

Emmy-Winning Actress Honored for Work With Christian Charity

This weekend, Emmy-award winning actress Patricia Heaton is being honored for her humanitarian work with the Christian nonprofit World Vision.

The Creative Coalitions 4th Annual Television Advocacy Awards recognizes leaders in the television industry who effectively use their voices for social change.

Earlier this year after her nine-season television series *The Middle* came to an end, Patricia Heaton flew 9,325 miles to Uganda to put a spotlight on South Sudanese refugees. Heaton and her co-star Jen Ray (Nancy Donahue) visited the world's largest refugee camp with World Vision, serving meals to refugees who just crossed the border—many of them children. This was Heaton's third humanitarian trip with World Vision. In 2015 she traveled to Zambia, where she met her sponsored child, Gracious. In 2017, she met with Syrian refugees in Jordan.

Inspired by her sponsored child, Heaton has also designed a new accessory collection for World Vision's 2018 Gift Catalog. The Grace Collection by Patricia Heaton is made by fair-trade artists in India and goes to fund World Vision's work where it's needed most. She will also be appearing at World Vision's Give-back Gift Shop in New York City, a unique charitable pop-up that brings the agency's Gift Catalog to life.