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Hope's Promise

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A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

Ecclesiastes 4:12

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OUR MISSION

Strengthen families through ethical, Christ-centered foster care, adoption, and global orphan care

OUR VISION

Every child will grow up in a stable and nurturing family

OUR VALUES

Faith
Family
Advocacy
Compassion
Trauma-informed

2023 *impact* at-a-glance

114

NEW children placed in our *Orphan Care Programs* in Kenya, Nepal, Zimbabwe, and Vietnam

125

local *foster children and their families* **shopped the FOSTER CLOSET** *hosted at Hope's Promise*

68

EXPECTANT PARENTS *provided with options counseling*

23

children *placed* with their forever adoptive families

22

Connection Team Members **TRAVELED to two countries** *to witness our programs on the ground and become life-long advocates*

10

new foster families **CERTIFIED** and ready to become a safe landing place for foster children in **COLORADO**

18

children provided with an *out of home* placement with a Hope's Promise **foster family**

A LETTER FROM OUR *Executive Director*

Dear Friends,

Another year has come to a close and the ministry of Hope's Promise continues to grow and thrive. With the vision that every child will have an opportunity to grow up in a stable and nurturing family, we are working diligently to serve children and families through our foster care, adoption, and global orphan care programs. However, we would not be able to do this important work without you. Partnerships with families, stakeholders, donors, volunteers, churches, businesses, and other organizations in the community are crucial to the mission of Hope's Promise.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV) says, "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up." This is so true. The Bible repeatedly emphasizes the importance of teamwork, telling stories of collaboration and shared purpose. The story of Nehemiah rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem was not just about the physical building. It was about a community coming together with everyone contributing their unique skills and strengths, working side by side to achieve a common goal. When there is a common bond of truth and purpose that unites people, great things can be achieved. As I reflect on 2023, I have seen that evidenced through our many accomplishments.

One of our goals for 2023 was to increase awareness about our foster care program and the great need for foster parents in Colorado. We made good progress with this goal and received applications from 20 new families who wanted to become certified foster families, up from just seven the year before. Partnership with these families allowed us to serve 20 Colorado youth needing out-of-home placement in 2023.

Another goal was to host our first-ever international leadership gathering. In February of 2023, twelve of us, including our country coordinators from Kenya, Nepal, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe, Beth Sheveland (Board Chairman), Colleen Briggs (Director of Orphan Care) and I met in Nairobi, Kenya. The theme for our time together was "loaves and fishes." Throughout the week we celebrated the goodness of God as He takes the loaves and fish we bring and gives us more than we could ever ask for or imagine. We spent time together worshiping, sharing stories of where we have seen God "feed the five thousand," learning more about trauma, working on strategic planning, and building relationships. It was a special time together for our international leadership team and I think we all went home feeling more committed than ever to working together to fulfill the mission of Hope's Promise.

We also planned to restart our connection team trips in the post-COVID world. In 2023, we were able to send teams to both Kenya and Zimbabwe to see firsthand the impact of our orphan care programs. In this upcoming year, we are planning to continue to send teams who can then become advocates for orphaned and vulnerable children.

Another highlight of the year was our two-day US staff retreat which was held in October. It was a wonderful time of connection, reflection, and refreshment. One of the activities included examining our current ministry values and refining them. Through this process, we asked ourselves if this is something we will still believe in five years or ten years and if it is important to the long-term success of our ministry.

Working collaboratively, the staff identified a list of core values. We took this feedback to our board of directors who weighed in and finalized the list. Together, we identified the core values of Hope's Promise to be:

FAITH – Jesus is the foundation of every decision we make.
FAMILY – Family is prioritized, both professionally and personally.
COMPASSION – Everyone is made in the image of God, has inherent value, and deserves to be treated with respect and compassion.
ADVOCACY – Everyone's voice deserves to be heard, especially those who are often overlooked, silenced, or marginalized.
TRAUMA INFORMED – Trauma-informed care is essential to creating a culture of safety, empowerment, and healing.

As I look towards the upcoming year, I am excited about the possibilities ahead. Some of our goals for 2024 include:

- Increasing the number of foster youth in Colorado that we are able to serve.
- Continuing to fundraise for our Care Fund so that we can provide financial support to women experiencing an unintended pregnancy, even if they do not choose adoption.
- Increasing our church partnerships to allow for continued growth of our programs.
- Redefining job roles and responsibilities to allow for continued growth for existing staff.

Thank you so much for your partnership this past year. We all have a gift the Lord has given us to be used for His glory. To continue this important work, we need each other now more than ever. We need prayer warriors, donors, church partners, community partners, staff, board members, volunteers, and willing families. When we use our strengths together, we can achieve great things for God's kingdom. I am so thankful for the privilege of partnering with you in serving children and families around the world through the ministry of Hope's Promise.

Gratefully,
Beth Woods
Beth Woods
Executive Director
Hope's Promise

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Adoption in 2023

The Hope's Promise adoption program provides compassionate and ethical adoption services to expectant mothers, birth mothers, and domestic and international adoptive families in Colorado. We believe God planned families as the best place for children to grow and thrive and we desire to provide every family we serve with preparation, education, and support for the journey ahead.

We do this through:

- Domestic infant adoption and intercountry adoption services.
- Free options counseling to women and men experiencing an unintended pregnancy.
- Post-relinquishment support to birth mothers including a monthly support group.
- Adoption education and training to professionals throughout the Colorado community.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
Isaiah 40:29

2023 Adoption Outcomes

- We provided quarterly free virtual adoption training for professionals, training 96 professionals in pregnancy centers and medical offices throughout Colorado.
- We provided free options counseling to 55 expectant mothers ages 13 to 37 all throughout the state.
- We completed 23 adoption placements, including 5 international placements of children whose families had been waiting for many years to travel.
- We helped 19 domestic and 1 international adoptive family finalize their adoptions in court.

Adoption Highlights

- We completed our fourth year of monthly support groups for birth mothers using the curriculum written by and for birth mothers by Lifetime Healing LLC. This year we went back to in person meetings with a virtual option to make it accessible to women all throughout the state.
- For the fourth year in a row, we trained adoptive families using the National Training and Development Curriculum which was recently implemented by the state of Colorado to train all foster and adoptive families.
- We have begun to see overlap with some of our adoptive families being foster parents, and one of our families in the waiting pool for adoption became foster parents to a little girl whose adoption was finalized in December 2023.

Orphan Care in 2023

Believing God designed families as the best place for nurturing children to thrive and be empowered, we place and support orphaned and vulnerable children in the holistic care of biological relatives when possible and with non-relative caregivers when needed.

Our indigenous Country Coordinators work through local churches in collaboration with community resources to empower and equip caregivers to provide for the children's lifelong physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs.

Hope's Promise orphan care staff started 2023 "together," literally and for the first time ever! From Kenya, Zimbabwe, Nepal, Vietnam, and the US, we gathered in Nairobi, Kenya and garnered strength from God and one another to continue our mission of supporting orphaned children in the care of relatives and non-relatives. We also expanded our definition of "together" as we increased the number of children served across the globe from 264 in 2022 to 378 in 2023. And we relaunched Connection Trips, sending 22 Americans to visit our ministries in Kenya and Zimbabwe.

Orphan Care Outcomes

- We cared for 55 children in non-relative families (Kenya, Nepal, Vietnam).
- We cared for 323 children in families with relatives (Kenya, Zimbabwe, Vietnam).
- We had 22 US participants in Connection Trips.
- We supported 26 students in post-high school vocational training or university.

Orphan Care Highlights

- In Kenya, we added 30 kids to our relative based care program.
- In Zimbabwe, we added 30 kids to our relative based care program.
- In Vietnam, we transitioned national leadership and implemented trauma informed care training. We also added a new education scholarship program of 30 orphaned and vulnerable children living with relatives in an impoverished area.

Foster Care in 2023

Children living in Colorado need safe and stable homes. Often biological families need love, support, and nurturing. Foster care is an opportunity to invest in the stability and permanency of Colorado families by supporting reunification efforts for youth in foster care. Hope's Promise works in collaboration with counties to place youth in foster homes where they can thrive. As a Christian agency, we have a highly trained and ministry-minded social work team who provides families with the emotional and spiritual support needed to create healthy foster families and successful placements.

Foster Care Outcomes

- 50 potential foster families attended our free informational sessions – almost twice as many as last year.
- 19 foster children and youth ages newborn to 17 years were placed with Hope's Promise certified foster families, over twice as many as last year!
- 10 new families were certified and 5 families were recertified for fostering in Colorado.

Foster Care Highlights

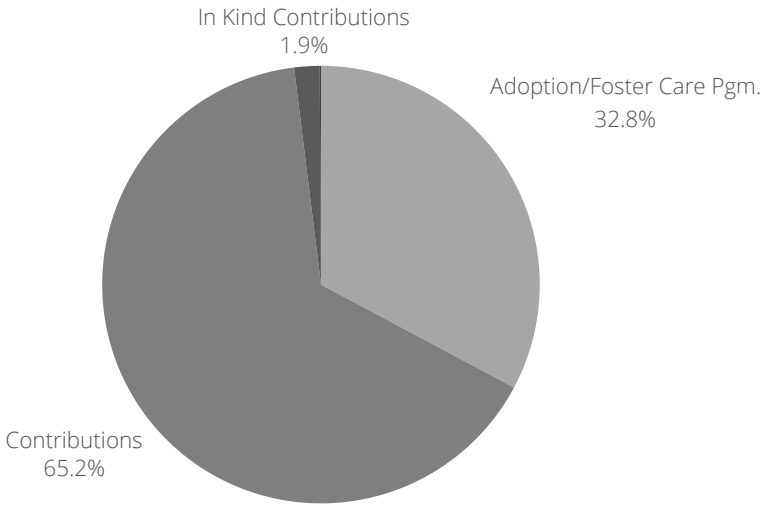
- We continued to host the local community foster closet, and they moved into a second office to set up a boutique shopping experience for youth and families.
- We hosted two events for foster families, including a park meetup in the summer and a Christmas party in December.
- Our foster care staff team grew with the addition of a full-time program manager to manage all the new growth and placements in our program.

2023 INCOME/ EXPENSES

Income

Adoption/ Foster Care Program Fees	$462,358
Contributions	$919,664
In-kind Contributions	$26,414
Other	$1,296

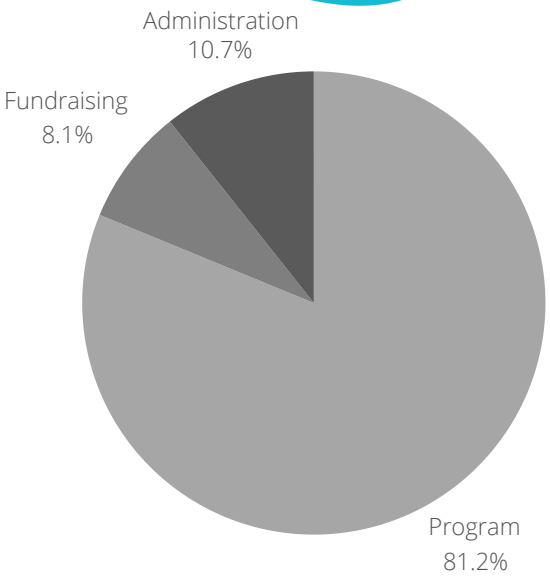
TOTAL INCOME $1,409,732



Expenses

Program	$1,239,396
Fundraising	$123,793
Administration	$162,882

TOTAL EXPENSES $1,526,071



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

2023	WithoutDonor Restrictions	WithDonor Restrictions	Total
REVENUES:			
Contributions	$755,604	$75,828	$831,432
Child adoption program fees	$363,650		$363,650
Child Foster program fees	$98,708		$98,708
Fundraising	$88,232		$88,232
In-kind contributions	$26,414		$26,414
Interest Income	$1,296		$1,296
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	$68,833	($68,833)	
Total Revenue	$1,402,737	$6,995	$1,409,732
EXPENSES:			
Program	$1,239,396		$1,239,396
Management and General	$162,882		$162,882
Fundraising	$123,793		$123,793
Total Expenses	$1,526,071		$1,526,071
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	($123,334)	$6,995	($116,339)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	$736,353	$123,137	$859,490
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	$613,019	$130,132	$743,151

2022	WithoutDonor Restrictions	WithDonor Restrictions	Total
REVENUES:			
Contributions	$641,863	$58,910	$700,773
Child adoption program fees	$378,250		$378,250
Child Foster program fees	$64,103		$64,103
Fundraising	$77,942		$77,942
In-kind contributions	$22,600		$22,600
Interest Income	$700		$700
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	$58,665	($58,664)	
Total Revenue	$1,244,122	$246	$1,244,368
EXPENSES:			
Program	$1,087,826		$1,087,826
Management and General	$151,534		$151,534
Fundraising	$99,549		$99,549
Total Expenses	$1,338,909		$1,338,909
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	($94,787)	$246	($94,541)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	$831,140	$122,891	$954,031
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	$736,353	$123,137	$859,490

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

	2023	2022
ASSETS:		
Cash Without Donor Restrictions	$544,307	$653,213
Cash With Donor Restrictions	$134,583	$123,137
Accounts receivable	$33,592	$15,547
Prepaid Expenses	$39,860	$38,385
Operating lease right-of-use-assets	$510,161	$551,728
Building/Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	$82,400	$89,953
Total Current Assets	$1,344,903	$1,471,963
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
Accounts payable	$32,398	$5,105
Accrued expenses:		
Payroll	$27,349	$26,665
Vacation	$14,190	$15,725
Current portion of long-term operating lease liabilities	$38,092	$37,162
Operating Lease Liabilities, less current portion	$489,724	$527,816
Total Liabilities	$601,753	$612,473
NET ASSETS:		
Without donor restrictions	$613,018	$736,353
With donor restrictions	$130,132	$123,137
Total Net Assets	$743,150	$859,490
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	$1,344,903	$1,471,963

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.
Ephesians 6:10

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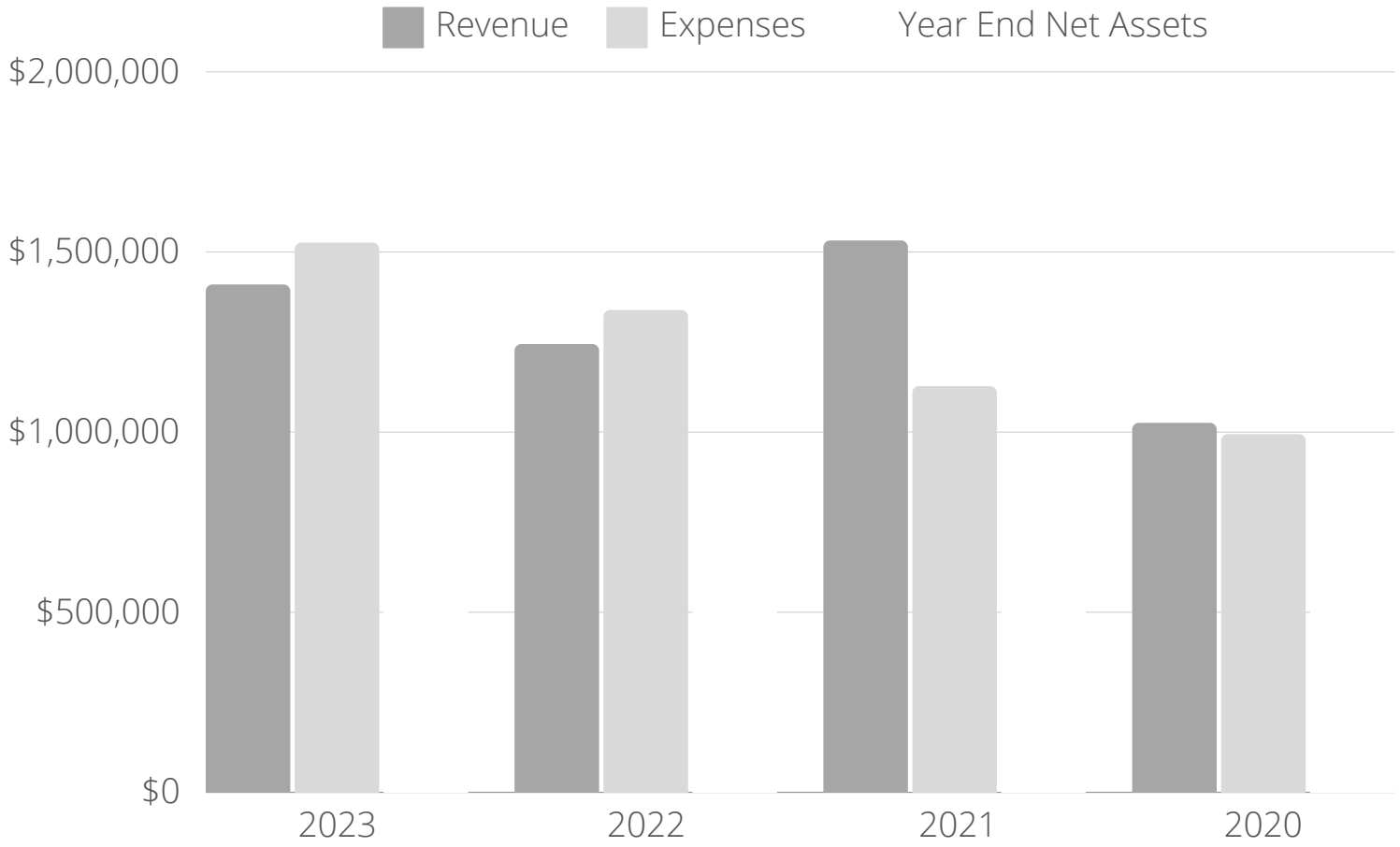
FINANCIALS- FOUR YEAR COMPARISON



	2023	2022	2021	2020
Revenue	$1,409,732	$1,244,368	$1,531,864	$1,025,714
Expenses	$1,526,071	$1,338,909	$1,127,587	$994,364
Year End Net Assets	$743,151	$859,490	$954,031	$549,754

A LETTER FROM OUR *Board President*

Dear Hope's Promise Champions,

What a great year 2023 was in the life of Hope's Promise!

I had the incredible privilege of seeing and participating in the work of our amazing staff in Castle Rock, being a part of our first ever international staff gathering in Kenya and helped lead our Connection Team to Zimbabwe. The thing that was most clear was that we really are stronger together.

God has created a global team to champion the cause of orphans in many ways. And that team includes you! Even as gifted and capable as our staff is, they can't carry the ministry alone. It takes many people to provide gifts and support for birth, adoptive and foster parents and the children they care for. It takes in country staff and volunteers in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Vietnam and Nepal to care for the vulnerable kids in our global ministries. It takes generous donors to give sacrificially so that more families and children can be cared for all around the globe. We really are stronger together and God is using Hope's Promise to impact the world.

Thank you for being part of Team Hope's Promise; we are humbled by your support and incredibly grateful for each of you.

With Gratitude,

Beth Sheveland

Beth Sheveland
Board President

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Because of YOU, we are

STRONGER *together*

The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.
Psalm 28:7

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