

# IMPACT REPORT 2020

A CHILD'S HOPE INT'L









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## TO MOTIVATE AND MOBILIZE THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY TO CARE FOR ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN.



### ADOPTION

Advocating for the lifetime embrace of special children into special families.



### ORPHAN CARE

Providing essential food, water, medical care, and educational support to children who have lost one or both parents.



### FOSTER CARE

Establishing a nurturing home and family for children who cannot live with their own parents.



### HUMANITARIAN RELIEF

Helping children and families in distress endure crisis while keeping the families intact.

## OUR VISION

To see each church wrap around at least one child through one of our four bridges of care: adoption, foster care, orphan care, and humanitarian relief. When the Church becomes engaged, communities will be restored and transformed through the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

## COVID-19 UPDATE: FROM LARRY BERGERON

For the first time in decades, world hunger is on the rise and is expected to double to 265 million people by the close of 2020. This number includes an additional 7 million children under age 5 expected to be in a state of wasting — when a child's weight is so low that they are at risk of death by starvation (The Lancelot, Volume 396, 8/22/2020).

In March 2020, as world hunger was increasing and demand for food growing to an all-time high, we were forced to temporarily suspend our meal packing events in order to follow state guidelines to protect the health and safety of our staff and volunteers.

We deployed every last meal and

ingredient from our warehouse to feed as many children as we could. It wasn't long before the Hope Factory was empty — but God had a plan.

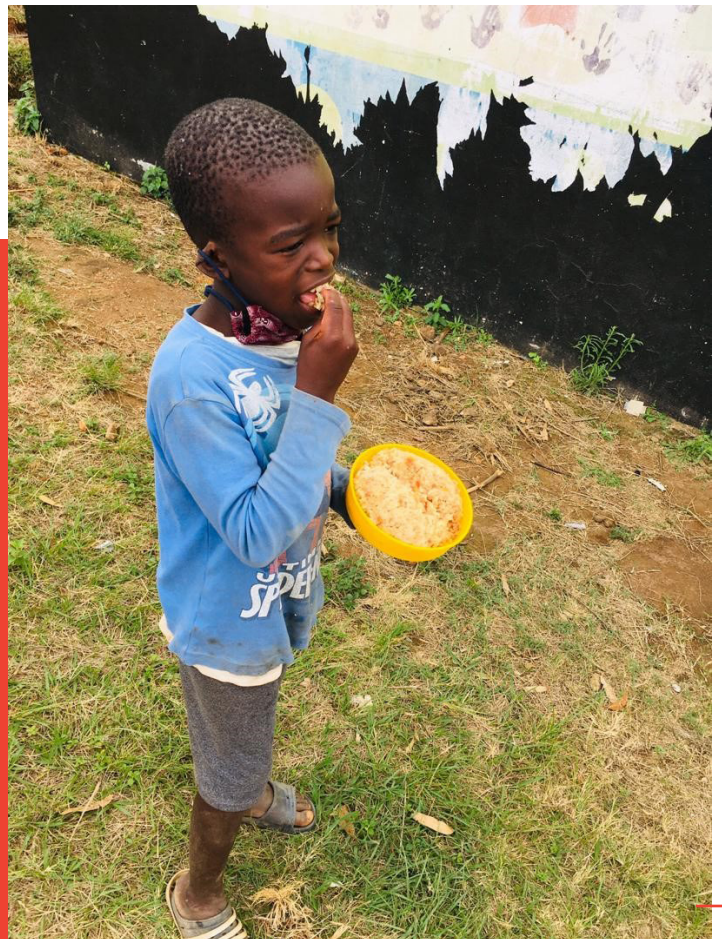
Since our inception in 2008, we have been steadily stewarding a small portion of revenue in a contingency fund that was to be reserved for providing emergency food to the

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Photo right

Your love and support are reaching precious children like Kirin and Rahi in Kakinada, India. Because of you, 20,000 children in some of the world's most desperate places are receiving help to survive today and an opportunity to thrive tomorrow.





## CONT'D FROM LARRY BERGERON

(continued) children we serve should we ever have to stop our operations and close our doors. Confident through prayer and motivated by God's love for His children, we willingly tapped into this fund in order to pursue alternative meal packing solutions. With an empty warehouse, no volunteers, and decreased revenue from the cancellation of several fundraising events, we were unsure if A Child's Hope Int'l would continue to exist beyond 2020. But God is faithful to finish what He has started and we remained convicted to go ALL IN. We exist solely because the children are waiting for help and hope and God's word mandates us to act.

There are times in our lives, which is certainly the case within the history of A Child's Hope Int'l, when the Lord requests us to do things that make no earthly sense. In 2020, I believe we are being called to "stand in the Jordan





at flood stage". Why? So that we can offer a tangible message of God's love for orphans and vulnerable children caught up in a raging torrent of hunger and hurt.

Thousands of years ago, the Israelite nation saw the Promised Land on the other side of a flooded river. Realistically speaking, the outlook for crossing the river was not good. The muddy Jordan River is up to 12 feet deep and a mile wide. At flood stage, the river can be raging at 40 mph. Did standing in the Jordan make sense? Of course not, but their faith gave the Israelites the courage to do something that made no earthly sense. Yet look at what happened. As soon as the feet of the priests touched the water, the Jordan River stopped and hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children entered the Promise Land safely.

In a very difficult 2020, we invited you to "stand in the Jordan" with us, and you did. We are rejoicing today because God is working miracles through your inspiring love and generosity. Hope is alive and once again, God has proven himself faithful through it all. When we thought our doors might be closed for good, God worked through you to double the number of children receiving food, water, and hope from 10,000 to 20,000 children every day! Together, we adapted and went all in.

As the year comes to a close and we look forward to a new beginning in 2021, may we not shrink back but instead continue to give all we can for His glory.

For His Glory,







EVERY DAY ACROSS THE WORLD,

**20K**

CHILDREN ARE RECEIVING  
FOOD, WATER, AND HOPE  
BECAUSE YOU CARE



“ *I will not leave you as orphans,  
I will come to you.*

John 14:18





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While 2020 may have caused many of us to feel powerless and overwhelmed in the midst of a world health crisis, you chose to rise and reach more children with your support than ever before.

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**TOGETHER,  
WE WENT ALL IN.**



Hands Against Hunger® production doubled in 2020 from 4 million to 8 million high protein meals. In the midst of a difficult year, you faithfully joined us to reach twice as many children this year than we did in 2019.

from  
**4 MILLION**  
in 2019

to  
**8 MILLION**  
high protein meals  
...in 2020!



# HOPE STARTS WITH FOOD

EVEN IN THE MIDST OF A WORLD HEALTH CRISIS,  
HOPE IS ALIVE AND GREATER, BECAUSE OF YOU

Written by Ntabas, Carepoint leader

"We can fight Coronavirus, as long as we work together.

**Carepoint, eSwatini.** There are times in life we experience different seasons, just as each year consists of the four seasons: summer, autumn, winter and spring. We can often tell when the seasons will change, but there are surprises. There are times in life when everything happens as expected, and there is a time when everything becomes new. All we have to do is be flexible to change.

Pre-COVID, life at the Carepoint was so much fun. Kids would gather around as early as 0900 hours just to mingle with others and have fun. They would play together as brother and sister, share hugs and shake hands, but the outbreak of Coronavirus changed all that.

Kids at the Carepoint have normalized the fact that the year 2020 is not going to be like any other year that they have lived.

Children wash their hands with soap and water upon arriving at the Carepoint in masks. They wait patiently and socially distanced from one another as Ruby, one of the carepoint's eldest members, prepares the food.

When food is ready, kids gather around to pray and one of the cooks or shepherds leads them in prayer. After prayer, the children stand in a line to receive their meal, with the youngest always served first. Some children will go through the line twice so that they can save some for later in the evening since it is the only meal available for them."

Your gifts are providing daily nutrition, clean water, and hope to 20,000 children every single day. We believe that hope for hungry children begins with our nutritious Hands Against Hunger® food, developed by food scientists and nutrition professionals.



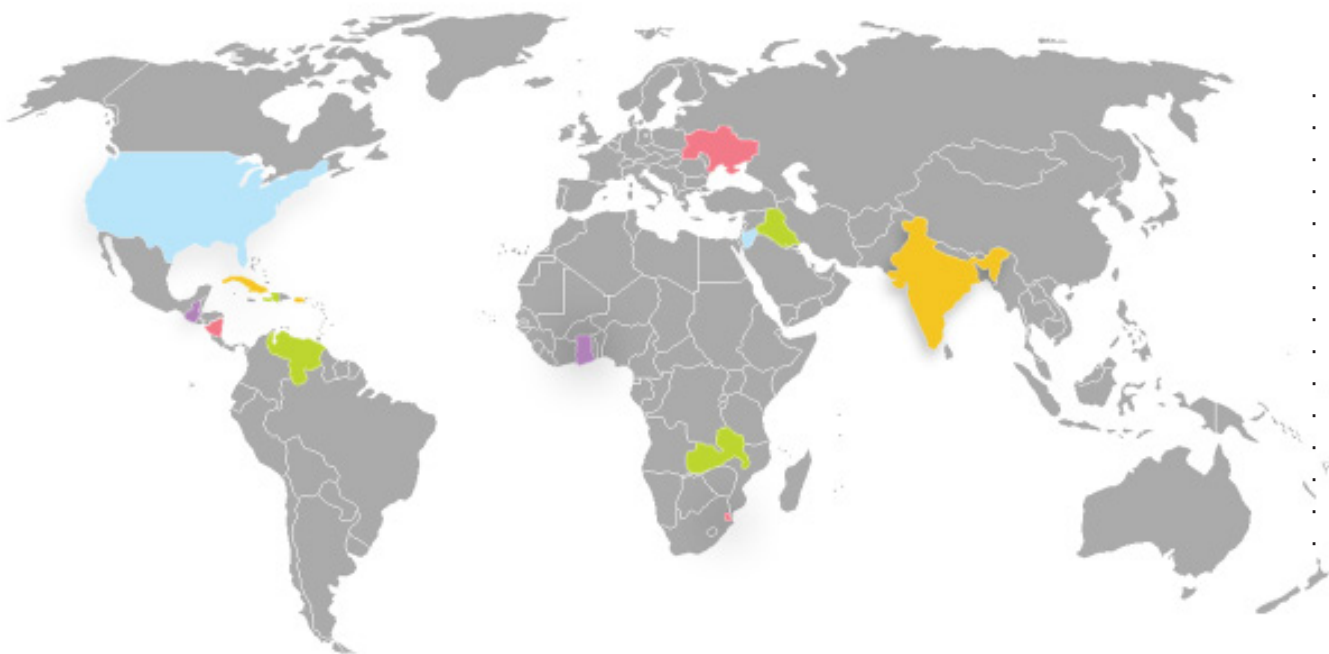
Below: Temlandvo Mamba was orphaned when her mother died when she was only two weeks old. She is currently doing great at St. Philomena primary school. Because of you, Temlandvo is receiving HAH food everyday at the carepoint and is thriving.

*Now you are a part  
of her story forever!*





## 2020 PROGRAM REACH



- Cuba
- Eswatini
- Ghana
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- India
- Iraq
- Jordan
- Nicaragua
- Puerto Rico
- Ukraine
- United States
- Venezuela
- Zambia

**Your support reached children in 15 countries in 2020.  
100% of the help arrived safely in the hands of our partners.**



**8 million**  
High Protein Meals



**37,038**  
Hope Boxes®



**1,091,275**  
P&G Purifiers of Water  
Sachets



**81,056**  
Challenge® Newspapers



**2,323**  
Hope Sacks™



**4**  
Fresh Water Community Wells

*Hands turning hunger into hope.*



More than 9,000 willing, socially distanced, mask wearing, hardworking, caring, super-hero volunteers worked extra hard at the Hope Factory during 2020. Volunteers, you made this happen and we thank you!



# YOU GAVE THE GIFT OF CLEAN WATER

July 13, 2020:

*The day water arrived.*

**Godowns slum, Kakinada, India.**  
The day will be remembered forever because it changed everything.

It's hard to stomach, but these families did not have access to clean water until now.

Access to clean and safe drinking water means children can attend school, women can be empowered, and communities can be saturated in hope.

You transformed lives this year by investing in communities and installing 4 fresh water wells for children and families without access to clean water in Kakinada, India.



# PROMISE WATER™

"We were astonished to see the miracle of clean water. The water of Venezuela is 99.9% contaminated. God and your partnership is making this miracle possible." Pastor Jesus, Caracas, Venezuela

Proceeds from the sale of Promise Water® provide the resources for ACHI to send P&G Purifiers of Water to communities around the world so that they can immediately transform

dangerous dirty water into safe and clean drinking water.

For many others like Pastor Jesus in Venezuela, their communities cannot yet accommodate the infrastructure for permanent fresh water wells. These P&G Purifiers of Water packets provide the immediate access to clean water their lives depend upon.

Thank you for your support!





**1.2K**  
CASES SOLD

**2.7M**  
GALLONS PURIFIED

**21.4K**  
LIVES IMPACTED



*“With joy, you will  
draw waters from  
the wells of salvation.”*

ISAIAH 12:3



# ICRP

## Integrated Community Restoration Plan



### Mmaampehia, Ghana

In partnership with Medical Mission, Inc. and local Ghanaian leader James Solomon Mensah, ACHI is preparing to launch a new program called the Integrated Community Restoration Plan (ICRP) within the Mmaampehia Village of Ghana where pervasive poverty is destroying generations.

The vision is to engage, empower, and employ local laborers to restore a healthy environment for families to thrive by focusing on the development of five areas: safe drinking water, sanitation, medical services, agriculture and food, and the hope found in the Gospel.

Your support will provide tons of Hands Against Hunger® food, medical supplies, and agricultural tools to Mmaampehia, Ghana. Working alongside local engineers, we will construct a new state of the art, reverse osmosis water filtration system to provide the community with clean and safe drinking water.

Your gifts are providing the resources to install a sufficient sanitation system that will be accessible by all families of the community. Access to clean water, ample hand-washing stations, and hygiene training are critical and can change just about everything for a community.



*God is working miracles through*





*your inspiring love and generosity.*





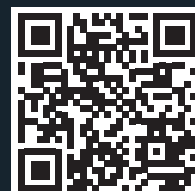
# HOPE MARKETPLACE

EDUCATION, EMPOWERMENT, T-SHIRTS

We are constantly inspired by our incredible partners around the world and we are continually working to improve the efficiency of our programs. We've given a long-time veteran, ACHI "Buy One, Send One" tees, a well-earned update...

It's back-to-school for children all around the world! We are thrilled to announce that the Hope Marketplace has updated the ACHI "Buy One, Send One" t-shirt campaign in order to provide brand new school uniforms for school children in India. Now, every HOPE tee that is purchased for \$20 provides a brand-new school uniform for a child in Kakinada, India! These children are required to wear uniforms to attend school but most cannot afford the cost. Together, we can remove this obstacle and allow at-risk children to receive an education.

*Buy a  
"Hope" tee  
here!*





# FROM FOSTER HOME TO FOREVER FAMILY

A POWERFUL STORY OF HOW A FAMILY  
OF 6 IS BECOMING A FAMILY OF 11



“*God has given  
to us everything we need to love and care for others...*”

Above: To protect the privacy of the Shirley family during the final stages of adoption, we have used a stock photo.

Everyone has a story, and we are impacted by the encounters we have with the unique stories of others. Our family has been on a long journey towards fostering and adopting that began over twenty years ago and has recently come to fruition through the adoption of a sibling group of five children ages 1-5.

I am 54 and my wife is 51. We already have four children in our home ages 13-20. Due to the nature of my job, I encountered A Child's Hope Int'l (ACHI) several years ago. Over time, our family went from ministering with them, to being blessed by receiving care from them. While ACHI offers many things to many people (financial aid, services, food, etc.), it is their willingness to listen, share their own stories, and walk alongside those in need that truly reveals what ACHI is all about.

May I encourage each of you who are following Jesus to remember three things that my family's story reveals? The first, there is nothing special about our family. We are simply trying to live out our belief that God loves us, owns us, and has left us here on earth to lovingly care for those in need. I have never seen one in greater need than a child who is unable to care for himself.

The second, God has given to us everything we need to love and care for others. This includes His Son, His Word, and His family (other Jesus followers). He will certainly give you what you need to follow Him as well.

Finally, I hope you remember that every treasure you have here on earth is very temporary. If following Jesus doesn't cost you, you are not following Him. Sacrificially loving others is the evidence that we understand the love God has demonstrated towards us.

On behalf of every child in need and the Lord who has called us, are you willing to hurt for the hurting? Are you willing to suffer for the suffering? Are you willing to be broken for the broken? It is the paradox of following God that true joy comes from giving away what has been given to you.

While we cannot yet display a picture of our new family until the legal process of adoption is completed, know that it is a picture of what God is doing in our story of following Him. If you are trying to make your own story include helping the most desperate population on earth, the orphans, then I encourage you to contact ACHI. It's a great way to take the next step.

*- John and Becky Shirley*



# ENDING 48 HOURS OF HUNGER

Childhood hunger is a growing problem. Recently, COVID-19 has led to a surge in hunger worldwide and now 1 in 4 kids here in the U.S. faces food insecurity.

While we continue to provide 20,000 high protein meals to orphans and vulnerable children around the world every single day, we are simultaneously committed to reaching the children within our community here in Cincinnati, Ohio.

ACHI's Hope Sacks™ provide nutritious, child friendly, ready-to-eat meals to local school children on the weekends.

Currently, this program is providing weekend nutrition assistance to 200 school-aged children during the 2020-2021 school year. If you would like to get involved by volunteering or donating, please visit our website.

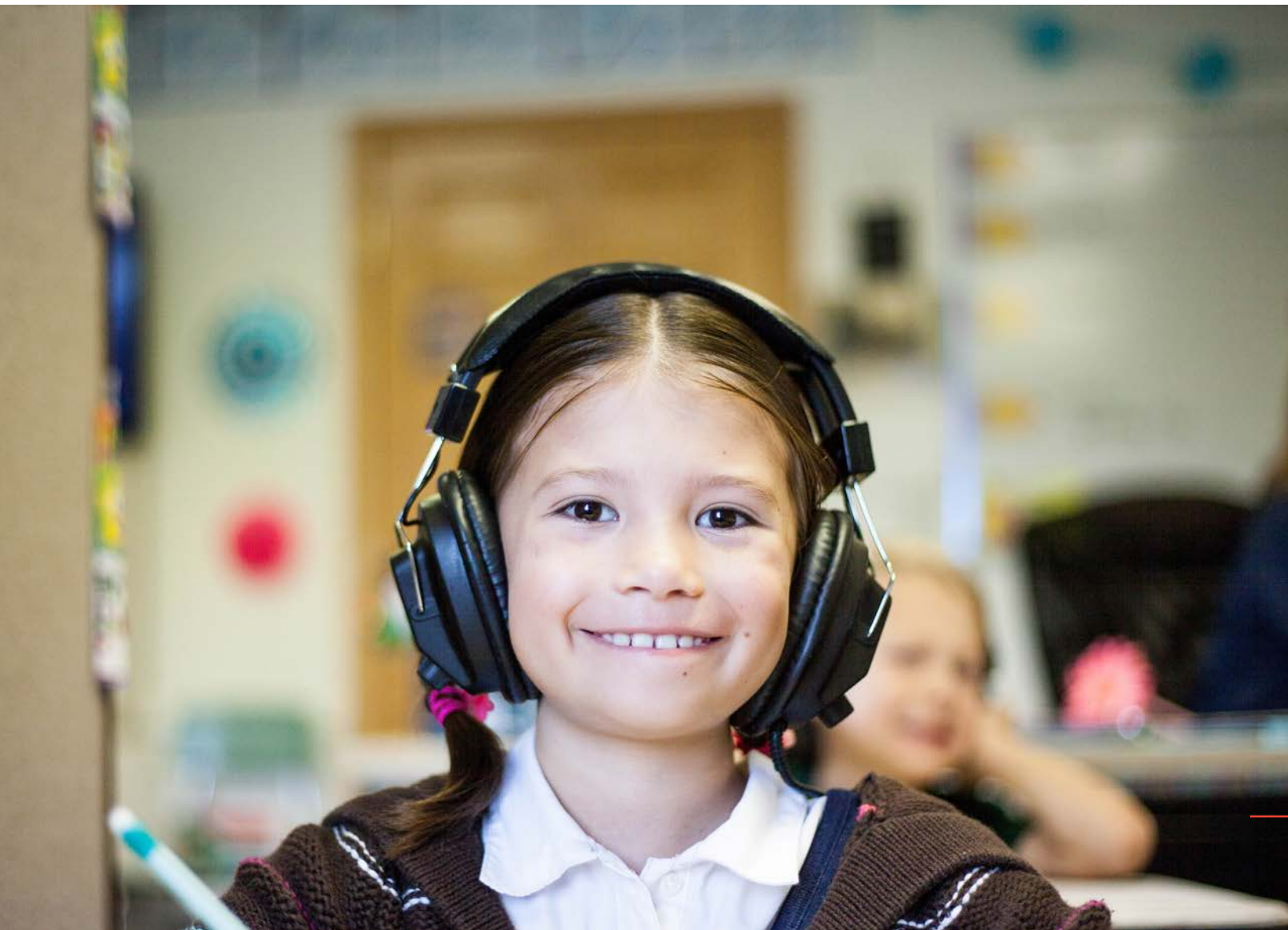
In partnership with







"On Thursdays, the children walk out of the school with excitement and share with me what is in their bag! Thank you for all you do for these children - it is certainly needed." Principal Hoskins from Heritage Hill Elementary School in Princeton, Ohio





# YOUR GENEROSITY MADE 2020 OUR MOST IMPACTFUL YEAR YET

**In 2020, we raised \$1.6M\***

\*Projected through end of year

**\$441K** Individuals

**\$397K** Churches

**\$183K** Grants

**\$158K** Organizations

**\$34K** Company Match

**Together, we invested \$1.7M**  
**We helped more children than ever.**

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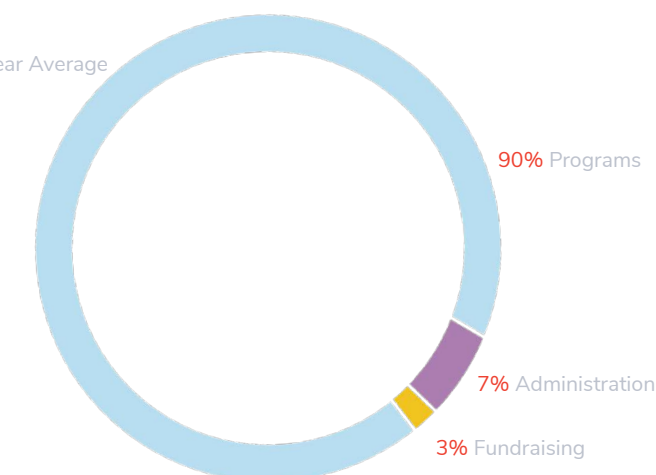
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Christian Bunse	Compliance Officer
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Michael White	Member

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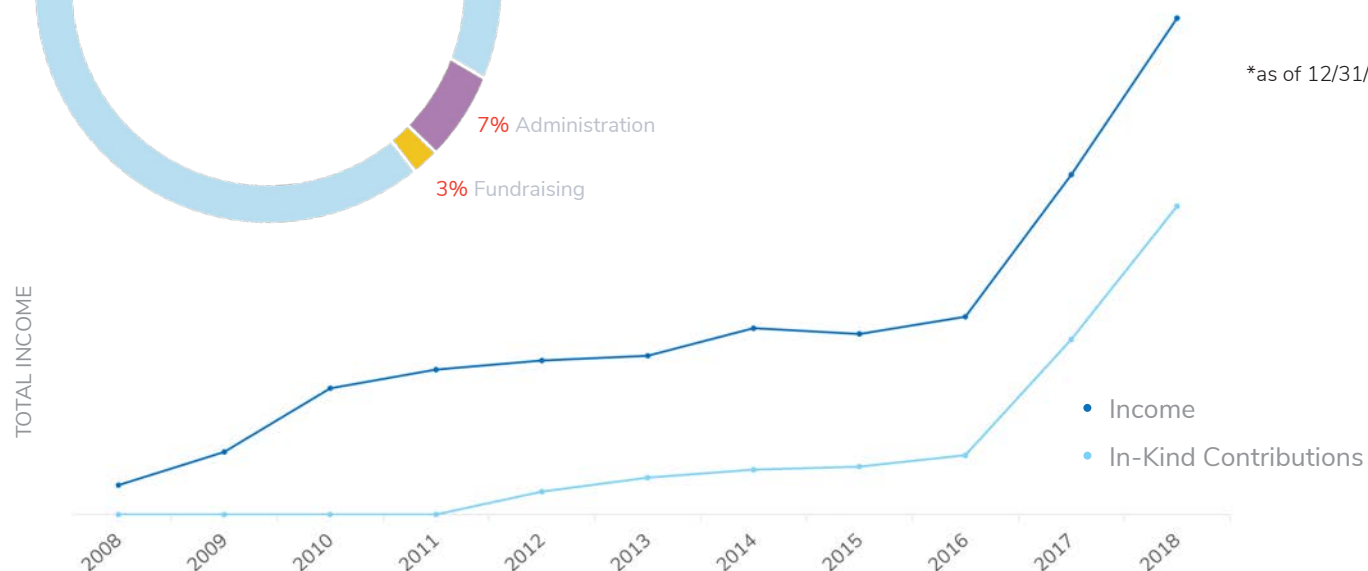
Based on 5 Year Average



## QUICK RECAP OF 2020:

- Event revenue decreased due to the impact of COVID-19 on large events
- Individual giving increased
- Used \$300K from savings
- Maintained zero debt, zero mortgage
- Preliminary Net Assets: \$1,232,462\*

\*as of 12/31/2020



In a tough year filled with uncertainty, over 1,000 individual donors gave generously to meet the needs of children locally and around the world and ignite a spark a hope that will outlive us and last for eternity. Everything we do is made possible by you, our generous and faithful supporters.

As we look to the year ahead, we remember God's faithfulness this past year. We saw God move mountains in our organization and in our lives in order to reach His children with

high protein food, clean and safe drinking water, and hope they so desperately need.

You gave thousands of children hope for the future and healing for today. We believe God will multiply the generosity of your hands to continue to provide for more than 20,000 children every day.

**We are rejoicing with all that was accomplished this year through you and we hope you will partner with us in 2021!**

**Your support =  
help for today + hope for tomorrow**

[YearEnd.TheChildrenAreWaiting.org](http://YearEnd.TheChildrenAreWaiting.org)

To donate,  
scan here!



In 2019, we received Charity Navigator's highest rating for financial accountability and transparency.





*2020 was our most  
impactful year yet*

Private donors covered 100% of the cost of this newsletter so that your gift can go directly to the children who need it most.



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