



IMPACT REPORT 2019

A Child's Hope Int'l

**Thanks to you,
children are being rescued
from starvation** *(Page 9)*

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**Once hopeless, fatherless
student looks to future with
hopeful anticipation after
college scholarship arrived** *(Page 4)*

IN YOU THE ORPHAN FINDS MERCY

HOSEA 14:3

The mission of A Child's Hope Int'l is to motivate and mobilize the Church and the community to care for the orphans in their distress.

The vision of A Child's Hope Int'l is to see each church wrap around at least one child using one of the four bridges of care – adoption, foster care, orphan care, and humanitarian relief.

From one believing family that wraps around one child (through adoption, foster care, orphan care, or humanitarian relief) we envision other families will be inspired to do the same. One will become five which will become ten and more. It must begin with one.



**WE EXIST
BECAUSE THE
CHILDREN ARE
WAITING™**

THECHILDRENAREWAITING.ORG

GREETING FROM LARRY BERGERON

For many, this has been an amazing year filled with promise and excitement. For others, this year was a sad reminder that our lives can change in an instant. We have all seen the heartache brought on by conflict, poverty, and natural disasters, especially this fall after Hurricane Dorian devastated the Bahamas. Sadly, these problems hurt the most vulnerable among us, the children. Far too many have become orphans. Far too many have become a fatherless statistic as families dissolve. And far too many are suffering from hunger, thirst, and neglect. Which is why our mission becomes greater.

I hope the stories in this newsletter are an encouragement to you as we continue to answer God's call to care for the fatherless. You are making an incredible impact in the lives of orphans and vulnerable children here in our city and around the world.

Thank you for your continued generosity and compassion for the least of these.

GLOBAL REVIEW



3.7 M
MEALS PRODUCED



3.7 million high protein meals produced by 12,000 volunteers in Greater Cincinnati through Hands Against Hunger®.

13,371
HOPE BOXES™



Over 13,000 Hope Boxes™, filled with high protein food, clean drinking water packets, and the message of Hope were packed by volunteers and shipped worldwide.

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FRESH WATER WELLS




Three fresh water wells were constructed in 2019. One solar powered well with a cistern was installed in Uganda, and two more bore wells were constructed in India (15 total wells have been constructed by ACHI in India).

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COUNTRIES



ACHI was active in the Bahamas, Haiti, India, Liberia, Nicaragua, eSwatini (Swaziland), the United States, Venezuela, and Zambia.



"We don't have a lot of money but we're safe.
That's all I can really hope for."

ORPHANED BUT NOT ALONE: A STORY OF HOPE, RESILIENCE, AND FAITH.

Names in story have been removed to protect the privacy of the student.

"My life has been riddled with tragedies. My mother abandoned our family when I was just a baby; her drug problem was the motivation for her departure and it was the cause for many other struggles in my young life. As a child, I naively believed my mom when she promised to visit me weekly. But she rarely showed up. I was too young to understand that her promise to attend these weekly court-ordered visits was just empty words. She never planned to follow through. Each week, I waited. The social worker who sat with me assured me that this did not mean that my mom didn't care for me, it just meant that she was hurting, too.

When my mom left, my sister and I were left in the care of our dad, who loved us deeply. As much as he wanted to provide for us though, his poor health stood in the way. My dad worked in construction most of his life. He was in his forties when I was born and by that time, the 20

years of manual labor had literally broken his body. As long as I can remember, he was in pain.

Concern amidst neighbors over our neglected home and diet resulted in frequent reports getting made to Child Protective Services. Their well-intentioned concern during spontaneous home visits left a positive impression on me.

When I was 8 years old, my dad was prescribed opioids for multiple spinal injuries and he started receiving disability benefits. It was all downhill from there. My dad truly cared for us and wanted to provide but his disability income and new opioid addiction could not carry the burden of food and housing expenses for a family of three. He felt defeated and started selling his medication to feed us. He didn't want to sell drugs, but he wanted to feed my sister and me.

After surviving a violent assault and theft by one of his clients, the three of us moved into another relative's home. When my dad passed suddenly one year later, my sister and I moved again. We had no choice but to move in with our mom.

Though she had kicked her addiction to cocaine, she was still very sick and abusive. Her live-in boyfriend was an alcoholic and frequently physically abused my mother. We couldn't get out of the house quickly enough.

My sister escaped first and came back for me, but my mom would not let me go. I was stuck in an abusive jail and being held as her prisoner.

In 2017, my mom died from colon cancer. I moved in with my sister and while things have not been easy, they are the best they have ever been. We don't have a lot of money, but we're safe. That's all I can really hope for.

As a high schooler, I started working at our local Chick-fil-A to help us make ends meet. My sister brought me to church with her and I found new life in Jesus. I've spent the past few summers working at church camp and leading other young girls to Christ in the same way my counselors led me to Christ. I share with my girls at camp that even though life can be turned upside down, God is always present and we can always rely on Him.

As I step into the next phase of my life at a nearby university, I know that God is with me. As I look back at my life, I can see my story developing.

The social workers that sat with me as I waited hopefully for mom to show up and those who knocked on my door with genuine concern for me during my time with my father left an imprint on me.

There are kids that are experiencing far worse things than I experienced and I want to be there for those kids by becoming a social worker. A Child's Hope Int'l is providing me with a scholarship to pursue a degree in social work so that I can show kids, just like me, how deeply God loves them and the plan that he has for their lives. I am so grateful for this gift of a scholarship that is allowing me the opportunity to go to college." - Sarah, age 18, Florida

Your generous giving to the Linsley Scholarship Fund for Foster Students is providing hope for a brighter future for foster youth. If you would like to make a contribution to the scholarship fund, visit www.TheChildrenAreWaiting.org/FosterCare/Fund

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Foster Youth and Education

A CRISIS FOR CHILDREN IN THE STATE OF OHIO

Did you know that children of parents addicted to opiates are flooding into custody of the State of Ohio? Children are entering foster care at alarmingly higher rates than ever before and with only 7,200 licensed foster homes in the state, there is indeed a crisis.

There are many ways to help support children and youth in the foster care. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a foster family or supporting a foster family, please email Contact@TheChildrenAreWaiting.org



437,000 children and youth are in foster care here in the U.S.

Only **1 in 5** foster youth who graduate high school will attend college.



You gave **2** foster students the opportunity to attend college this year through the gift of scholarship.

FROM HANDS AGAINST HUNGER® TO ADOPTION

ONE FAMILY'S JOURNEY TO BRING THEIR DAUGHTER HOME

By Cassie Hill

In the spring of 2017, our family participated in a Hands Against Hunger® meal packing event at our church. Moved by the video of the orphans in Haiti, our children joined us in prayer for these orphans for months afterward and in time, we made the decision to try and adopt one of these orphaned children in Haiti.

As soon as we chose an agency, we were hit by a tsunami of financial difficulties that culminated with Chris being laid off at the end of 2017. By the time Chris found the right job, God had provided the finances for us to move forward with our home study and to make adjustments to our house to accommodate another child!

We entered the waiting child program for China in the summer of 2018. In February 2019, we were matched with our daughter. God provided financially for us in so many incredible ways.

Just a few weeks before we were scheduled to leave for China, our church hosted another

Hands Against Hunger® event and our family served together at this humanitarian relief event. It was at this time that my best friend told her line leader, through her tears, about how our adoption journey was catapulted forward by Hands Against Hunger® and how it was being book ended by this meal packing event.

During the pack, a man came over and introduced himself and the A Child's Hope Int'l Adoption Grant Fund to us. We applied for the grant from ACHI and received it just as we were leaving for China. The funds gifted to us from ACHI provided the remaining money we needed to bring our daughter home.

We are incredibly thankful for how God used ACHI in our adoption journey, and how our family service during Hands Against Hunger® events helped our children's hearts grow for adoption.

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*We would love to support your family on your adoption journey, too! Please reach out to us at 513.771.2244 or check out our website:
www.TheChildrenAreWaiting.org/Adoption/Our-Fund*

Pictured Below: The Hill Family, recipient of an adoption grant from ACHI in 2019



children were brought home to forever families in 2019 through ACHI adoption grants.

HOPE FOR CHILDREN: IN OUR CITY

SUMMER BACKPACK PROGRAM

2019 brought a new opportunity to care for children within our own city that are struggling with food insecurity. ACHI launched a new nutrition initiative, in collaboration with Queen City Kitchen, to provide ready-to-eat meals and nutritious snacks for children in Cincinnati while schools were closed for the summer.

Hope Sacks™ were given to 200 children each week during the 12 weeks of summer vacation. These snacks were packed into Hope Sacks™ by volunteers of all ages at the Hope Factory™ on a weekly basis.

Within 3 days of announcing this program, it was 100% funded through the benevolent giving of our supporters - thank you for your incredibly generous and timely response!

BRINGING IT CLOSER TO HOME

With great enthusiasm, we are excited to invite you to partner with us as we extend our efforts to care for hungry children within the immediate neighborhood of the Hope Factory™.

We will continue to provide for school-aged children throughout the 2019-2020 school year at an elementary school located under 2 miles away from the Hope Factory™. The needs here are great and as we step into a more *visible* solution provider role in our community, we invite you to come alongside ACHI through prayer, and then through giving.



50%
of all children in
Cincinnati struggle
with food insecurity.



2K

Hope Sacks™ were given to
children in Over the Rhine
struggling with food insecurity.

PROMISE WATER™

PROMISING TO DELIVER 1 MILLION GALLONS OF CLEAN WATER EVERY YEAR

As a partner with the P&G Children Safe Drinking Water program, A Child's Hope Int'l is providing water purification technology to communities around the world that are desperate for an immediate source of safe drinking water. Check out the process below!

2019 was an exciting year for Promise Water™. Sales brought in enough proceeds to purify over one million gallons of water and since Promise Water™ launched in April 2018, twenty businesses have switched their bottled water service to Promise Water™.

2019

*Projected through 12/31/2019



STEP 1



STEP 2



STEP 3



STEP 4



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HURRICANE DORIAN TOOK EVERYTHING BUT YOU HELPED THEM SURVIVE

285K

Hands Against Hunger® meals

480

New blankets

2K

New pairs of Bombas® socks

810

New pairs of shoes

"Because of our partnership with ACHI, World Help and its partners have been able to provide emergency supplies such as food, water, clothing, blankets and more to countless survivors of Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas. Thank you for your heart to reach those in need! We could not do the work we do without partners like you!"

JOSH BREWER, WORLD HELP

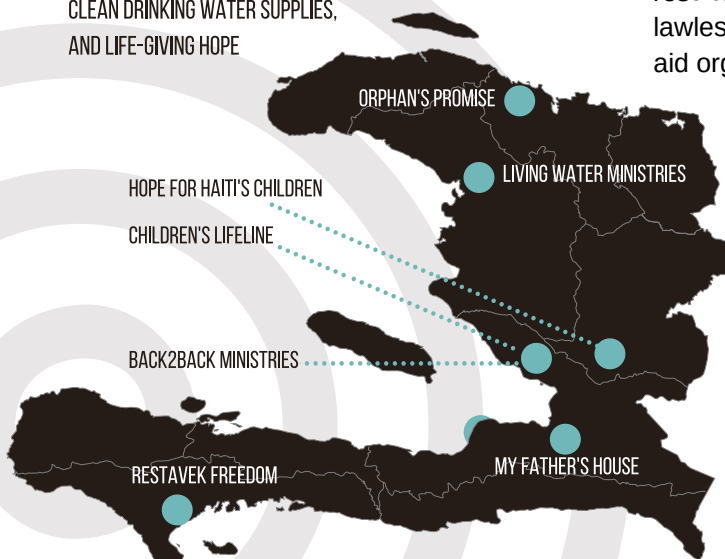
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VIOLENT PROTESTS BLOCKING AID FROM THOSE WHO NEED IT MOST

"ACHI is changing lives in Haiti by providing highly nutritious meals to the children attending Hope for Haiti's Children's schools. For many children, this is the ONLY meal that they receive each day. Having this one source of stability has brought hope and health to the children living in desperate situations."

TONYA HUNT, HOPE FOR HAITI'S CHILDREN

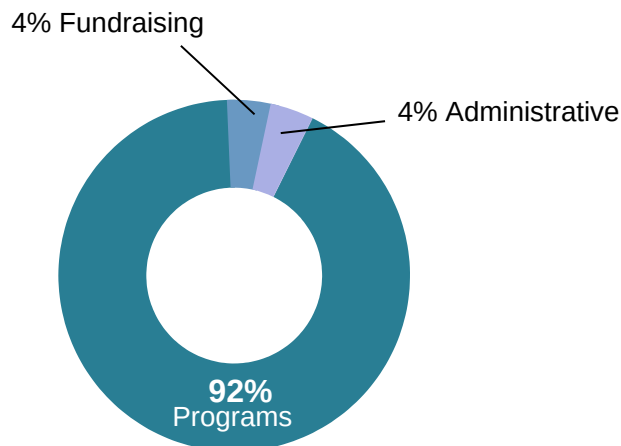
PARTNER RECEIVING HOPE BOXES®
FILLED WITH HIGH PROTEIN FOOD,
CLEAN DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES,
AND LIFE-GIVING HOPE



Disagreements between the president and opposition have resulted in soaring food prices, widespread violence, lawlessness, and road closures making it nearly impossible for aid organizations to step in and help.

A Child's Hope Int'l has been working with several partners in Haiti since 2008 and throughout 2019. We thank God that many of these partners received a shipment of Hope Boxes® by the United States Air Force, filled with high protein food and clean drinking water supplies, before violence broke out and their borders became closed to humanitarian relief.

Volunteers like you spent many hours packing Hope Boxes® for children in Haiti. Without your help, the storerooms of our partners would be barren. Your support has been the difference between life and death for far too many children in Haiti.



ACTH owns no buildings and has no debt or mortgage so that we can help more orphans and vulnerable children.

INCOME + EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR-ENDED 2018

\$2,883,692 was raised last year, against

\$2,765,858 in total expenses, leaving

\$ 117,834 in savings*

*A more detailed report can be found at www.TheChildrenAreWaiting.org

YOUR GIFTS WENT TWICE AS FAR!



\$27,509.94 was raised in matching funds from your employers! Many companies offer matching gifts for donations made by their employees and retirees.

Check with your Human Resources department or visit Donate.TheChildrenAreWaiting.org to learn about your company's policy for matching gifts.

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SEND HELP + HOPE TODAY!

Your gifts have an incredible impact. The stories you read tell of just a handful of the lives being changed by your generosity. However, our work is not done. Children around the world are waiting and we have what they need.

Today, you have the chance to save the lives of more children and bring them hope for tomorrow.

Help us help more children.
Our gifts, their future.

YearEnd.TheChildrenAreWaiting.org




HOW TO GIVE

**Your gifts are making real impact and transforming lives!
Here are some ways you can help:**

\$10 =  FEEDS A CHILD
FOR ONE MONTH

\$100 =  SEND A CHILD TO
SCHOOL FOR A YEAR

\$50 =  PROVIDES A YEAR OF
SAFE DRINKING WATER
FOR A CHILD

\$1000 =  INSTALLS A HAND-PUMP
FRESH WATER WELL

Give online by visiting
YEAREND.THECHILDRENAWAITING.ORG
or simply call 513.771.2244

**YOU HAVE
WHAT THEY
NEED**





A private donor covered the cost of this newsletter so that your gift can go directly to the children who need it most.



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