

If I were in charge of the world, I would end world poverty and help all poor people by building a huge sanctuary for all. The reason I would do that is because yesterday, my mom showed me a picture with a little boy wearing a girl's shirt and jacket. His pants were purple as well. On his head he wore a bunny hat. On his back he trundled a basket of bricks. The little boy was helping his family build a new house in China after the earthquake. His family was too poor to afford a house built. After a kind lady gave him a piece of candy, he jumped up and down for joy. Think that's outrageous? He was three and a half. It broke my heart to see him. I wished I could stretch my hand out to him and bring his family into my home. I knew right then that I wanted to start a sanctuary if I were in charge of the world. Every year people are made homeless. I hoped that the poor boy would find a new home. Do we ever feel grateful when our arch rival walks by with an I pod Touch? Probably not. What would be most important to me was that every child had a warm comfortable world. The world would look pretty much the same. One difference, however, would be that only nice, warm houses would exist, filled with everything the family desired. If everyone had a warm house, many people would be happy. If someone couldn't afford a house, they could come to my sanctuary where they could get a good, stable job and rest at my sanctuary until they bought their own house. Then the little bunny hat boy would have a happy life. What a lovely world.

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