

# 2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Youth empowered to seek abundant lives



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HOPE FOR LIFE

# LETTER FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS

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2018 was one of our hardest years in our nine-year journey as we witnessed a rise in the number of children who are experiencing homelessness and extreme poverty in Rwanda. Every few weeks, an unexpected knock sounded on our gate from a tired child looking to change his life; tired of being hungry and abused, of shivering from the cold in the night, of being covered in scabies, of feeling less than human. This is tragic and truly breaks our hearts.

But thanks to you and hundreds of ordinary heroes from around the world sharing your hearts, time, and resources, this isn't the end of the story. Instead, you gave generously and made 2018 our biggest year yet. You helped a record number of children and families in Rwanda find hope for their futures and change their lives long term. Over 660 youth and families in Rwanda were able to find hope for their futures and change their lives. 112 of those were children directly empowered through sponsorship to holistically flourish and another 551 individuals in the community benefited from one-time services. This is worth celebrating!

As Hope for Life celebrates our ten year anniversary in 2019, our belief remains strong that with your

generous partnership and the expertise of local leaders, we can make a difference for the next generation. We look forward to collaborating with you into the future as we actively prepare to expand current programs, launch new ones, and impact even more children together.

Thank you for your generosity, trust, and faithfulness. It is an honor to partner with you to see children go from crisis to stability, to escaping homelessness and poverty long-term, and journey into a hopeful, abundant future.

In Partnership,

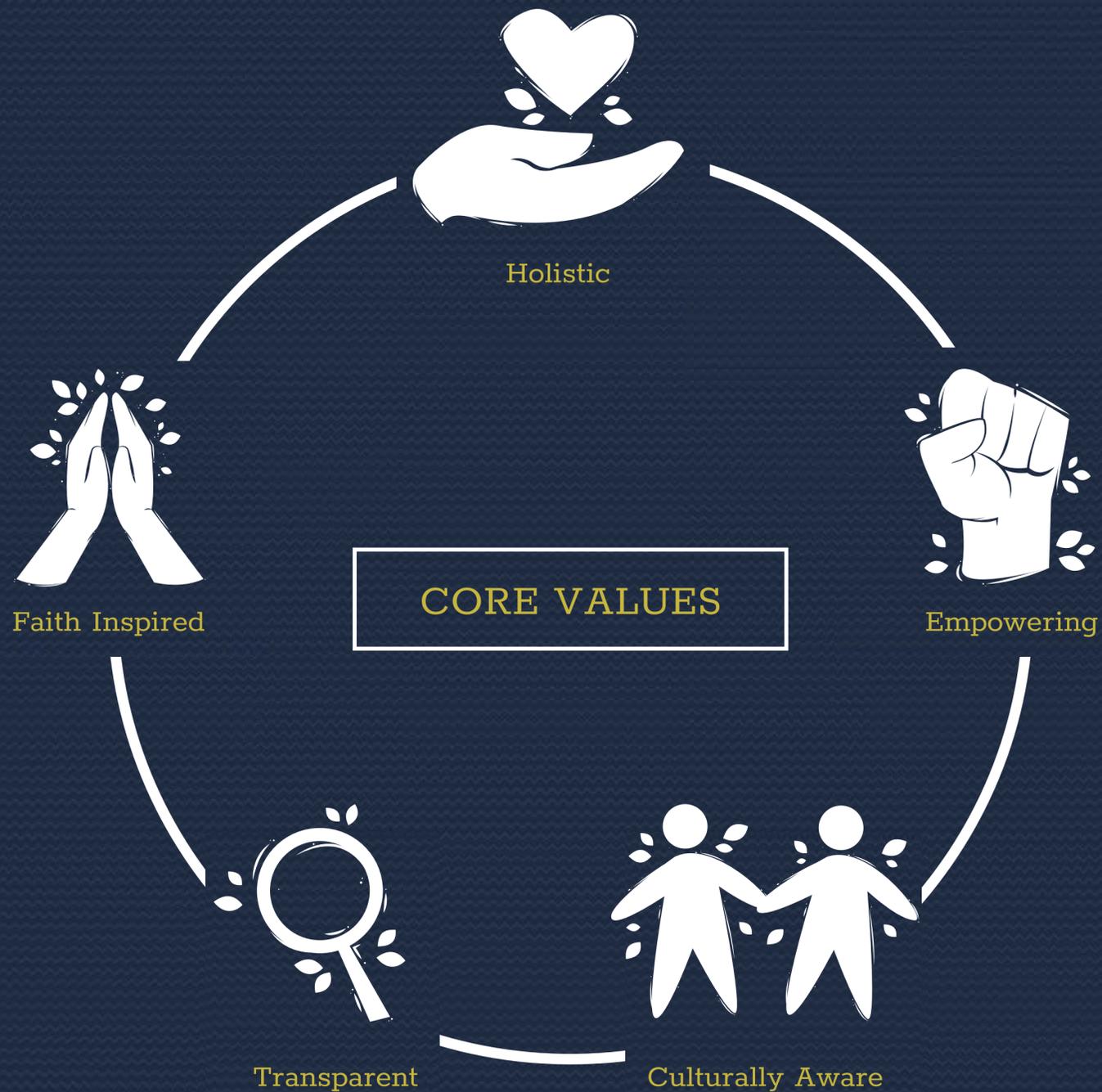


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# CORE VALUES

## Holistic

We believe that humans are multi-faceted and are part of intricate systems. As such, our efforts at empowerment seek to address the entire human experience. This includes physical, emotional, relational, spiritual and systemic aspects of our humanity.

## Transparent

We seek transparency in all aspects of our work, especially as it pertains to financial integrity.

## Faith Inspired

Our faith in a loving God motivates what we do, how we carry it out, and why we serve our community each day. We seek to empower children to transform their physical and spiritual lives while simultaneously expressing sensitivity as we work with people from various cultures, backgrounds, and religions.

## Empowering

We seek to come alongside people celebrating the reality that each of us has something to offer as well as something to learn. This speaks to the inherent value we believe every human being has. As part of our commitment to empowerment, we believe that Rwandans are the best equipped to lead change in their own communities and we seek a posture of humble partners.

## Culturally Aware

We respect and honor the dignity of all people, acknowledging that differences exist between cultures, but not assigning values to these differences. We seek to demonstrate respect, humility, and a learners heart to understand communities and cultures that may be different from our own.



# REHABILITATIVE PROGRAM

Offering 24/7 holistic care to children transitioning out of homelessness and extreme poverty. Services include school enrollment, medical care, trauma counseling, Christian discipleship, and family reconciliation.



38

(^ 31% from 2017!)

Children served

7

New children

100%

Successfully completed their grade in school

83%

Showed significant improvement as a result of mental health counseling

6

Formal extracurricular programs offered

1

Decision to follow Jesus

2

Reintegrated home

1

Graduated out of the program into financial independence

4-24

Age range of children in program





## 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. Each child is enrolled in school, has access to regular medical care, and receives follow-up visits from a social worker quarterly.

74

(^ 85% from 2017!)

Children served

31

New children

95%

Successfully completed their grade in school

2

Decisions to follow Jesus

1

Graduated high school

8

out of 11

Students who took high school national exams and passed

7

Completed vocational training

7

Small businesses started

# COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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We are honored to assist our local community believing that holistic and lasting change for children requires strong and healthy adults and families.

**500**   **50**   **8**

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Neighbors who used  
HFL's facilities for  
community meetings

Children provided  
with school supplies

Job coaching and  
employment secured

**5**

*families*

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Medical insurance  
provided

**1**

Car donated





# LOCAL LEADERSHIP

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A critical factor in long-term sustainability is community support and a sense of local ownership. This year, 17 jobs were provided, equipping Rwandans to facilitate transformation in their communities and provide for their families with dignity.



# FARM

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Each year, we grow as much of our own food as possible to reduce our costs. This year, our farm produced 10% of the food consumed by children in the rehabilitative program.



**450 lbs**

Beans



**650 lbs**

Sweet Potatoes



**550 lbs**

Maise



**10**

Plantain Trees



**130**

Heads Cabbage



**70**

Bunches Lettuce



**20 lbs**

Ground Nuts



**46**

Chickens



**200**

Eggs



**14**

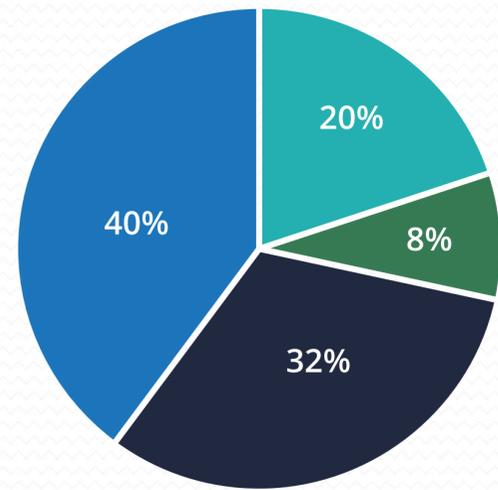
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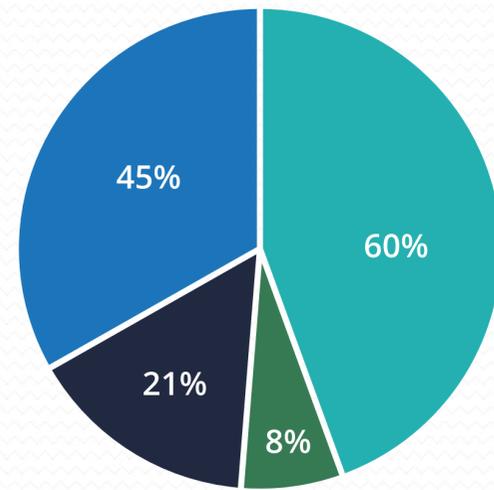
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## Revenue

2018



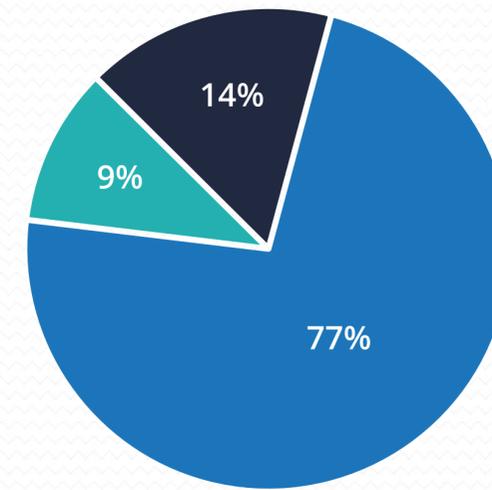
2017



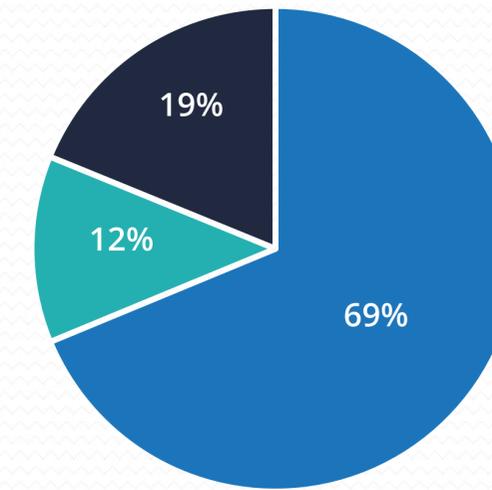
Revenue	2018	2017
Child Sponsorship	\$62,815 (20%)	\$59,160 (60%)
Grants	\$26,000 (8%)	\$18,000 (8%)
Events	\$100,203 (32%)	\$48,732 (21%)
General	\$122,105 (40%)	\$102,209 (45%)
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$311,123</b>	<b>\$228,101</b>

## Expenses

2018



2017



Expenses	2018	2017
Programs	\$190,511 (77%)	\$158,811 (69%)
Management / Admin	\$21,464 (9%)	\$27,244 (12%)
Fundraising	\$35,313 (14%)	\$44,010 (19%)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$247,288</b>	<b>\$230,065</b>

Note: Income exceeded Expenses in 2018 as significant funding was secured for a capital campaign project that will begin in 2019.



# PARTNERS

Total Financial Partners	-	311
In Kind Donations	-	\$17,572
Matching Donations	-	\$20,357
New Donors	-	161
Average Gift	-	\$194
Donations Processed	-	1,493
Volunteers	-	76

Special thanks to our 2018 Platinum, Gold, and Silver Gala Sponsors - Smasne Cellars, Cocina Buena, Ronald Blue Trust, Grace Power & Control, Zion Jung, Torey de Rozario and Hilliary Anderson.



ON BEHALF OF EACH OF THE CHILDREN AND  
FAMILIES SERVED, THANK YOU!

*"I am very thankful for everything you do for me and because you've helped me. God bless you, After finishing school well, I want to develop myself more, and my family, my friends, and my society. I want to be a man that leaves a legacy in this world, like you."*

- Community Sponsorship Program Beneficiary