 lives to-date. Currently, Visions is serving youth in India, Ethiopia, and Sri Lanka, and is set to begin its first educational endeavor in Nicaragua in early 2017.

Despite not having even been born yet, Madison has already given back. She has joined the ranks of millions of Americans who generously and thoughtfully give each year to service-minded efforts, a practice which makes the U.S. by far the most giving country in the world. No matter your age or your particular circumstances, it is never too early to start giving. Giving takes many forms – it need not be monetary. You can give your time, your services, your connections...anything. If little Madison can do it, so can you!



Meg (& Madison) MacDonald with Visions Executive Director Greg Buie (left), Jewels with a Purpose Founder Eliza Friedman (right), and Visions volunteers Shannon Quihuiz & Aaron Williams at Meg’s baby shower in Rancho Santa Fe, CA

To learn more about Visions Global Empowerment and to get involved with the work they do on behalf of communities in need in India, Sri Lanka, Ethiopia, & Nicaragua, please visit www.visionsglobalempowerment.org.