

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

Empowering youth to obtain flourishing futures



HOPE FOR LIFE

Dear friends,

2017 was a milestone year for Hope for Life. This year was all about strengthening our foundations in preparation for growth. One of the most significant ways this was accomplished was by Hope for Life becoming a 501c3 nonprofit organization in the US. This decision was made and executed with much prayer and support from you, our HFL family, and it has paved the way for greater success. We were able to hire three part-time employees in the States and together, they've expanded the resources and reach of the organization.

In Rwanda, we focused on building the quality of our programs to the best they can be. We hired a psychologist who works regularly alongside our children and we've witnessed breakthroughs in their ability to thrive as a result. We invested even more in education through after school tutoring and extracurricular activities, and we've seen the highest achievements ever before from our students. We witnessed children escape homelessness and reunite with family members, youth graduate from traditional schooling or vocational training programs, families once living in fear of poverty forcing them apart able to remain together at home, and hope being restored across the community for a bright future.

Our belief remains strong that together, through the generous partnership of donors around the world, and the expertise of local leaders, we can make this world a better place for children. Over the next two years, we have exciting plans in the works of how, together, we will impact more people than ever before.

One needs not look far in our world today to find immense challenges but we are convinced of the resilience and power of the human spirit; that when we come together, children, families and communities can be changed. Thank you for your partnership, trust, and generosity. It is an honor to work alongside of you to provide hope for a brighter tomorrow one child and family at a time.

In Partnership,



**Megan Chao**  
*Executive Director, US & Co-Founder*



**Chantal Umutesi**  
*Executive Director, Rwanda & Co-Founder*

# REHABILITATIVE HOME

Providing 24/7 holistic care to children transitioning out of homelessness

29

Children served

7

New children

1

Graduated high school

100%

Successfully completed their grade in school

4

Children reintegrated home

2

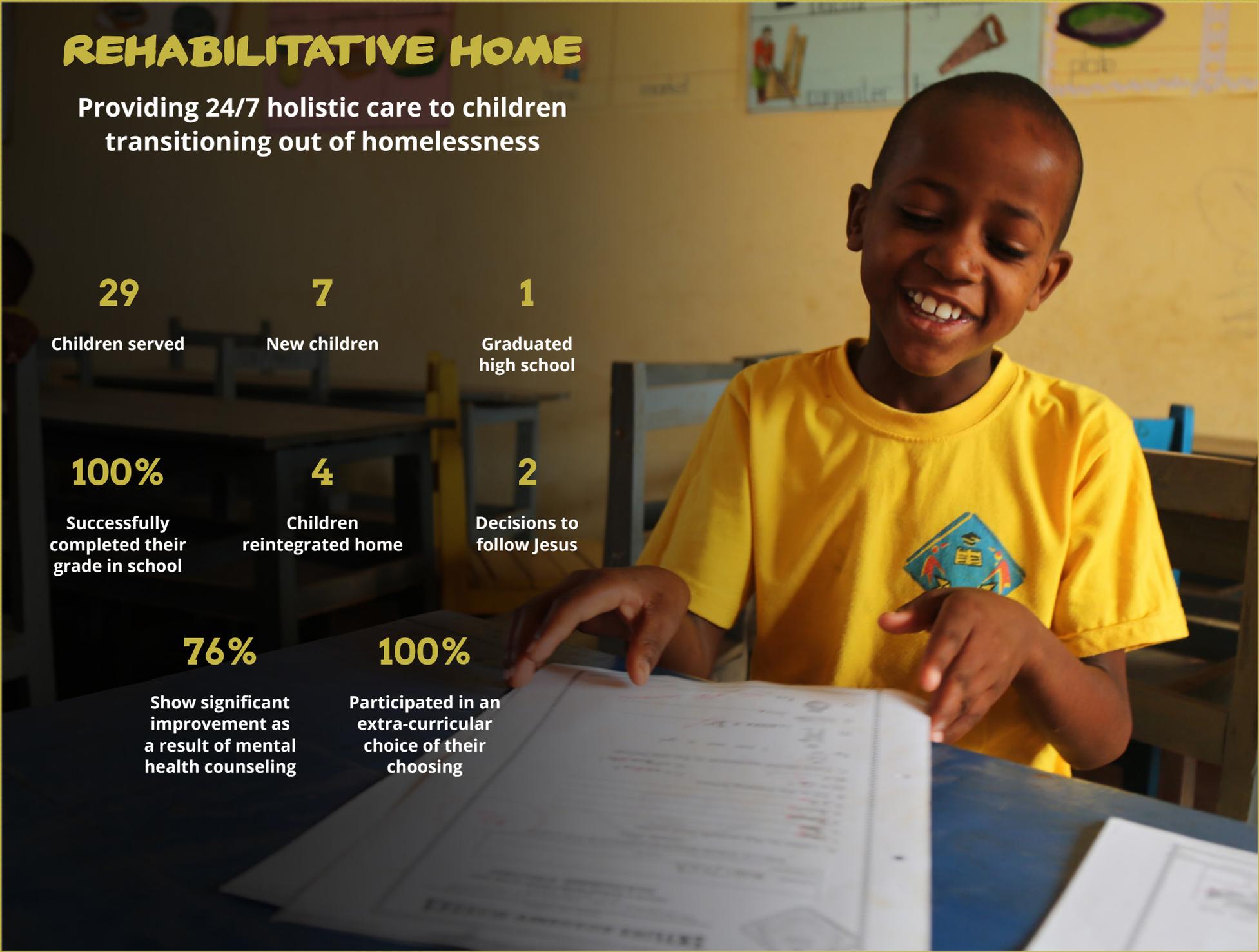
Decisions to follow Jesus

76%

Show significant improvement as a result of mental health counseling

100%

Participated in an extra-curricular choice of their choosing





## COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIPS

Providing preventative sponsorships to at-risk children, enabling them to stay in school and at home with family, without poverty forcing them to the streets.

40

Children sponsored

7

New children

4

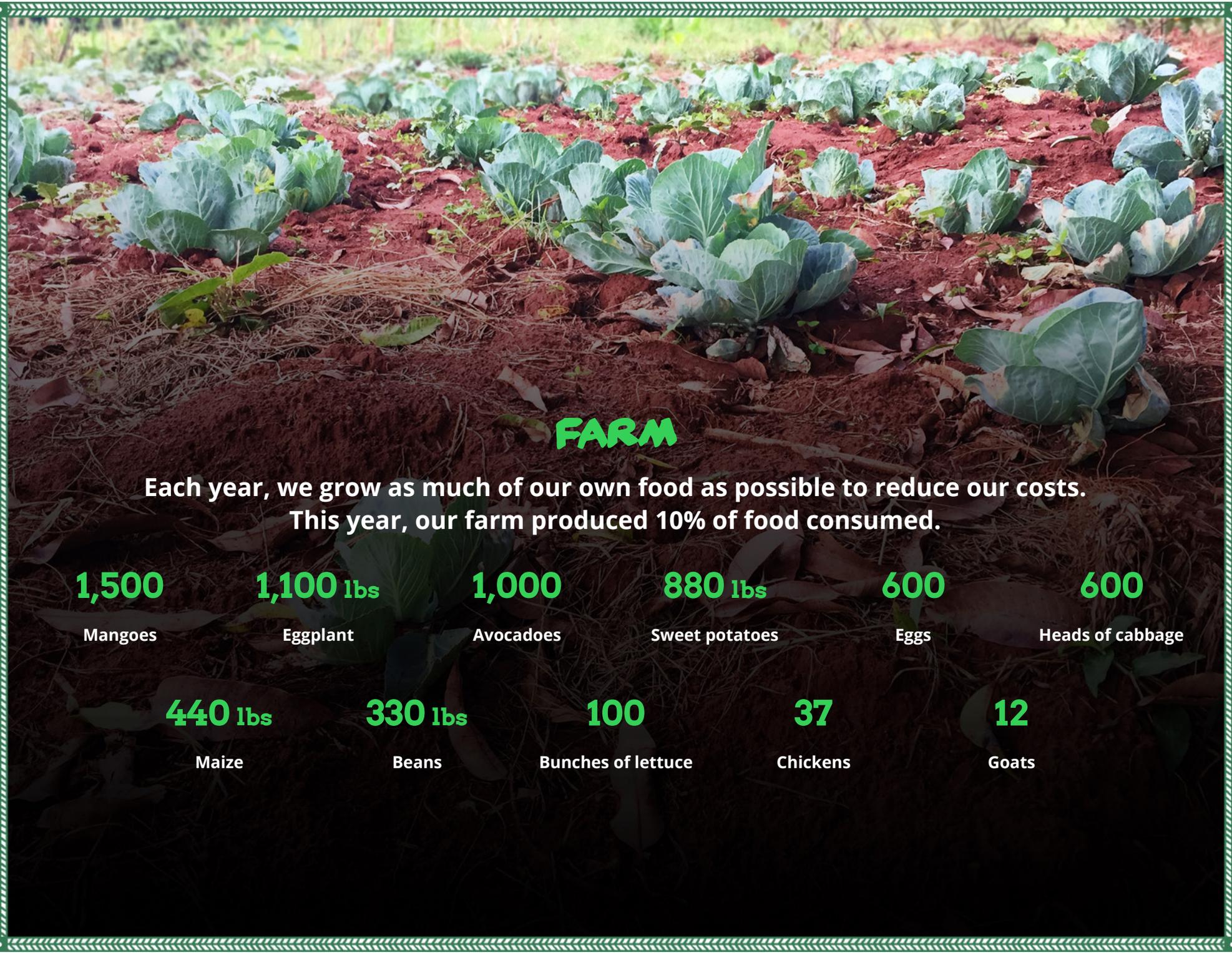
Completed vocational training

90%

Successfully completed their grade in school

1

Graduated high school



## FARM

Each year, we grow as much of our own food as possible to reduce our costs.  
This year, our farm produced 10% of food consumed.

1,500

Mangoes

1,100 lbs

Eggplant

1,000

Avocadoes

880 lbs

Sweet potatoes

600

Eggs

600

Heads of cabbage

440 lbs

Maize

330 lbs

Beans

100

Bunches of lettuce

37

Chickens

12

Goats



## LOCAL LEADERSHIP

A critical factor in long-term sustainability is local community support and a sense of local ownership. This year we provided **26** jobs, allowing Rwandans to provide for their families with dignity and play a critical role in the transformations occurring in their community.

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We are firm believers in being good neighbors and seeing our entire community flourish.

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- 900** Neighbors used HFL's facilities for community meetings
  - 100** Children provided with books
  - 35** Neighborhood children enjoyed regular access to our playground
  - 6** Families provided with clothing
  - 4** Rwandan organizations partnered with HFL
  - 1** Car donated to aid children and staff with transportation

# 2017 IN NUMBERS - REVENUE

Individuals - \$148,786

Special Events - \$48,732

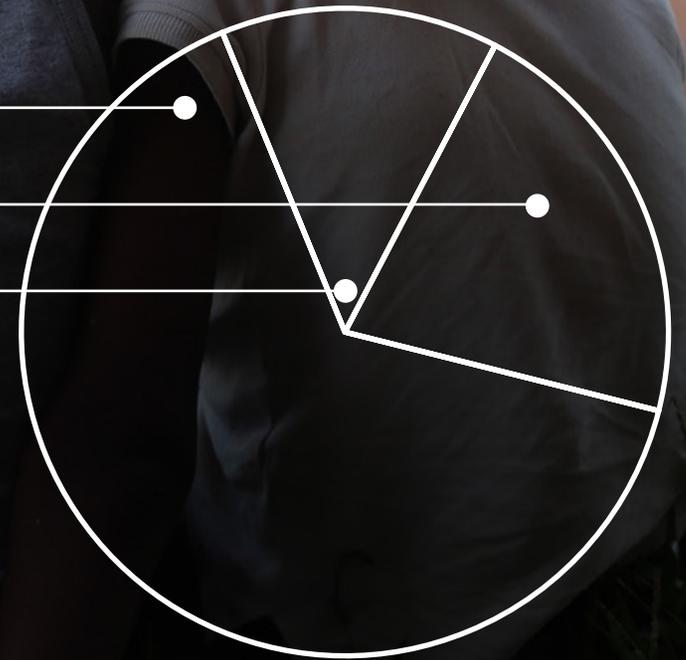
Businesses / Churches - \$30,884

**Total Revenue: \$228,101**

65% Individuals

21% Special Events

14% Businesses / Churches



# 2017 IN NUMBERS - EXPENSES

Programs - **\$158,811**

Fundraising - **\$44,010**

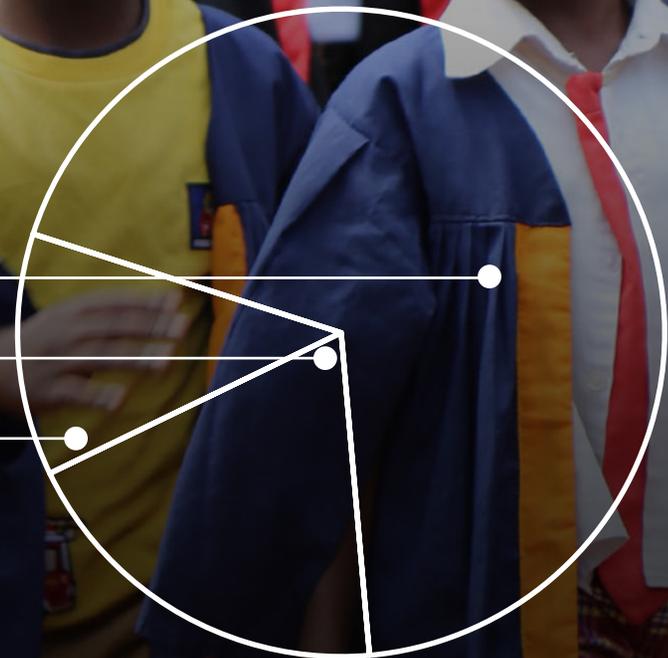
Management & Administration - **\$27,244**

**Total Expenses: \$230,065**

**69%** Programs

**19%** Fundraising

**12%** Management & Administration



# PARTNERS

**\$22,415**

Matching donations

**79%**

Donor retention rate

**\$202**

Average donation

**89**

New donors

**48**

Volunteers



  
**HOPE FOR LIFE**  
Helping children to escape homelessness

“There are so many things I have achieved that I never thought I would do because of your support. Because of you, I believe I can make it.”

- Child beneficiary of HFL

Thank You!

