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LET'S ELEVATE HOW THE WORLD CARES FOR ORPHANED CHILDREN

A Child's Hope Foundation elevates how the world cares for

ORPHANS AND

Vulnerable Children



We Are A Child's Hope



A Child's Hope Foundation does similar work to other great organizations.

We have a robust volunteer program with meaningful service trips.

We ensure that donors' funds reach children to improve their lives in orphanages.

And yet,

We see orphanages as a temporary stop on the way to getting children into families.

We help our partners facilitate foster and adoptive family placement as well as family reintegration.

Here's how we're different:

We discover best practices and create standards, assessments, and training for caregivers, orphanage directors, and everyone else working with and for orphans and vulnerable children.

Then we use technology to spread this knowledge, bringing the world together to elevate the way we all care for orphaned children.



FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Throughout our 22 years, A Child's Hope Foundation has prioritized helping orphaned children get into safe and healthy environments and be placed into families. We started by building an adoption orphanage in Haiti (through which over 1,000 children were adopted), and we've since found other models and methods that provide better care for these vulnerable children.

Over time we've evolved to meet the needs of a growing number of stakeholders in three general areas of orphan care. First, we are known for our great service trips that have brought over 12,000 volunteers to children's homes to connect them to the needs of orphaned children. Second, we provide resources to care for children, prepare them for adulthood, and safely get them into families.

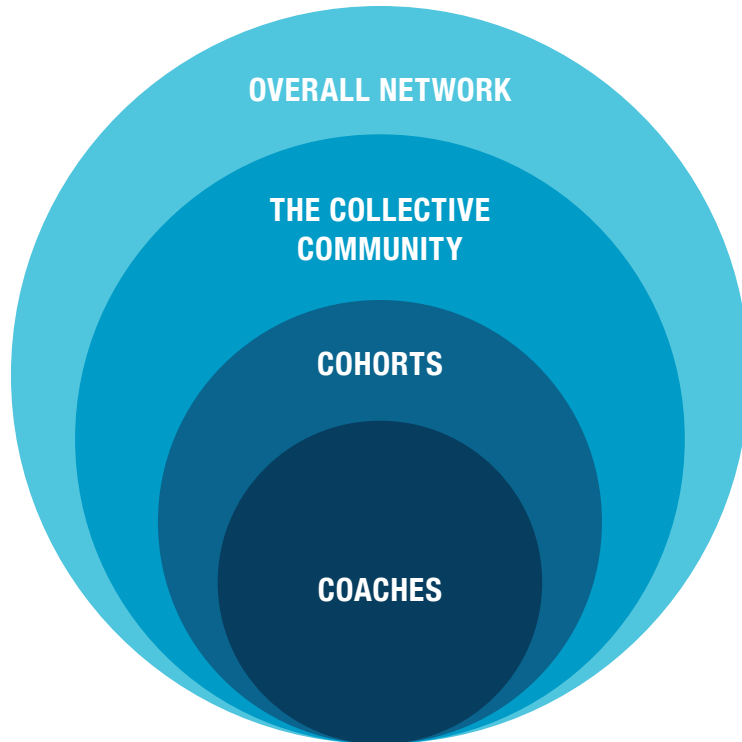
A Child's Hope Foundation fuels the orphan care space in three ways:

1. **Serve.** We run great volunteer programs.
2. **Fund.** We provide grants for caregivers, therapists, tutors and social workers to give the children love, healing, education, and placement into families.
3. **Train.** We connect and equip caregivers and other leaders in the orphan care space.

The third area of our work comes as a result of seeing gaps in the system while also receiving requests from professionals who have used our Thrive Program. They have asked what more we could give them. In response, we are now working to lead out as



Training & Connecting the Orphan Care Space



trainers in the orphan care ecosystem. We are in the process of expanding our offerings to equip orphanage directors, caregivers, government workers, NGOs, and other professionals in a variety of training experiences.

There is tremendous demand from the 197 members in our orphan care community, The Collective, to learn what is working on the ground. The wonderful thing we've discovered is that there are so many organizations with amazing programs that are already making a huge impact for children all around the world! Our opportunity is to collect the world's best orphan care practices—including family reintegration—turn them into trainings and courses, and offer those resources across the globe via technology.

This report identifies some of the barriers and gaps we see in the orphan care space, as well as the opportunities to solve those problems. I'm excited to share with you how A Child's Hope Foundation is addressing those needs.



KENT WHITE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
DECEMBER 2024



Expanding Our Impact in 2024

Over the six years that we've tracked our impact, the number of children supported through our Thrive Program has grown annually. Our reach continued to expand in 2024 with the development of our online community, The Collective. We now connect 197 professionals from around the globe, all of whom serve orphans and vulnerable children. As we facilitate these connections and train these individuals and organizations, our per-child impact continues to grow exponentially!





The Collective Impact

47

 Events

22

 ROUNDTABLES

6

 TOWN HALLS

16

 WORKSHOPS

3

 CONFERENCES

197

 Members

WHERE THRIVE COACHING IS DEPLOYED

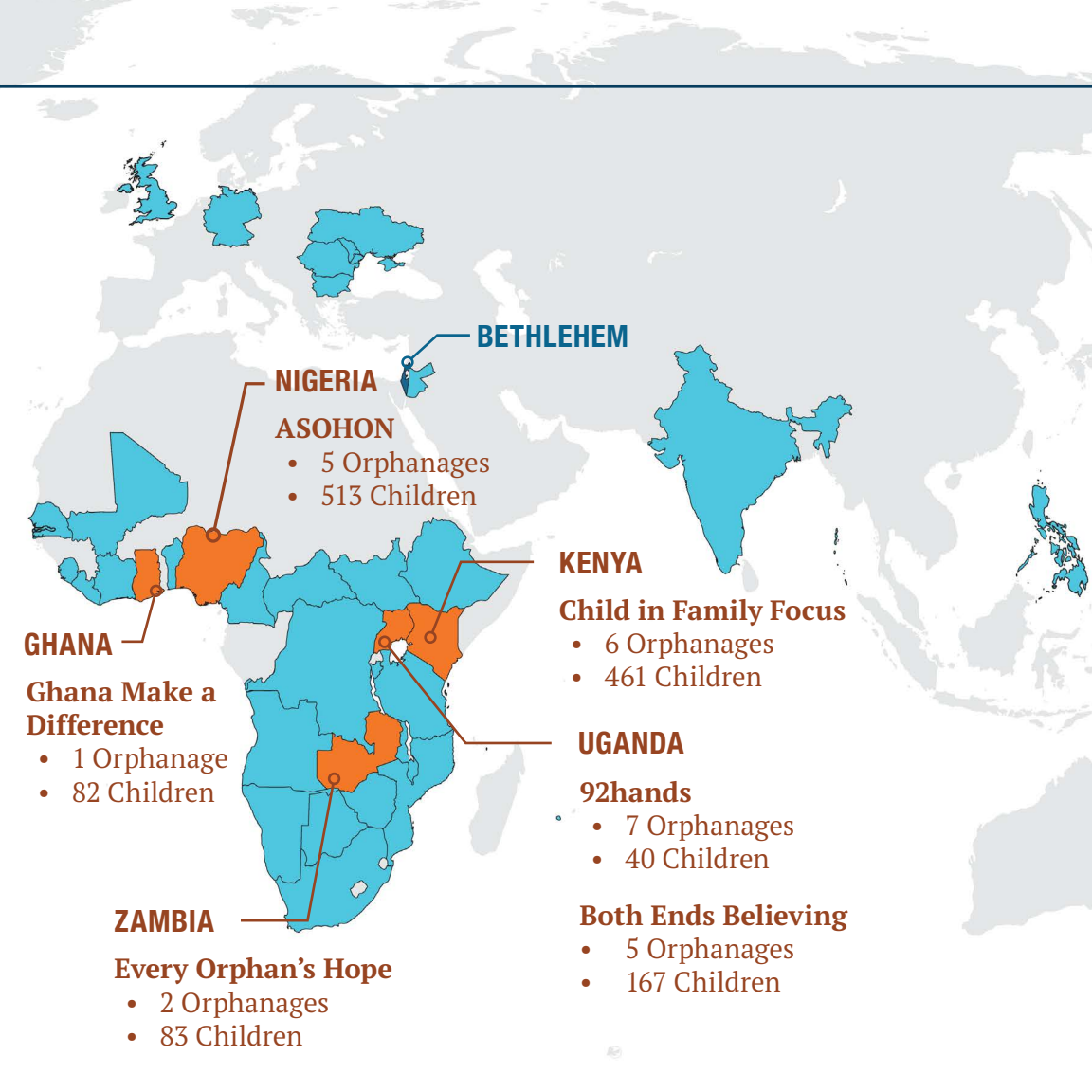
6 Countries

WHERE MEMBERS OF THE COLLECTIVE SERVE CHILDREN

71 Countries

WHERE WE'RE LAYING GROUNDWORK

3 Countries



BETHLEHEM

NIGERIA

ASOHON

- 5 Orphanages
- 513 Children

KENYA

Child in Family Focus

- 6 Orphanages
- 461 Children

UGANDA

92hands

- 7 Orphanages
- 40 Children

Both Ends Believing

- 5 Orphanages
- 167 Children

GHANA

Ghana Make a Difference

- 1 Orphanage
- 82 Children

ZAMBIA

Every Orphan's Hope

- 2 Orphanages
- 83 Children

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Thrive Program Impact

Deployment Teams

43

Orphanages

1,864 Kids

SOLVING PROBLEMS FOR *Vulnerable Children*

3

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IMPROVING ORPHAN CARE IS CHALLENGING WITHOUT FIELD-LEVEL KNOWLEDGE

Our Baja Thrive Team Gains First-Hand Experience

For 17 years, our programs have been anchored in Baja California, Mexico. While we develop new global partnerships that allow the Thrive Program to scale, we also recognize the importance of being practitioners in the orphan care space. We do more than administer the Thrive Program with our partner orphanages in Baja. We do more than send grants for Child Advancement Priorities to fund therapists, tutors, and caregivers for those orphanages. The Baja Thrive Team is also an important connector for our 10 partner orphanages in the area, facilitating the sharing of knowledge and resources among those homes. The Baja California State Government recognizes our team as a stable presence that assists their orphan care policy makers through electoral cycle upheavals. And because we are connected to NGOs and governments in other parts of the world, the Baja Thrive Team can work to bring best practices to this part of Mexico. We are positioned to shift mindsets and action toward family-style care that best serves children.



10-year-old “Lucia’s” rescue from sex trafficking began when her school hosted a presentation by International Network of Hearts, an organization dedicated to rescuing children from sexual exploitation. Lucia realized that the photos she and her siblings posed for every Saturday were not okay. When authorities looked into the case, they discovered that Lucia’s parents maintained their drug addiction with money they received from online child sex offenders. The children were removed from their home and placed in La Casa del Jardín, the only safe house in Tijuana for children recovering from human trafficking.

Casa del Jardín became one of our partner orphanages this year. The director, Rosario Guerra, appreciates how our Thrive Program guides her efforts in providing healing for the children and teens who find protection there. Rosario works closely with Adriana of the Baja Thrive Team to coordinate therapy through Espere, our partner that provides mental healthcare in Haiti and Mexico. Adriana and Rosario ensure the children receive schooling onsite, as well as all the other services they need to heal and thrive.

The Baja Thrive Team estimates that **70% of children** placed in Mexican orphanages have **experienced sexual abuse**, and sex trafficking is a pervasive problem in Baja’s border city of Tijuana. We are honored to work with those who fight this evil and **empower survivors** of human trafficking and sexual violence.

2024 Support for our Baja Orphanage Partners

10 PARTNER
ORPHANAGES

369 CHILDREN
SUPPORTED

18 THRIVE
ASSESSMENTS

20 IMPROVEMENT
ROADMAPS

77 ORPHANAGE STAFF
GIVEN CARE TRAINING

36 CAREGIVERS GIVEN
SALARY SUPPORT

18 THERAPISTS GIVEN
SALARY SUPPORT

9 TUTORS/TEACHERS
GIVEN SALARY SUPPORT



WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS

Our Deployment Partners Show Us What's Possible





Trinity Emmanuel was eight years old when his single mother found a job in Kampala, Uganda and left him behind in the nearby slum of Kosovo. Trinity was left homeless to fend for himself and deal with the slum's crime, violence, and witchcraft, which still preys on street kids for child sacrifice today. To survive, Trinity joined a gang, and over the following few years he saw four of his five friends die in the related violence. When the gang's leader was killed, Trinity and his friend, Levixone, escaped to the streets of Kampala where the teens were fortunate to be found by Pastor Deo. At age 14, Trinity was given his first pair of shoes, was enrolled in school, and was taught the Christian gospel—his future finally held hope.

Trinity went on to study graphic design and was hired to do remote work for the Coca-Cola Company. However, he and Levixone felt a deep pull to help the children living the nightmare they had come through.

In 2014, at just 22 years old, Trinity quit his corporate job and the two friends founded 92hands to pair single mothers with street children who need a family. The organization has grown for-profit offshoots that provide young people from the slums and streets with education, skills training, work, and small business loans. As a Deployment Partner, 92hands uses our Thrive Program in its seven foster homes to help each mama know how to best care for all her children.





Our Deployment Partners



7 **40**
HOMES CHILDREN



5 **513**
HOMES CHILDREN



3 **44**
HOMES CHILDREN



4 **105**
HOMES CHILDREN



5 **167**
HOMES CHILDREN



6 **461**
HOMES CHILDREN



2 **83**
HOMES CHILDREN



1 **82**
HOME CHILDREN



We don't have all the answers, so we love working with partners who have great solutions for their regions. Whether they're finding ways to get children off the street or providing a family environment for children who have been removed from abusive homes, our Deployment Partners demonstrate that we don't personally need to be on the ground to have an impact.

Once they understand the Thrive Program, they use it to amplify the good they already do. Those of us in prosperous circumstances can use our abundance and technology to support those in developing countries who want to care for their own community, **and who do so brilliantly when they have the training and the means.**





140 MILLION* OF THE WORLD'S CHILDREN ARE ORPHANED OR ABANDONED

We Align with Partners for Family Placement and Reintegration

Our partners show us how foster placement or safe reintegration with family or kin is often possible. A Child's Hope Foundation is eager to align with organizations that get kids into families and we provide grants to assist our partners in employing social workers, therapists, and tutors to that end.

In parts of Africa, our partners successfully find foster families or reunite children with their parents, relatives, or village. In Mexico, where children are housed in orphanages after being removed from unsafe homes, our partner, Back2Back Ministries, relaunched their Strong Families program. This program provides support and resources to help parents safely bring their children back home. **In 2024, the program helped three families bring home seven children, some of whom had been in the orphanage for nearly ten years.**

Our partners show us that there are many ways to get children into families. Going forward, our work is to formalize these methods into practical courses that will empower organizations worldwide to choose the reintegration model that can work for their regional conditions.

*UNICEF, *For Every Child, End AIDS: Seventh Stocktaking Report, 2016* (2016)
<https://www.unicef.org/reports/every-child-end-aids-seventh-stocktaking-report-2016>





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Children Placed into a Family in 2024 with
the Assistance of our Deployment Partners

10 Foster
Placements

3 Adoptive
Placements

102 Family
Reintegrations

\$86,512 TO
SUPPORT

28 SOCIAL WORKERS AND THERAPISTS
SUSTAINED BY A CHILD'S HOPE FOUNDATION



NOT ALL PARENTS FEEL CAPABLE OF CARING FOR THEIR CHILDREN.

“Caro” was born at home 13 years ago, the first child of under-resourced parents living in poverty. The baby’s poor postnatal care resulted in Caro developing cerebral palsy. In January 2024, her parents were struggling to feed their six children and reached a point of hopelessness. They left the ailing girl on the outskirts of their Maasai village where she would likely starve to death. Sadly, abandonment is not uncommon in developing countries when parents are overwhelmed. Fortunately, a neighbor alerted Kenya’s Child Care Investigations and Caro was hospitalized and treated for malnutrition. When she recovered enough to leave the hospital, Caro was placed at Miale ya Tumaini Children’s Care Centre, one of the orphanages that works with our Deployment Partner, Child in Family Focus - Kenya. The quality of care at the orphanage helped the disabled girl return to health.



GRANTS FROM A CHILD'S HOPE FOUNDATION CAN CHANGE THAT.

The orphanage director, Diana, understood that if Caro's parents were found, they would likely be arrested for child abandonment. However, she worked with the Department of Child Care Investigations and got their agreement to not make an arrest if Caro's mother would also come to Miale ya Tumaini to learn how to care for her disabled child. Diana found the girl's family and she brought Caro's mother and siblings to the orphanage.

It became apparent that the mother was pregnant with her seventh child. Still feeling hopeless and overwhelmed, she was initially reluctant to engage with Caro and avoided taking responsibility for her disabled daughter. In their village, Caro's siblings had been taught to avoid their older sister, but at Miale Ya Tumaini they learned to help feed her and interact with her. After consistent sessions with the onsite therapist, the mother is also showing some interest in caring for her child. She returned to her village to give birth in September, but the family continues to receive therapy and care training with the goal of taking Caro home.

Though Caro's story isn't resolved yet, it captures the challenges and nuance of working with children whose unique situations require the thoughtful intervention by dedicated caregivers and therapists.

"Caro" with her mother and the orphanage director, Diana. (AI altered photo.)



LACK OF TRAINING AND INFRASTRUCTURE
LIMIT PROGRESS FOR CHILDREN

**We Provide Systems Solutions
for the Global Orphan Care Space**



In 2019, our Executive Director, Kent White, was introduced to Mykola Kuleba, who was the children's ombudsman for Ukraine. Mykola shared the direction his country was taking to get all orphans and vulnerable children into their federally funded foster care program. Kent was left wondering why they were meeting.

At the time, A Child's Hope Foundation focused on improving orphanage facilities in Mexico—what could we offer to Ukraine? Mykola explained that it would take at least a decade to shut down all the orphanages there. What would happen to that generation of institutionalized children in the meantime? Not only were orphanage directors untrained, foster parents and social workers were also winging it. Ukraine had no central database or infrastructure to facilitate getting children into great foster families, let alone to help the current caregivers get better at their jobs.

That conversation shifted our perspective and we began seeing other gaps in the orphan care space:

- A Mexican state uses folders in Google Docs for the case management of 3,000 displaced children.
- An ally in Kenya has a proven system to safely reunite street children with their families, but no way to train enough social workers to scale that model.
- A partner in Mexico has a program that maintains family ties and helps parents make improvements to bring their children home, but they only have bandwidth to run this for a handful of families and orphanages.

Our observations validate what we've suspected for a while: It doesn't matter what laws get passed to help children if the infrastructure can't deliver on those policies. If an industrialized country with government funding feels a need for training and infrastructure, developing countries have little hope for improvement—**unless someone steps up to provide strategies for professional growth in the entire orphan care ecosystem.**

We are stepping up.





When a child is placed in an orphanage with one of our partners, that is only the beginning of his or her road to proper care. **We are now expanding our Thrive offerings to help the professionals in the orphan care space see clearly how to improve, and then we coach them toward their goals.** We know that our personal attention can't reach worldwide; but through technology we create peer groups who support and train each other to scale all our efforts.

Offerings of Our Thrive Program

OFFERINGS

THRIVE TOOLS

Self-Directed Thrive Assessment • Guided Thrive Assessment • Improvement Roadmap

THE COLLECTIVE

Virtual Events • Thrive Workshops • In-Person Events/Trainings

TRANSFORMATION SUPPORT — IN DEVELOPMENT

Connection Services • Coaching Services • Grants

STAKEHOLDERS

CAREGIVERS /
DIRECTORS OF HOMES

NON-PROFITS & NGO'S

GOV AGENCIES



In 2024...

- Online, self-directed Thrive Course
- Thrive Cohort initiative to provide in-person training for geographic regions
- Global trainings through The Collective (see pages 23-26)



What's next...

- Pilot partnership with Zambian Government to take the Thrive Program to every orphanage in the country
- Create a course event series to be offered by our Improvement Partners, such as Trauma Free World and Saprea
- Explore the role of social workers in Baja California, Mexico, so children don't get lost in the system
- Share a family reintegration course based on Shelter Yetu's model
- Host in-person small gatherings to work through case studies for transitioning toward family-based care
- Revamp the online Thrive Course with a Thrive Self-Assessment that automatically generates Improvement Roadmaps



OUR FIVE-PART STRATEGY FOR THE WORLD'S ORPHAN CARE ECOSYSTEM



Define Standards of Care



Provide Assessments



Share a Gap Analysis Report



Make Recommendations



Offer Courses & Coaching



We believe the best directors, caregivers, psychologists, and social workers are those who prioritize their own improvement journey. To that end, we are developing new ways to train professionals working for orphans and vulnerable children, because when people who care feel empowered, they don't burn out—and they help more children get safely into families.



ORPHANS AND VULNERABLE CHILDREN CAN'T PROTECT THEMSELVES

Our Thrive Program Protects Children's Rights



In 1990, the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child went into effect to promote the welfare of all children. Children in orphanages are particularly vulnerable. Nearly all of them have experienced trauma, and many of their caregivers are untrained, overwhelmed, and dealing with trauma themselves.

Since our Thrive Program was piloted in 2018, 49 orphanages and foster homes have shown that with some clarity and coaching, even good leaders can make targeted improvements to their safe and loving homes for orphans and vulnerable children.

A Child's Hope Foundation distilled the UN's 54 articles into 15 standards of care measured by our Thrive Assessment. Orphanage leaders answer more than 200 explicit questions to discover how well they are meeting each of the 15 standards. With this information, orphanage directors then identify how to improve their facilities and the care for their children, which ensures that, with some work and help, every child at a thriving orphanage has their rights secured.



Children Have the Right to...



LIVE WITH FAMILY



QUALITY EDUCATION



BE PROTECTED FROM
ABUSE & NEGLECT



A STABLE, LOVING, &
NURTURING ENVIRONMENT



EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES



DIGNITY & FREEDOM



HEALTHCARE



GUIDANCE



SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT



NUTRITION



BE HEARD & PARTICIPATE IN
DECISIONS THAT AFFECT THEM



FINANCE STANDARD



SAFE & ADEQUATE
WATER & FACILITIES



BE PREPARED FOR RESPONSIBLE
& ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP



GOVERNANCE & HUMAN
RESOURCE STANDARD



Randy and Sandra Huebert founded El Refugio (The Refuge) in 2010 as a safe home for at-risk teenage girls. They always look for ways to improve every area of their orphanage and ministry, and their first Thrive Assessment showed that they were already thriving in most areas.

But several of the assessment's questions also underscored an issue they were already aware of.

Many of the girls who currently live at the orphanage have been rescued from sex trafficking. The orphanage has several times received threats of harm to the girls from former pimps or traffickers, and our Deployment Partner, Baja Love, reports that drunk men sometimes wandered onto the property. On top of that, some of the older girls were trying to sneak out at night, risking their own safety. The staff questioned whether they should no longer house teens and instead only take in much younger girls.



The Thrive Assessment confirmed that the girls' rights to safety, protection and freedom were being compromised. It also inspired a solution.

El Refugio's leaders faced the problem and made a plan. Here is Strategic Initiative #1 from their first-ever Improvement Roadmap.



SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS

Security cameras and fencing placed around the perimeter of the facility. This can be done in stages and depending on final cost, other churches and Baja Love Outreach are likely to sponsor a portion of the cost.

\$1,000 - \$2,500 dollars



The project was funded by our generous donors, the Buckner Family Foundation. The fence was completed first, and the security cameras were purchased and installed in the summer of 2024. With these new security measures in place, girls know they can't sneak out and strangers don't wander in. Adult staff is confident in protecting the teens in their care, and everyone feels more comfortable and secure at the home.



ORPHANAGES ARE NOT DESIGNED TO HELP CHILDREN THRIVE INTO ADULTHOOD

The Thrive Program Elevates Care for Vulnerable Children



When a partner orphanage begins the Thrive Program, the director is trained to complete a Thrive Assessment, which **shows how well the orphanage satisfies 15 standards of care** drawn from the United Nations' Rights of the Child. They then create goals that help us generate an Improvement Roadmap (see also pp. 31-32).

The Improvement Roadmap includes Strategic Initiatives, which the director identifies as **the orphanage's two or three most pressing needs or goals**. With these needs identified, orphanages can begin seeking support from donors to help reach their goals.

Our Baja Thrive Team or our Deployment Partner continues to coach each director and re-assess their Thrive Score every six months. This way, orphanage directors and foster parents are held accountable for their use of funds. When an orphanage meets certain requirements, including annual training in trauma care, financial transparency, tutoring and mental health therapy for the children, **their Thrive Score drives upward and they become a trustworthy home where children thrive**.



OUR 43 PARTNER HOMES ARE ON A PATH TO THRIVING

2 PARTNER HOMES SURVIVING

7 PARTNER HOMES SUSTAINING

34 PARTNER HOMES THRIVING



In Zambia, many children lose their parents to AIDS. Our Deployment Partner, Every Orphan's Hope, creates families for orphans by providing homes for widows who take in up to eight children each. Every Orphan's Hope now support 12 such families in their My Father's House Family Homes.

Abigail Banda is the dedicated manager of all 12 homes. When she went through the Thrive Assessment in April, one question stood out to her: "Do children perform service in the community at least twice a year?" The question correlates to the children's right to be prepared for active and responsible citizenship (see p. 18), and it got Abigail thinking about the tools she was giving children to live productive, happy lives as adults.

Abigail felt inspired to find ways for the children to help in their town. She arranged for some volunteer work at both the local school and community hospital. The children and their House Mothers enthusiastically cleaned classrooms, washed carpets, and tidied up designated areas at the clinic. Abigail reports that it was deeply rewarding for everyone. The children felt a sense of accomplishment at making a noticeable, positive impact, and they are excited for more service opportunities in the future.

When children serve others, work together, and give back to their community, they gain empowering experience and skills to carry into adulthood.



71

Countries

Served

197

Members

47

Events

17

CARE PROVIDERS

22

ROUNDTABLES

164

NGO REPRESENTATIVES

6

TOWN HALLS

16

GOVERNMENT AGENTS

3

IN-PERSON CONFERENCES

16

WORKSHOPS

FEBRUARY

COORDINATING GOALS

Mexican officials from the State of Baja California met with orphanage directors for their first ever roundtable. The child services agents shared their goals for 2024. Orphanage directors were able to give their feedback.

APRIL

THE STEERING COMMITTEE

Five members of The Collective were appointed to create a steering committee. This committee counsels with our team from A Child's Hope Foundation to determine what events will most benefit The Collective's members.



ORPHAN CARE IS A LONELY SPACE

The Collective Serves Orphan Care Providers

For many orphanage caregivers, their work is lonely and exhausting. When legislative policies are passed with little to no funding or training on how to implement them, those in the orphan care space feel disheartened. That's where we come in with The Collective. Born from the need for community, this network of caregivers and supportive partners reaches across the globe to lift each other through best practices as we all seek to improve orphan care.

As new individuals and organizations bring their talents to The Collective each month, we evolve to coordinate more specific, helpful offerings for all members. A Child's Hope Foundation hosts a variety of events that connect allies doing diverse work in the space. This includes building connections between orphanage directors. **When members of The Collective come together, they leverage the experience and expertise of their worldwide counterparts, caregivers are empowered, and the world's orphan care ecosystem thrives.**



José Carlos, a member of The Collective from Cabaña por la Infancia, trained staff from seven of our partner orphanages in Mexico.

MAY

CONNECTING SOCIAL WELFARE LEADERS

The Collective brought together 23 leaders from government agencies, NGOs, and orphanages in Guadalajara, Mexico. They tackled a needs-gap analysis and in five hours leaders shifted from personal skepticism to shared commitment.

JULY

THRIVE WORKSHOP

We hosted our first Spanish-speaking Thrive Workshop for caregivers in Mexico. Andrés from Casa Viva Soluciones encouraged participants to consider family-based care along with traditional orphanage care.



DISCONNECTION UNDERMINES IMPACT

The Collective Serves NGOs and Governments



Cameron Outlaw, our Director of Global Partnerships, says, "Connection and belonging are some of the most powerful tools we have to change the systemic problems we are facing. So how do we translate the work we do into different contexts to serve more people?"

With his team, Cameron began facilitating online conversations where people from a variety of organizations in the space meet to discuss problems and solutions. These informal "town halls" grew into The Collective, our international network of nearly 200 members representing NGOs, governments, and orphanage leadership. They meet for training from experts, regional gatherings in local languages, and collaborative roundtable conversations.

By connecting these individuals, we strive to eliminate isolation in orphan care and share the best practices of our amazing members worldwide!

"We want to make sure that everyone feels like A Child's Hope Foundation is on their team and can help connect them to whatever they may need in terms of support."

SEPTEMBER

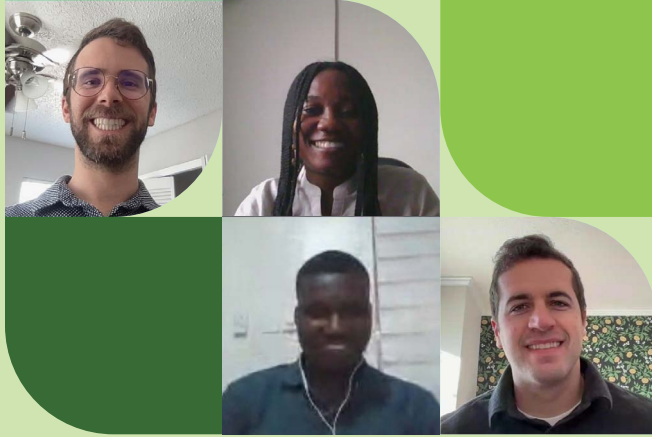
SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PARTNER REACH

Annie, a Saprea instructor in Utah, presented to The Collective's members in Africa about reducing the risk of sexual abuse for children. The Collective's platform helps our Supportive Services Partners scale their reach.

OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION

We connected government leaders in three Mexican states with Boyd Madsen from Utah's Department of Health and Human Services to learn about foster care, share experiences, and explore best practices.



Local allies met at the first Friends in Ghana Roundtable.

One of the great things about an online community is the ability to connect worldwide over shared global issues, or to focus on challenges specific to a geographic region. In January, The Collective hosted an online meeting to answer the question: "How might we do more, together, with the individuals working in Ghana?"

We connected champions from three organizations, each of which has their own approach to serving orphans and vulnerable children in Ghana. Our Deployment Partner, Ghana Make a Difference, runs an orphanage for those who have been abandoned or rescued from forced child labor. They work to reintegrate children into families. Fafali Organization empowers children from impoverished communities through education, sports, entrepreneurship, and other means. Family Based Care Alliance Ghana is a Christian organization that supports family-based care for orphans.

The most fascinating revelation from the focus group was that all three organizations operate in the same region, but their representatives had never met! The online collaboration introduced them to their allies in Ghana so they could share ideas to better serve vulnerable populations there.

NOVEMBER

CONNECTIONS IN EASTERN EUROPE

With The Know-How Centre and First Steps Foundation, we hosted a roundtable for The Collective's members in Bulgaria, Belarus, and Moldova. Everyone introduced their organization's work with an aim for future collaboration.

DECEMBER

COME SPEAK YOUR LANGUAGE

A Child's Hope Foundation hosted two networking Town Halls (one in Spanish, one in English) open to all members of The Collective. These virtual gatherings fostered encouragement as we all look forward to another year of work for the children.

JOIN US IN ELEVATING *Orphan Care*

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PEOPLE WANT TO GIVE MEANINGFUL SERVICE

We Welcome Volunteers!

We improve more lives than just those of vulnerable children and their caregivers. Volunteers are a powerful force in our mission to love and serve the children, and they tell us how the work changes their lives as well. In 2024 we hosted 30 service trips, including a pilot trip to East Africa, which will become an annual service trip. We also felt the love from our large volunteer support staff at our United States headquarters. Our work to give children hope wouldn't be possible without the benevolent work and dedication of our volunteers!

1,048 TOTAL VOLUNTEERS

45,097 TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

HQ VOLUNTEERS

54 volunteers | 5,161 hours

SERVICE TRIP VOLUNTEERS

994 volunteers | 39,936 hours





Over the years, Casa Hogar de la Esperanza in Tijuana received many donated children's books. Unfortunately, the books were stored in a poorly lit room with a low ceiling and broken bookshelves. The uninviting space felt more like a basement cave than a library, and the children were not interested in exploring the books it held.

Martin Hernandez, the home's director, identified the need to fix up this space, so when our service trip volunteers arrived in July, they rolled up their sleeves and began clearing out the old shelves. One group got to work removing cobwebs, scrubbing the floor, and raising the ceiling while another group refurbished and painted the shelves and updated the lighting. The volunteers gave the walls a fresh coat of cheerful, green paint. Some of the older children at the orphanage even joined the volunteers to get everything done. Martin was overjoyed to see the new library space finished, and the children were excited to rush in and rediscover their books! Having an on-site library will encourage the children at Esperanza to catch a love of reading for many years to come.



Dave Blair, a volunteer on this trip said:

“I took down a group of young adults who said this project was the biggest highlight of their trip. They were able to complete the project over the span of just a few days and transformed a dreary, dark room into a bright and joyful library for the kids at Esperanza. As volunteers, we trust that a foundation like A Child's Hope is going to change these kids' lives. Seeing a physical iteration of a completed project, like the library, shows us how the work we volunteers do impacts the kids' circumstances long term. We hope the work we did on this trip helped the orphanage not just physically, but also emotionally and mentally.”



DONORS WANT TO TRUST THEIR RECIPIENTS

How We Secure Donor Confidence

At age 17, Jayne Kabura befriended a group of street children in Nairobi, Kenya and eventually took 18 of them to her parents' small farm. This was the start of St. Paul's Children's Care Centre. 40 years later, over 2,000 children have found shelter there until being placed in a family home or transitioning to adulthood.

When St. Paul's took their first Thrive Assessment, Jayne saw they could do better, so she set three goals in their new Improvement Roadmap. At the next assessment six months later, the orphanage had made measurable progress. After one year, they had thriving scores in every area, which they maintained through 2024.

With the support of A Child's Hope donors, St. Paul's employs key individuals to help the children. A tutor comes every week. The counselor provides mental health and spiritual guidance. The social worker focuses on family tracing.

St. Paul's now has data to show that their bi-annual Thrive Assessment and Improvement Roadmap makes a real difference. For example, in 2022, the home's caregivers were hired without clear job descriptions or training, and children often experienced corporal punishment for misbehavior. Today, all staff members submit their CVs for regular evaluations, and caregivers have been trained in positive discipline methods.

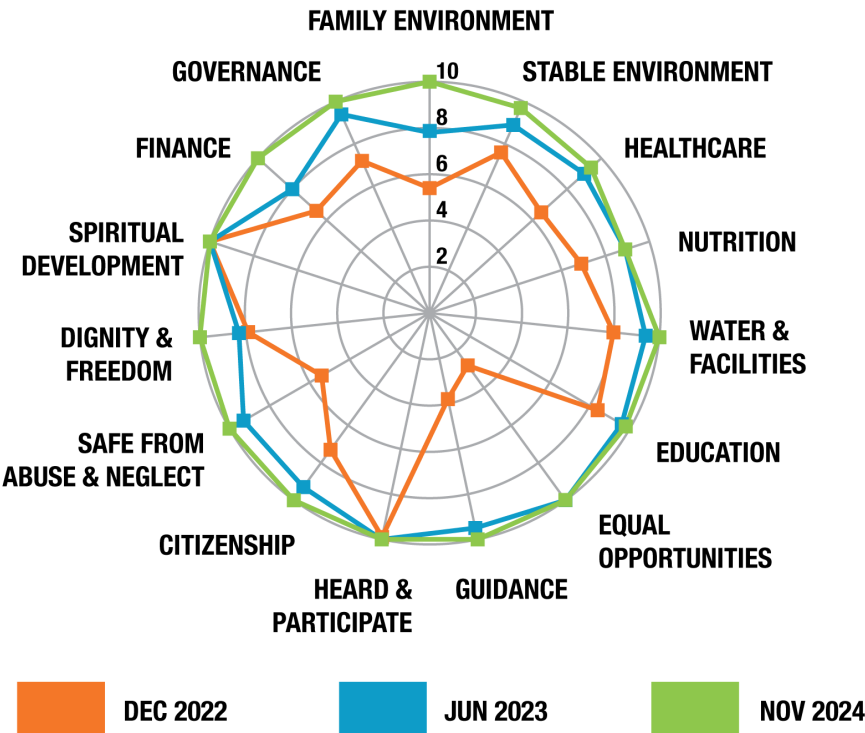
After each assessment, Jayne takes printed copies of their Improvement Roadmap to business owners in Nairobi, showing them her charts and budgeted plans. **Her new donors are proof that measuring progress secures donor confidence.**



**TAKE A LOOK AT
OUR IMPROVEMENT
ROADMAPS**



ST. PAUL'S THRIVE SCALE



Donors often question whether their giving reaches the children. We developed our Thrive Program to validate effective home leadership, which ensures that orphans and vulnerable children thrive and hope for a bright future.



In 2024 our Deployment Partners administered 70 Thrive Assessments and helped children's homes like St. Paul's define 68 Improvement Roadmaps.



DONORS WANT TO MAKE AN IMPACT

Ensuring Donor Funds Make a Strategic Impact

Rev. Peter Okparaji was devastated to see his orphanage go up in flames at about 9 p.m. on Monday, April 22 of this year. He credits God's intervention that all the children and staff members were safely evacuated—but everything else on the property was a total loss.

Rev. Okparaji is the founder of Living Stream Impact Foundation in Nigeria. The foundation runs six programs to serve the poor in their community, including the Little Angels Orphanage Home and LiFT Love Academy, a school for the orphans and other vulnerable children in the community.

When the orphanage was destroyed, the children and caregivers moved into the school building where they at least had a roof over their heads.



A few weeks before the fire, Living Stream completed their first Thrive Assessment and Improvement Roadmap with our Deployment Partner in Nigeria, ASOHON. Initially, the director had identified three Strategic Initiatives with a total cost of \$500 USD to provide food, books, and caregiver training. But when the fire took away the children's Right to Water and Facilities and left the orphanage in desperate circumstances, the money was redirected.

With this grant from A Child's Hope Foundation, the director purchased more important items: mattresses to get the children off the bare, hard floor of the school, plus a generator to provide electricity at their new shelter and power for running their water pump.



In a letter of gratitude, Rev. Peter Okparaji expressed the orphanage’s thanks to God for the generous donation and timely intervention of A Child’s Hope Foundation: **“You gave us light and strength when we thought all hope was lost. We really appreciate this support which came just at the right time.** It is our earnest prayer that the Father of light continues to prosper the work of your hands and your organization as you continue to give hope to hopeless children...God bless you.”



55 Strategic Initiatives Funded

\$46,661 Funding from Our Donors

When our Deployment Partners collaborate with orphanage directors to draft a home’s Improvement Roadmap, they identify next steps and goals for the following six months of work. Strategic Initiatives on the Improvement Roadmap prioritize the improvements that donors can assist with to make the most difference for the children.

In 2024, donors funded a variety of Strategic Initiatives, including food, washing machines, therapy support, emergency medical funds, solar power, caregiver training, and school uniforms.

We pass Rev. Okparaji’s thanks along to our donors, who make it possible to fund Strategic Initiatives for orphanages that have a plan for thriving.



DONORS APPRECIATE TRANSPARENCY

2024 Financial Stewardship



- PROGRAMS SPENDING:**
\$1,676,594 | 81.5%
- FUNDRAISING SPENDING:**
\$284,265 | 13.8%
- ADMINISTRATIVE SPENDING:**
\$96,542 | 4.7%

Distinctions from Charity Ratings Sites:





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We believe in financial transparency and responsibility. The Form 990s that we file with the IRS are available on our website.





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