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Many gifts and resources are channeled through UNICEF to the children of the world. Governments, voluntary organizations, the private sector and millions of individuals share their wealth to maintain the spark of life-itself in a child's eye, and to improve the health and well-being of children and women throughout the poorest places on earth. Many of our strongest supporters share their talents.

How fortunate for children that Audrey Hepburn is among these: Her enormous talents are a precious endowment. She has shown insight, intelligence and compassion while visiting children among some of the most desperate situations in existence. And she has proven to be their powerful advocate in communicating her experiences and impressions to audiences throughout the world.

So much can be done for the least advantaged children of the world. Yet so often, it is not done. The true heroes in this world are those who transform visions born of what is possible, into reality. For her keen eloquence in articulating the plight of the least advantaged children to those who have the capacity to do something about it, and for the inspiring grace with which she executes every aspect of her generous effort, my heartfelt congratulations to Audrey upon receiving the Children's Champion Award.