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### **Sophie Grace Named First ClubHALO Ambassador for The HALO Foundation**

**Kansas City, MO** — [The HALO Foundation](#), a nonprofit that helps thousands of homeless and at-risk children around the world, is proud to announce actress Sophie Grace, 16-year-old Emmy Award®-winning star of *The Baby-Sitters Club* (“Kristy Thomas”), will be the first ClubHALO Ambassador.

“Sophie made a very special appearance during HALO’s recent “Defying the Odds” Art Auction, in addition to supporting and cheering on HALO youth [Ziere](#) and the HALO Heat Boys Basketball team,” said HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh. “As a sibling to five and a role model for youth around the world, we’re beyond excited Sophie will be using her voice to encourage others to join ClubHALO and HALO’s goal to change the lives of at-risk and homeless youth around the world.”



“I am so excited to be a part of this organization,” said Sophie Grace [@realsophiegrace](#), HALO’s first ClubHALO Ambassador. “ClubHALO helps at risk and homeless youth by providing them with resources and showcasing ways we can ALL help them, because everyone deserves a safe, happy and healthy childhood.”

In 2005, HALO was created because there were a group of kids who wanted to change the world. Welsh shared stories about children suffering and these kids raised over \$40,000 to support them. Today, HALO provides housing, healing and education to thousands of homeless and at-risk children, with locations in the US, Mexico, India, Kenya and Uganda. [Welsh was recently selected as the first person featured in Oprah Daily's "Good People Doing Great Things" series.](#)

ClubHALO is an achievement program that empowers kids who want to help other kids. HALO provides ClubHALO members education, activities and achievable awards to make a positive impact for children facing homelessness. To join ClubHALO, sign up at [ClubHALO.org](#). A new site is launching Fall/Winter 2022 with exciting new updates and program announcements.

Studies have shown volunteering can have lifelong benefits for youth and help develop attributes that will benefit them in school, their career and in life. Youth who volunteer are three times more likely to volunteer as adults. Since the pandemic began, HALO has seen a 62% of need with the rise of youth homelessness.

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***ABOUT HALO:***

HALO believes every child should have the foundation of a family. Since 2005, HALO has provided love in the form of housing, healing and education to heal homeless and at-risk children. Featured in the Moroccan oil INSPIRED film series, “American Spirit” of CBS Evening News, “Heroes Among Us” and “25 Women Changing the World” of PEOPLE magazine, “The Today Show,” Variety Magazine, and Oprah Daily, HALO serves over 3,000 children and supports 15 programs around the globe each year. It has Learning Centers and Housing programs in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and art programming in New York and Portland. HALO also supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico and India. Learn how Love Heals at HALO and help one more child spend one less day alone at [www.haloworldwide.org](http://www.haloworldwide.org).

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