

Melinda Gates Quotes

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A woman with a voice is by definition a strong woman. But the search to find that voice can be remarkably difficult.

~Melinda Gates

When we invest in women and girls, we are investing in the people who invest in everyone else.

~Melinda Gates

Philanthropy is not about the money. It's about using whatever resources you have at your fingertips and applying them to improving the world.

~Melinda Gates

Women speaking up for themselves and for those around them is the strongest force we have to change the world.

~Melinda Gates

All women, everywhere, have the same hopes: we want to be self-sufficient and create better lives for ourselves and our loved ones.

~Melinda Gates

If we don't empower women, we don't allow them to unlock the potential of themselves and their children.

~Melinda Gates

Connect deeply with others. Our humanity is the one thing that we all have in common.

~Melinda Gates

We have to be careful in how we use this light shined on us.

~Melinda Gates

You are indebted to life until you help some less fortunate person, just as you were helped.

~Melinda Gates

Women and girls should be able to determine their own future, no matter where they're born.

~Melinda Gates

When we invest in women, we invest in a powerful source of global development

~Melinda Gates

Make sure you continue to trust what you know now about yourself and stay true to what you believe in

~Melinda Gates

Deep human connection is ... the purpose and the result of a meaningful life - and it will inspire the most amazing acts of love, generosity, and humanity.

~Melinda Gates

What great changes have not been ambitious?

~Melinda Gates

One life is worth no more or less than any other

~Melinda Gates

Having children made us look differently at all these things that we take for granted, like taking your child to get a vaccine against measles or polio.

~Melinda Gates

It is still just unbelievable to us that diarrhea is one of the leading causes of child deaths in the world.

~Melinda Gates

Sanitation issues in the developing world affect women more than they affect men.

~Melinda Gates

If you invest in a girl or a woman, you are investing in everybody else.

~Melinda Gates

You can't save kids just with vaccines.

~Melinda Gates

You can have the best vaccines for a woman or her child, but if you can't get her to come and get them then they won't work.

~Melinda Gates

All lives have an equal value.

~Melinda Gates

I think it's very important that we instill in our kids that it has nothing to do with their name or their situation that they're growing up in; it has to do with who they are as an individual.

~Melinda Gates

I care much more about saving the lives of mothers and babies than I do about a fancy museum somewhere.

~Melinda Gates

Take time to learn about the lives of women around the world-and try to play a small part in their fight to create the future they deserve.

~Melinda Gates

Sometimes it's the people you can't help who inspire you the most.

~Melinda Gates

If you don't have an effective teacher in front of the classroom, you

won't change the trajectory for students.

~Melinda Gates

Bill and I both firmly believe that even the most difficult global health problems can be solved.

~Melinda Gates

Bill [Gates] and I believe philanthropy can only be effective if it starts things and proves whether they actually work or not. That's the place that governments often don't want to, or can't, work.

~Melinda Gates

It's important to remember that behind every data point is a daughter, a mother, a sister—a person with hopes and dreams.

~Melinda Gates

Kids are falling through the cracks and nobody notices it. That to me is what's wrong with the school system.

~Melinda Gates

Vaccines are a miracle cure. Eight out of 10 children are getting vaccines.

~Melinda Gates

Any social or cultural change has to be made openly and with people agreeing. You don't get there by just pushing an outsider's point of view.

~Melinda Gates

After a number of years dating, we decided we were good partners.

~Melinda Gates

Our desire to bring every good thing to our children is a force for good throughout the world. It's what propels societies forward.

~Melinda Gates

Women are the centre of the family. It's the woman who decides what's eaten in the house, when to have the kids vaccinated; everything that has to do with the children's health revolves around her.

~Melinda Gates

Birth control has almost completely and totally disappeared from the global health agenda, and the victims of this paralysis are the people of Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.

~Melinda Gates

Microsoft certainly makes products for the Macintosh.

~Melinda Gates

The premise of this foundation is one life on this planet is no more valuable than the next.

~Melinda Gates

When we better understand the realities of these women's lives, we are able to design and deliver solutions that are more useful to them.

~Melinda Gates

We set out what's going to be our work time versus our foundation time versus family time, and we'll reassess that... sometimes every week.

~Melinda Gates

I'm constantly saying to myself, 'I'm lucky I was born in the United States.'

~Melinda Gates

If you can't travel to the developing world, look at helping to fund a woman with a small loan and follow her. Learn her story. Learn about the difference that you're making.

~Melinda Gates

If you want to lift up an economy in Africa, you basically start with the women.

~Melinda Gates

Now we just really need to do the work, which we're doing, to get contraceptives out to women worldwide.

~Melinda Gates

Men make different investments than women do. Women tend to invest more of their earnings than men do in their family's well-being - as much as 10 times more.

~Melinda Gates

Helping people doesn't have to be an unsound financial strategy.

~Melinda Gates

I learn in a different way. I learn experientially.

~Melinda Gates

I felt suicidal. I couldn't stop crying. I remember thinking, wouldn't it be great if the car crashed and I died?

~Melinda Gates

We look in our own backyard and say, 'How do we help at-risk families, at risk youth? How do we think through some of the problems affecting the Pacific Northwest and make some change there?'

~Melinda Gates

I'm wholehearted about whatever I do.

~Melinda Gates

Housework comes first, so girls often fall behind in school. Global

statistics show that it's increasingly girls, not boys, who don't know how to read.

~Melinda Gates

I think the Americans need to understand that a lot of times the children are bored in school, and that is why they are not staying in.

~Melinda Gates

Women around the world should have a tool that helps them plan their pregnancies.

~Melinda Gates

I'm happy we have three healthy children and we'll stay with three healthy children.

~Melinda Gates

My background was computer science and business school, so eventually I worked my way up where I was running product groups - development, testing, marketing, user education.

~Melinda Gates

I realized that the only way to get into a good college was to be valedictorian or salutatorian. So that was my goal.

~Melinda Gates

With economic opportunity, sometimes it's making sure that if they're not in a place where they can have good jobs, that when they have economic opportunity, they have digital tools to use.

~Melinda Gates

Our economies are built on the backs of all this unpaid labor that women do.

~Melinda Gates

If you can't go to secondary school, the boys get to go and the girls don't, you're locked into a cycle of poverty, because you don't have a chance.

~Melinda Gates

Abortion has become a very politicised issue that I think countries have to work out themselves. In a lot of countries, people can't even yet agree on what their laws should be.

~Melinda Gates

Now, as smartphones are coming up, there are all kinds of apps that will start to be developed that will help women.

~Melinda Gates

If you ask, who has the chance to move into the city and get a good job out in the developing world? It's a man. Who's left to care for the kids back at home? The woman is.

~Melinda Gates

But iPods and iPhones are two things we don't get for our kids.

~Melinda Gates

As a parent, the responsible thing to do - if you love your child - is to vaccinate your child.

~Melinda Gates

That's universal - we all want to bring every good thing to our children. But what's not universal is our ability to provide every good thing.

~Melinda Gates

Poverty disproportionately affects women around the world.

~Melinda Gates

Government funding that's coming from the United States is making a

huge difference on the ground in the developing world. It's really palpable - it's making a huge difference saving lives.

~Melinda Gates

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