



3 Generations of Hope's Promise: Hannah, Debbie, Everly

2025

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TAKING ROOT

generation to generation

Three generations one journey

Debbie and her family meet Sammy in Nairobi and rush him to the hospital (saving his life).

Hannah, her daughter, serves at an orphanage in Kenya.

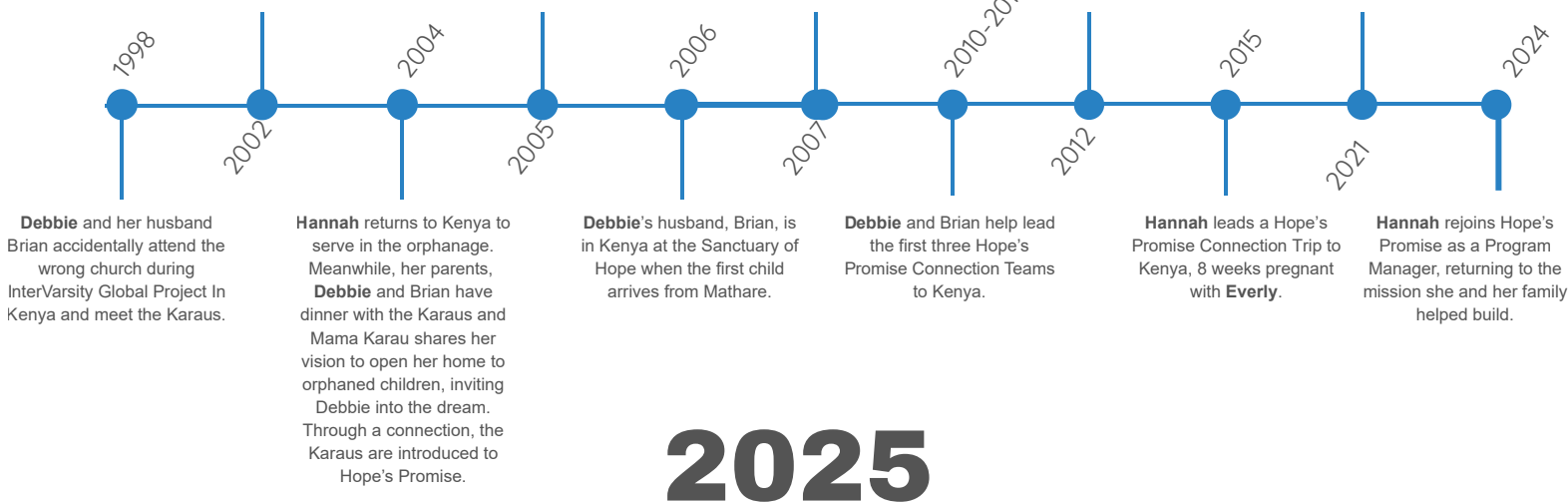
Hope's Promise partners with the Karaus, launching Hope's Promise Kenya.

Debbie's family plays a significant role in fundraising.

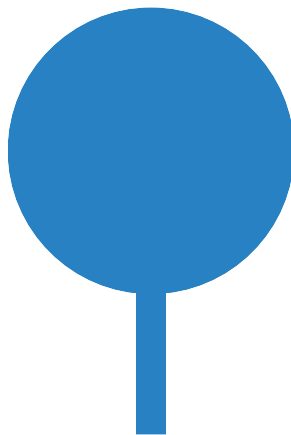
Sammy, whose life was saved, is welcomed into the Sanctuary of Hope.

Hannah, Debbie and Brian's daughter, is hired by Hope's Promise as the Child Sponsorship Coordinator. The beginning of a 9 year chapter with Hope's Promise.

Hannah steps back from working at Hope's Promise after nine years to be home with her children.



2025



A full-circle moment

Debbie (grandmother), **Hannah** (daughter), and **Everly** (granddaughter) travel together to Kenya on a Connection Trip – joining the story they helped begin over 27 years ago.



2006- Mama with kids



2025- Hannah and Everly in Kenya



2025- Debbie in Kenya



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OUR MISSION

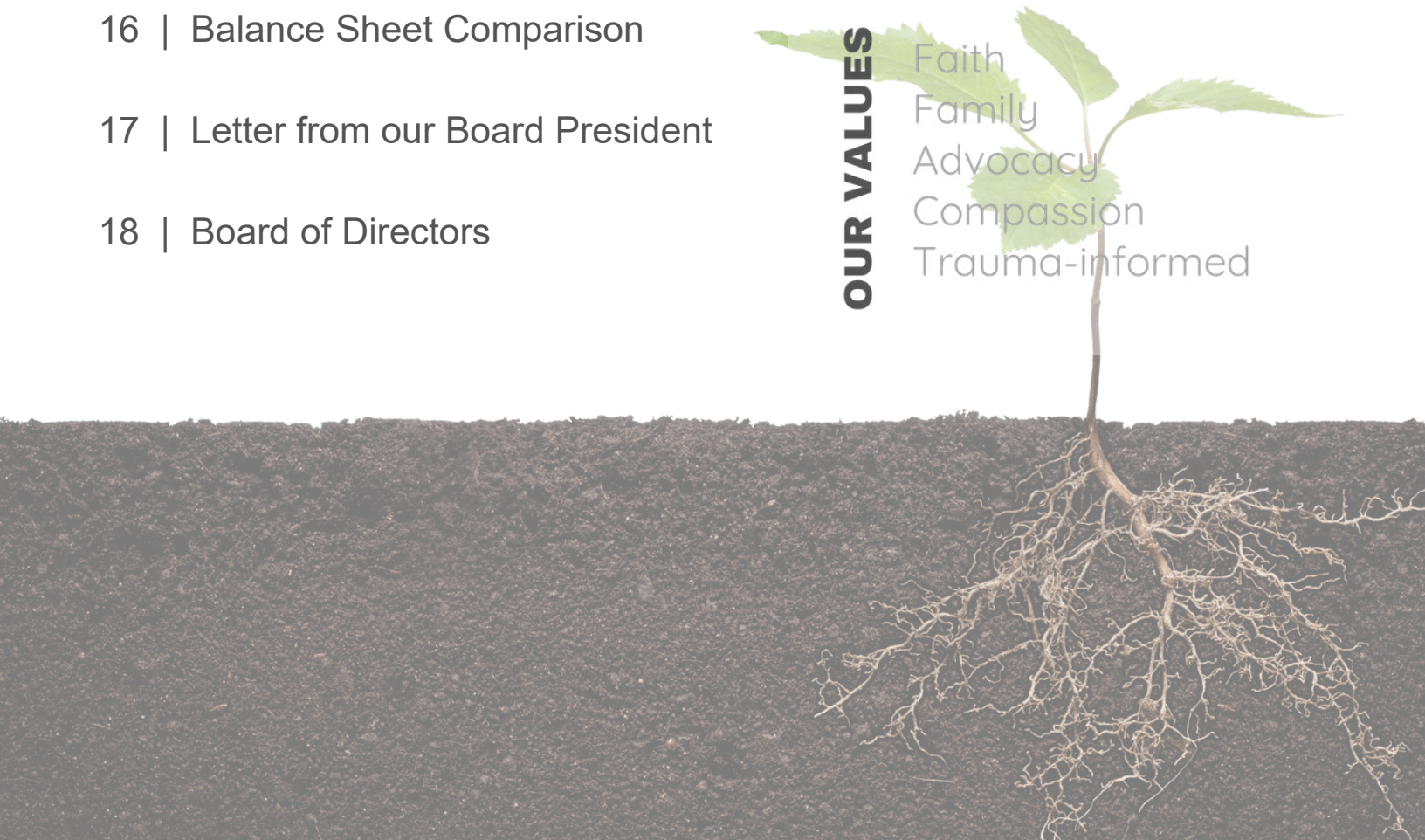
Strengthen families through ethical, Christ-centered foster care, adoption, and global orphan care

OUR VISION

Every child will grow up in a stable and nurturing family

OUR VALUES

Faith
Family
Advocacy
Compassion
Trauma-informed



2025

impact at-a-glance

390

children
supported in
our

*Orphan Care
Programs*

IN KENYA,
VIETNAM,
NEPAL, AND
ZIMBABWE

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PROFESSIONALS

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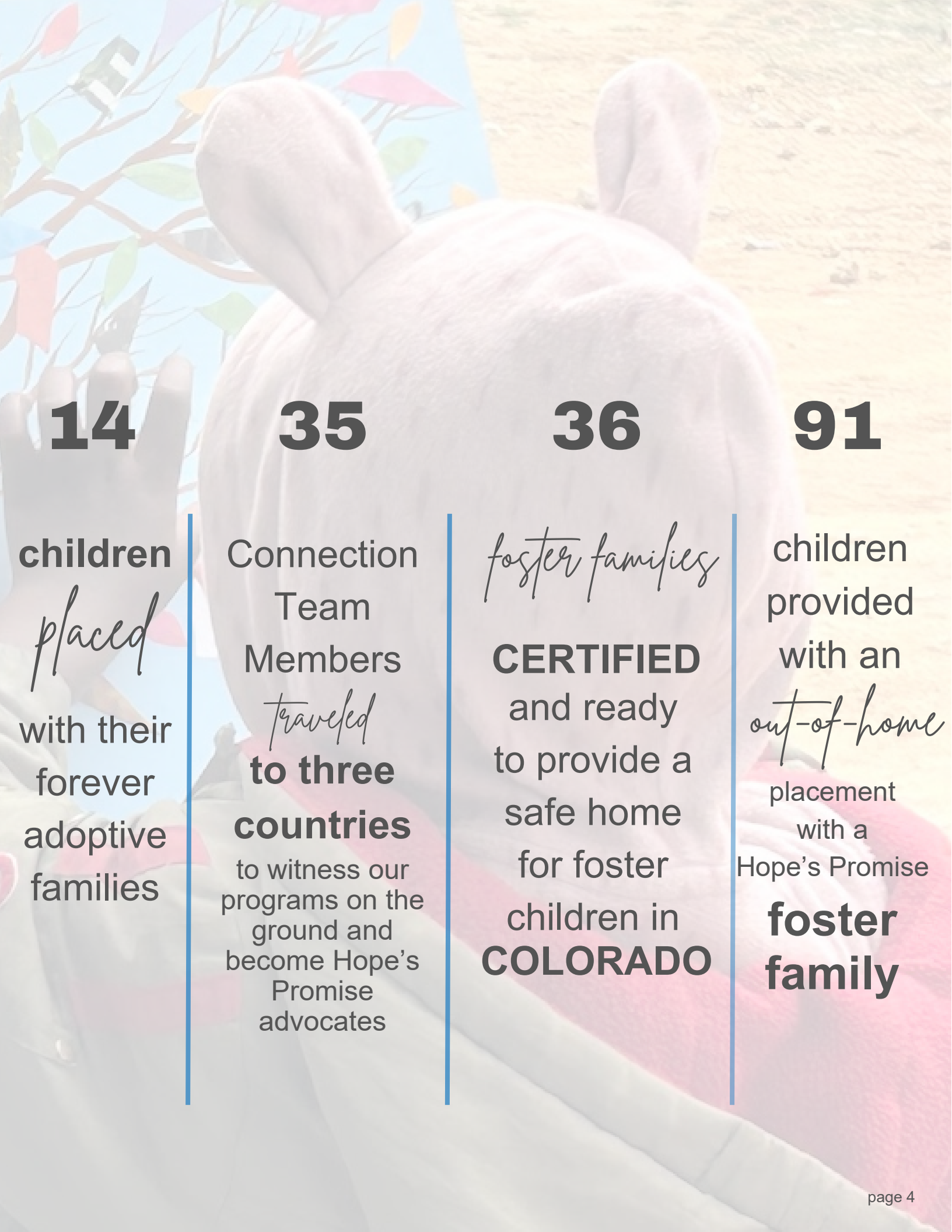
adoption
practices

28

**EXPECTANT
PARENTS**

received

*options
counseling*



14

children
placed
with their
forever
adoptive
families

35

Connection
Team
Members
traveled
**to three
countries**
to witness our
programs on the
ground and
become Hope's
Promise
advocates

36

foster families
CERTIFIED
and ready
to provide a
safe home
for foster
children in
COLORADO

91

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



Roots Grow Deep Before Branches Spread Wide

a message from our *Executive Director*

Dear Friends of Hope's Promise,

There is something counterintuitive about roots. The deepest ones grow in the hardest ground — pushed further down by drought and rocky soil, by seasons that offer little encouragement. And yet, it is precisely those roots that hold when the storms come. As I reflect on 2025, I find this to be true of Hope's Promise in ways I could not have anticipated.

The broader landscape of child welfare continued to shift this year. Foster care need across Colorado is growing, the adoption sector faces ongoing headwinds, and the funding environment remains complex. None of that is easy to carry. But what I witnessed was a ministry that did not shrink from the difficulty — one that leaned in, made hard decisions with care, and saw the Lord's provision in ways that were humbling.

Foster Care: Remarkable Growth

A year ago I shared our goal to double the number of youth we served. I am grateful to tell you we exceeded it — caring for 91 youth in 36 certified foster families, up from 39 youth the previous year. Behind those numbers are real families who answered a hard call and re-certified when it would have been easier to step away. One foster parent shared with us: "We did not know if we had it in us to keep going, but we also knew this child needed somewhere steady to land." That kind of quiet perseverance is what makes this work possible — and it is also what made 2025 our strongest financial year in over a decade.

Adoption: Tending What Remains

Last year I shared the difficult decision to discontinue our intercountry adoption services. This was a necessary step, but it is a loss we have continued to grieve. On the domestic side, we placed 14 children in adoptive families, consistent with sector-wide trends but no less sobering to name. This season in adoption is not marked by visible growth, but by the quieter, more deliberate work of tending roots. Our options counseling and birth mother support program walked 24 pregnancy clients through some of the most difficult decisions of their lives. What is being cultivated here may not be immediately visible, but it is lasting and we do not take that lightly.

Orphan Care: Growing from Within

Around the world, we cared for 390 children through our global orphan care program in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Nepal, and Vietnam. This year we focused on strengthening our international team so that Country Coordinators can learn from one another and carry each other through hard seasons. What was planted years ago is now bearing visible fruit: children who once entered care are moving into university and vocational programs, becoming the next generation of leaders in their communities.

The People Who Make It Possible

None of this happens without people of extraordinary commitment — staff, donors, volunteers, and partners. Our staff carries the daily weight of this work with faithfulness and humility. They walk alongside families in uncertain moments, make thoughtful decisions in complex situations, and continue showing up day after day with steadiness and compassion. We are also accompanied by volunteers and Connection Team members who travel, pray, and give. Together, this community reflects the kind of deep, steady commitment that allows something lasting to take root.

Looking Ahead to 2026

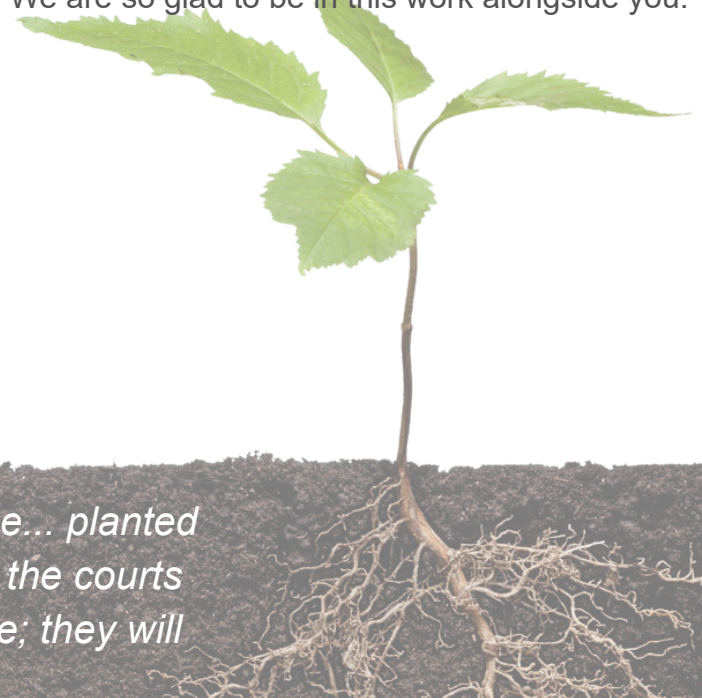
We are committed to continuing thoughtful growth in foster care, investing in Country Coordinators' strategic capacity internationally, and moving forward with a long view — trusting that what is planted now, often in difficult and unseen places, will take root and bear fruit in time.

To each of you — donor, volunteer, prayer partner, advocate — you are part of this story. The child in Zimbabwe who is the first in her family to attend university, the foster child in Colorado who finally knows what a stable home feels like, the birth mother who felt genuinely supported through an impossible decision — your faithfulness is woven into each of their stories, even if you never know their names. Thank you for being with us through the hard seasons. We are so glad to be in this work alongside you.

With deep gratitude,



Beth Woods
Executive Director
Hope's Promise



The righteous will flourish like a palm tree... planted in the house of the Lord, they will flourish in the courts of our God. They will still bear fruit in old age; they will stay fresh and green. Psalm 92:12–14 NIV

Foster Care in 2025



Every child deserves the chance to take root in the safety of a family, and Hope's Promise exists to make that possible. The Hope's Promise Foster Care program recruits, trains, and walks alongside licensed foster families in Colorado, providing the support they need to open their homes to children in crisis. What sets Hope's Promise apart is its deeply Christ-centered, trauma-informed approach and an unwavering commitment to staying with foster families through every challenge, so no family ever faces this calling without support. When a child experiences safety, healing, and belonging, the cycle of trauma can end, and a new generation can take root and flourish.

2025 Foster Care Outcomes

Children Placed

In 2025, Hope's Promise foster families welcomed 91 children ranging in age from newborn to 17, a testament to the breadth of families willing to serve children at every stage of childhood. From infants requiring round-the-clock care to teenagers navigating complex trauma, Hope's Promise families showed up for the full spectrum of need.

Families Rooted and Growing

Of the 36 certified families active in 2025, 22 were newly certified and 14 completed recertification, each choosing for another year to remain in this vital work. Hope's Promise closed 2025 with 36 certified



foster families and a retention rate worth noting: only 6 families closed their certification over the course of the year. With each passing year, experienced foster families grow more skilled in trauma-informed care, more connected to a supportive community, and more capable of serving children with greater complexity of need. Retention is not just a metric; it is a generational investment.

A Community Showing Up

Beyond Hope's Promise's own certified families, 150 local foster families were served through the Foster Closet in 2025, receiving clothing, supplies, and the tangible reminder that their community stands behind them. This resource extends Hope's Promise's reach well outside its own certified families, strengthening the broader foster care ecosystem across Colorado.

Infrastructure Built to Last

Hope's Promise made a significant investment in its team in 2025, adding two full-time Home Supervisors (doubling staffing from 2 to 4) and a full-time Family Compliance Coordinator to provide dedicated administrative support for certifying families. These additions are the foundation upon which future growth will be built, ensuring every family receives attentive, high-quality care for years to come.

Foster Care Highlights

- **A Community That Stays.** One of the most telling signs of a healthy foster care program is not just how many families join; it's how many stay. Four quarterly events kept foster families connected throughout the year: a spring pizza and bingo party, a summer picnic, a fall murder mystery dinner, and a Christmas party. A new freezer meal initiative, made possible by local community groups, brought practical, tangible love directly to foster families' doorsteps. These are the investments that make families feel seen and valued – and give them reason to stay.
- **A Growing Pipeline of Called Families.** In 2025, 37 families attended Hope's Promise informational sessions and 39 submitted applications, a pipeline of Coloradans answering an extraordinary call. That interest, carefully supported through the certification process, produced 22 newly certified families ready to open their homes to children in need.
- **Built for What's Ahead.** Healthy programs require healthy infrastructure. The investments made in 2025 position Hope's Promise to serve more families with greater depth and care in the years ahead.

Taking Root, Generation to Generation

Research consistently shows that children who experience stable, nurturing placements are more likely to thrive in school, build healthy relationships, and contribute meaningfully to their communities as adults. Hope's Promise foster families may never know the full arc of a child's story, but the safety, stability, and love they offered at a critical moment become part of that story forever. That is the nature of this work: quietly generational, and more lasting than any of us can measure.

*"They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the
Lord for the display of his splendor.
Isaiah 61:3 NIV*

Adoption in 2025



Adoption is the moment a child takes root in a family forever and Hope's Promise has spent decades making that moment possible with integrity, compassion, and care. Our program offers a full spectrum of services: domestic infant adoption, options counseling for expectant mothers, lifetime birth mother support, adoptive family training, home studies, and post-placement services. What distinguishes Hope's Promise is not simply what we do, but how we do it: with a deeply ethical, Christ-centered approach that honors the full complexity of adoption and every life it touches.

Domestic infant adoption is changing. Across Colorado and the country, fewer expectant mothers are choosing adoption, wait times for hopeful families are growing longer, and other agencies have begun closing their programs altogether. Hope's Promise names these headwinds honestly, because the families we serve deserve honesty. And yet, we remain, rooted in a conviction that this work is not ours to abandon, standing as a faithful, Christ-centered presence in a landscape that needs it more than ever.

2025 Adoption Outcomes

Options Counseling

In 2025, Hope's Promise walked alongside 28 expectant mothers and fathers ranging in age from 15 to 48, representing communities across Colorado, as they navigated one of the most profound decisions of their lives. Options counseling is not about steering toward a particular outcome; it is about ensuring



every parent is met with compassion, honesty, and the information they need to make an empowered choice. Whatever path each family ultimately chose, Hope's Promise walked alongside them.

Domestic Adoption Placements

In 2025, Hope's Promise facilitated 14 adoption placements (13 domestic and 1 international) and saw 11 adoptions finalized in court. Throughout every step of the journey, Hope's Promise holds a deep commitment to preserving the bonds children carry with them: sibling relationships, family connections, the roots that belong to them even before a forever family is found. Adoption, at its best, does not sever a child's story. It gives that story a stable and loving place to continue growing.

Professional Training

In 2025, Hope's Promise trained 92 professionals (social workers, counselors, medical providers, and pregnancy center advocates) in ethical, trauma-informed adoption practices. Every professional trained carries those principles into their own organizations and communities, multiplying Hope's Promise's reach far beyond what any single organization can measure. Each one becomes a root that reaches further than we can follow.

Birth Mother Support

Since 2019, Hope's Promise has gathered birth mothers together monthly virtually and several times a year in person, building what has become one of the most meaningful communities in the organization. Women come from other agencies, other cities, and other decades. This year the group welcomed a mother who placed her daughter in 1987 and spent nearly 40 years without a single connection to another birth mother, until she found this group and finally found people who understood. That is what a deeply rooted community does.

Adoption Highlights

- Hope's Promise facilitated 14 adoptions and provided options counseling to 28 expectant parents across Colorado, ensuring every family facing an unplanned pregnancy had access to compassionate, honest support regardless of the path they chose.
- Ninety-two professionals were trained in ethical, trauma-informed adoption practices, multiplying Hope's Promise's reach into communities and caseloads far beyond its own walls.
- The birth mother support group, now in its sixth consecutive year, welcomed women from other agencies, other cities, and other decades, deepening into a community with its own history, its own returning faces, and its own inside language of shared experience.
- Hope's Promise remains one of a few adoption agencies in Colorado fully committed to this work as a steady, faithful presence in a landscape where trusted options are becoming harder to find.

Taking Root, Generation to Generation

Adoption is not a moment but a line that runs through generations — through the family who returned to adopt again, the birth mother whose story is still unfolding, the professional whose ethical practice will shape families she hasn't yet met. These roots reach further than any of us can see, and they do not stop growing. In a year of shifting landscapes and growing need, Hope's Promise showed up with integrity and care — and the roots held.

Orphan Care in 2025



An estimated 153 million children worldwide have lost one or both parents. Hope's Promise's answer to this crisis is God's original design — not an institution, but a family. In Kenya, Zimbabwe, Nepal, and Vietnam, we work through indigenous coordinators and local churches to place children in families where their roots can grow deep, in their own communities and cultures, for generations to come. Institutions can house a child. Only a family can root one; it alone can teach a child how to build their own family someday.

Orphan Care Outcomes

- 390 children supported across Kenya, Zimbabwe, Nepal, and Vietnam
- 316 children cared for in relative family placements
- 49 children cared for in non-relative family placements
- 25 children enrolled in post-secondary vocational programs or university
- 289 families supported and trained
- 35 Connection Team members traveled to Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Vietnam

Country Highlights

Kenya

After the displacement of 50,000 households in Mathare Valley in 2024 due to historic flooding and government demolitions, Hope's Promise found every one of the 76 children in our Kuza relative-care program. In 2025, we filled in the gaps for families who had lost homes or could not pay school fees due to lost businesses. Where hope had been swept away, the roots of trusted relationships and best-practice social work held strong. Meanwhile, 24 children rooted years ago in the Sanctuary of Hope family flourished in post-secondary vocational and university programs, with five moving into independent adulthood. This is the same community where **Debbie** first met the Karaus in 1998 and where she returned in 2025 alongside her daughter, **Hannah**, and granddaughter, **Everly** – three generations witnessing together the fruit of what was planted long ago.

Zimbabwe

In Zimbabwe's withering economy, Country Coordinators Lydia and Paul Neshangwe not only cultivated strong families for the 60 children in our relative-care program but also empowered those children to overcome significant odds. Misheck's story is emblematic: his single mother lived in a squatter camp, and without intervention he could easily have drifted into street life and crime. Instead, through Hope's Promise's support, he became the second student ever from his community to graduate from high school in 2025. Now working as an electrician, he is putting down roots that will bear fruit for the next generation.

Nepal

The US State Department estimates that 80% of children living in Nepali orphanages have at least one living parent, many placed there by families deceived by traffickers promising education. Hope's Promise's seven children in Nepal – most from marginalized castes particularly vulnerable to trafficking – are maturing quietly in families, their roots growing deep to anchor future generations in belonging and hope.

Vietnam

In 2025, Hope's Promise completed its Trauma Free World Advanced Trauma Competent Care training, educating caregivers and representatives from other Vietnamese organizations. For a culture shaped by centuries of war, that training removes real barriers — and opens doors. Beyond caring for 24 children in families, our Vietnamese parents serve as the bridge to the Thrive program by ministering to impoverished, remote communities, identifying the most vulnerable children, and channeling education scholarships funded by Hope's Promise donors to 180 students in places rarely reached by outside support.

Orphan Care Highlights

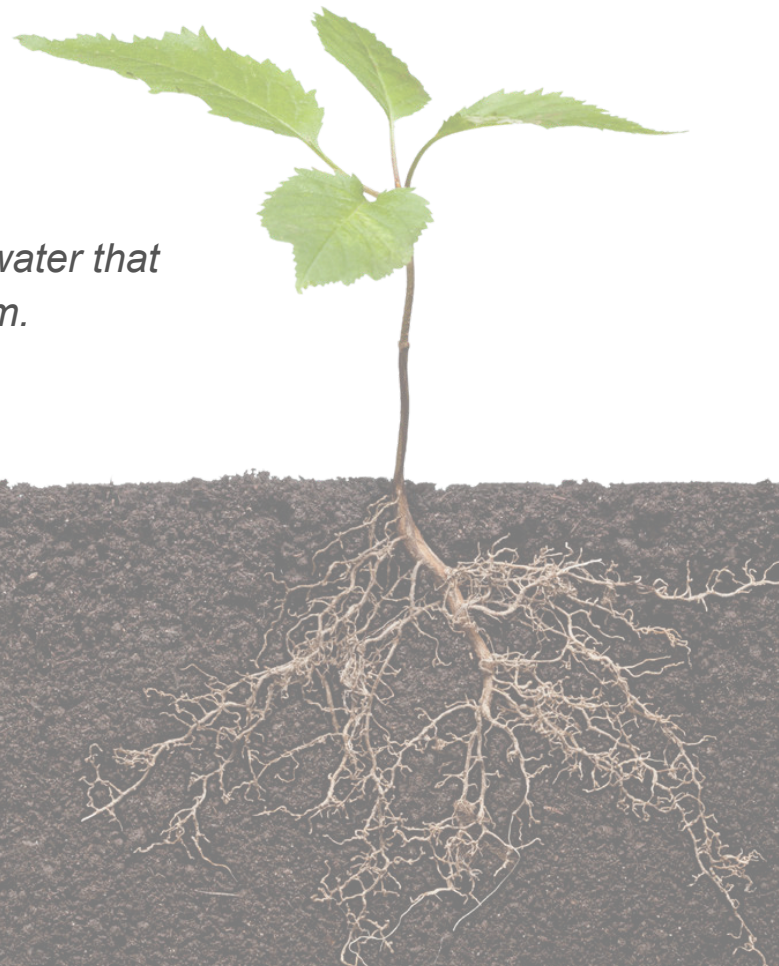
- Trauma-Informed Training Expands. One staff member in Kenya and two in Zimbabwe were certified as Affiliate Trainers with Trauma Free World, extending the reach of trauma-informed practice into both programs and equipping local leaders to train others long after Hope's Promise's direct involvement ends.

- Best-Practice Reporting Adopted. International staff revamped the reporting system to reflect and implement best-practice social work standards — a behind-the-scenes investment that strengthens accountability, improves outcomes tracking, and ensures every child’s story is held with the care it deserves.
- Connection Trips Deepen Roots. Thirty-five Connection Team members traveled to Kenya, Zimbabwe, and Vietnam in 2025, witnessing the program firsthand, building relationships with staff and families, and returning home as informed advocates for children they now know by name.

Taking Root, Generation to Generation

What orphaned and vulnerable children need most is God’s love expressed through family. Family helps children grow the roots to weather poverty, sickness, and marginalization. And the roots planted in one generation — in Mathare Valley, in a Zimbabwean squatter camp, in a Nepali village, in a Vietnamese river town — become the foundation the next generation builds upon. This is the quiet, enduring work of Hope’s Promise. The work looks different in every country but the root remains the same.

*They will be like a tree planted by the water that
sends out its roots by the stream.
Jeremiah 17:8 NIV*



Financial Overview: 3 year summary

Audited Financial Statements
Years Ended December 31, 2023, 2024 & 2025

3-Year Key Financial Summary

Metric	2025	2024	2023
Total Revenue	\$2,260,407	\$1,488,727	\$1,409,731
Total Expenses	\$1,775,403	\$1,583,606	\$1,526,071
Change in Net Assets	+\$485,004	-\$94,879	-\$116,340
Total Net Assets (Year End)	\$1,133,275	\$648,271	\$743,150

51.8% Revenue Growth

Total revenue grew significantly in 2025, driven primarily by expansion in the child foster program.

Net Asset Recovery

Net assets increased by \$485,004 in 2025, reversing two years of decline.

Program Fee Expansion

Child foster program fees nearly quadrupled from 2024, becoming the largest revenue source.

Improved Efficiency

Management & general expenses decreased by 38% while maintaining strong program delivery.

Key Highlights — FY2025

Strong Revenue Growth

Total revenue increased 51.8% from 2024, driven by major growth in child foster program fees.

Improved Efficiency

Management & general expenses dropped significantly while program spending remained strong.

Strengthened Position

Net assets grew 74.8% in 2025 after two years of declines.

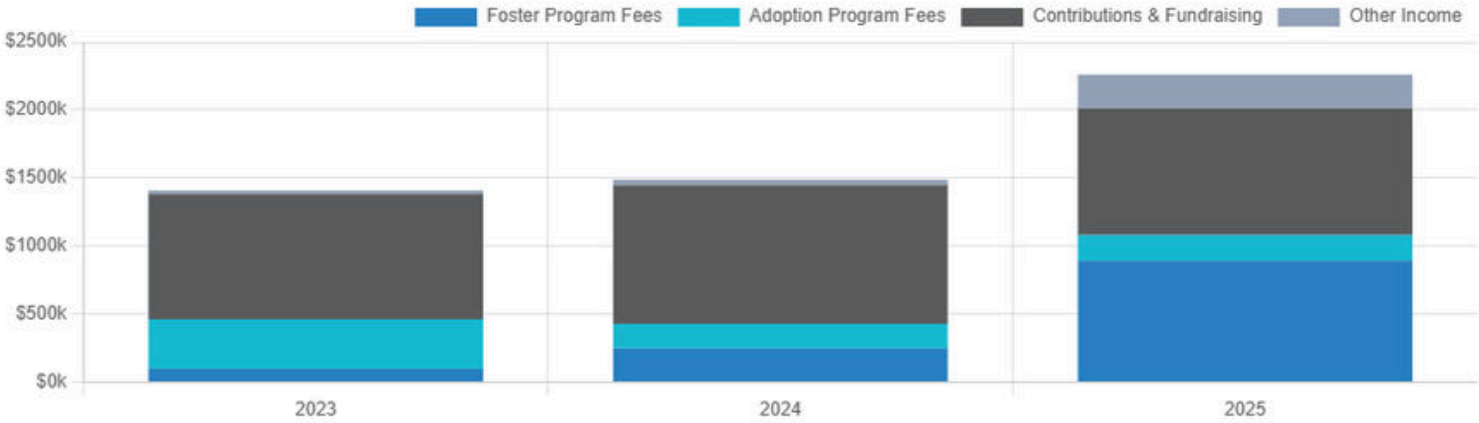
Net Asset Bridge — FY2025



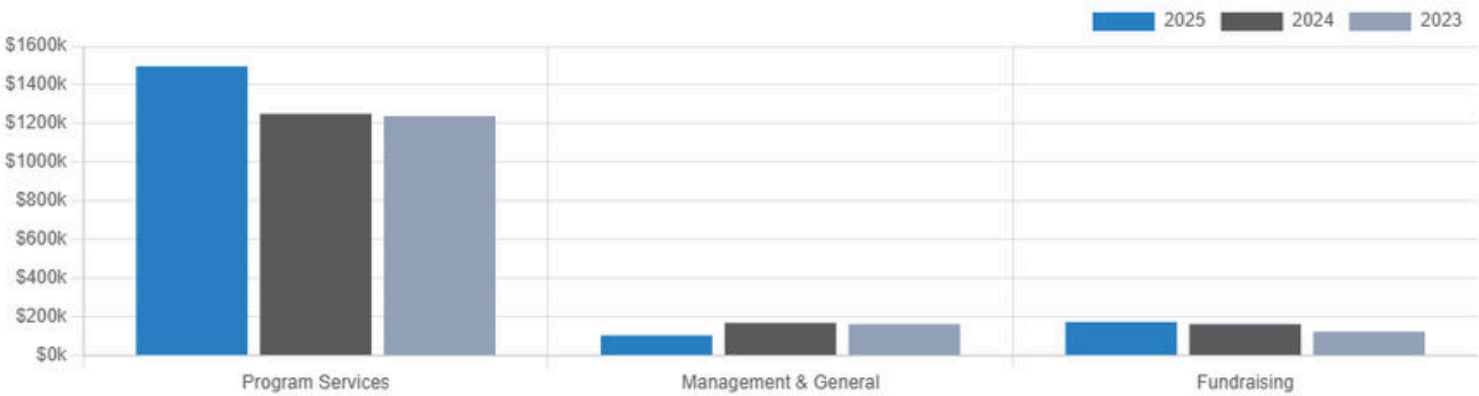
Revenue & Expenses: 3 year summary

Revenue by Category (2023–2025)

* Other Income in 2025 includes \$179,917 in Employee Retention Credits (ERC)



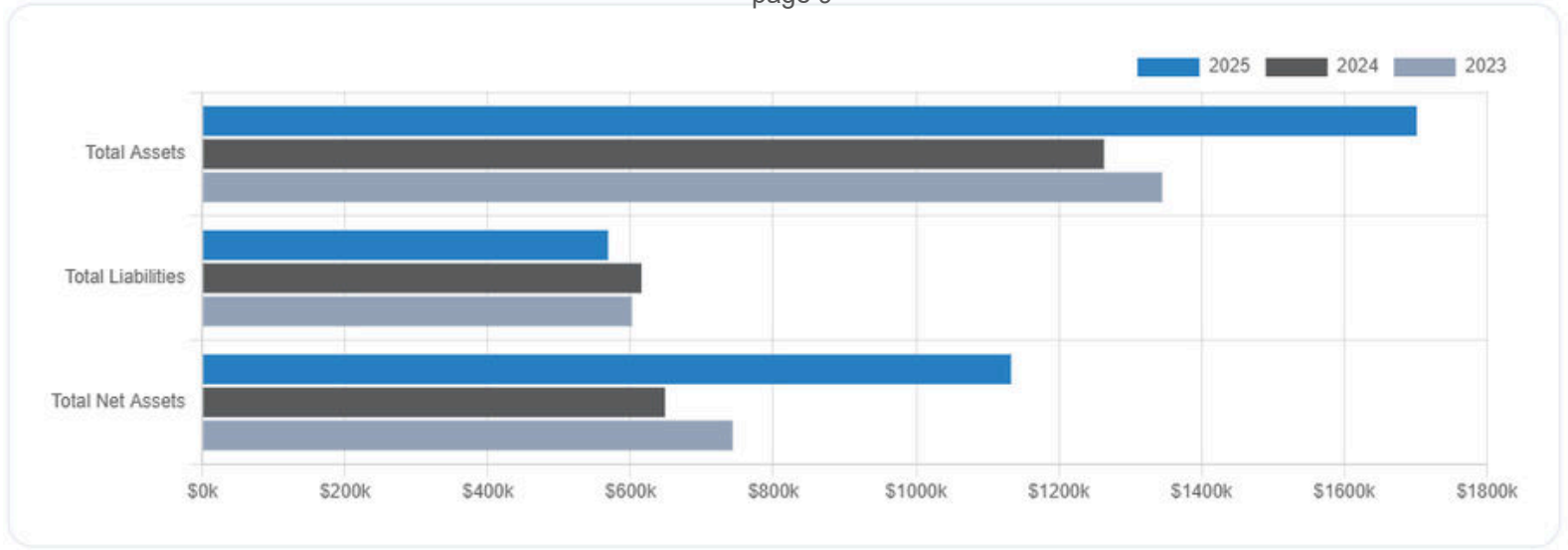
Expenses by Function (3-Year)



Balance Sheet Comparison:

3 year summary

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Source: Hope's Promise, Inc. Audited Financial Statements for the years ended December 31, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

...we will tell the *next generation*
the praiseworthy deeds of the
LORD, his power, and the
wonders he has done.
Psalm 78:4 NIV





Roots That Hold: A Legacy Worth Tending

a message from our *Board President*

Dear Partners,

As I reflect on this past year, I am filled with gratitude for the many ways God has worked through your generosity, prayers, and steadfast support. Because of you — and our outstanding Colorado and global staff — children have found loving families, vulnerable children have received care, and lives across generations have been touched with hope. Together, we are witnessing the beautiful truth of this year's theme: Taking Root, Generation to Generation.

In 2010, I was blessed to visit our Hope's Promise work in Kenya for the first time. While there, I connected with Naomi, a young woman with a desire to train in catering. As a person whose love language is cooking for people, I felt a special connection to her. Fast forward to 2026: after some tough years, Naomi and her teenage daughter Chloe are growing and thriving through God's love and provision shown through the faithful people of Mathare Worship Center and the Hope's Promise Kuza ministry. Chloe now serves on the worship team, growing in a faith that has taken root from one generation to the next.

A tree does not grow strong overnight. Its roots deepen quietly over time, drawing nourishment, finding stability, and preparing it to weather every season. In much the same way, Hope's Promise is rooted in faith, compassion, and commitment. For decades, seeds of hope have been planted through adoption, family strengthening, and caring for the most vulnerable children — and today, those seeds are growing into lasting legacies.

Your partnership makes all of this possible. You are not simply supporting programs; you are helping build legacies of love, healing, and transformation that will impact generations to come.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to nurturing what has been planted and trusting God for continued growth. We move forward with confidence, knowing we do not walk alone — we walk together with God and with you, our valued partners.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for believing in the mission of Hope's Promise.

With deep appreciation,



Beth Sheveland
Hope's Promise Board President

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more children
know what it
means to belong
to a family.
That is not a
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Thank you!**