

TOGETHER WE CAN

ANNUAL REPORT
2019



Hope's
Promise

Adoption & Orphan Care

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Write a new story of hope

by serving birth parents without judgement,
adoptive families with compassion,
and loving orphans like family.

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Mission

Transforming lives
through the
Christian ministry of
adoption and
orphan care.



Thank you for your
faithful support
of our mission.



Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the
proper time we will reap a harvest
if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9





A LETTER

From Our Executive Director

Dear Friends,

Another year comes to a close and Hope's Promise is still as committed as ever to serving children and families through the Christian ministry of adoption and orphan care. By supporting expectant parents, hopeful adoptive families, and orphaned and vulnerable children around the world, Hope's Promise strives to create a story of hope. We are so grateful for your partnership with Hope's Promise. It is truly an honor and a blessing to serve alongside you in this ministry.

2019 Goals

2019 was a year of immense growth for Hope's Promise. Much of our year was focused on our move to our new office. After calling our Jerry Street office home for 26 years, we finally outgrew our office space. We are so thankful that God provided us with the connections and opportunities that would allow us to move into a bigger, more efficient space so we could continue to grow this vital ministry that God has called us to.

Some additional accomplishments in 2019 include

- Welcoming two children into a new Hope's Promise family in our Vietnam Orphan Care program
- Growing our adoption program by adding a monthly birth mom support group to provide support to birth mothers post-adoption
- Launching our Storytellers program in which we will be sharing stories of what makes Christ-centered, ethical adoption services like ours different than other adoption agencies
- Beginning the development of a new website to maximize our internet presence

Looking Ahead

As our organization flourishes, we see an incredible opportunity to fulfill even more abundantly our mission of transforming lives through the Christian ministry of adoption and orphan care.

Our goals for the year ahead include

- Continuing to expand our program in Vietnam and exploring the potential for growth in Kenya
- Collaborating through a new federal grant opportunity to assist with the development and launch of a national curriculum for training adoptive and foster parents
- Standardizing our Connection Trips program to enable us to take even more ministry partners to witness firsthand the work that is being done through our orphan care program
- Increasing our church-partners and strengthening how we communicate and cultivate relationships with them

I'm encouraged by the teamwork of our staff members through recent times of transition; by the tireless example of our international staff members who are passionate about orphan ministry; by the dedication of our board of directors who give unselfishly of their time and talent and by the faithfulness and generosity of our clients and donors. We believe God is working through you, our steadfast supporters, and that He will prove faithful to this ministry. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." (Hebrews 1:11).

Beth Woods

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Executive Director



Together We Can:

Provide ethical and caring services in

ADOPTION

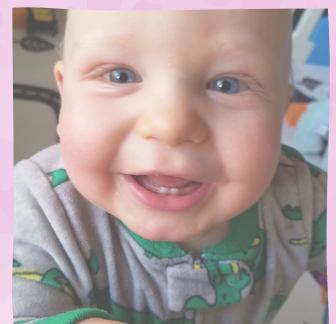
Hope's Promise is a Christian, nonprofit child placement agency licensed by the State of Colorado and Hague-accredited by the Council on Accreditation. We have been providing compassionate and ethical adoption services in Colorado since 1990. Through our domestic adoption program, we offer free options counseling to women and men facing an unintended pregnancy. In the middle of a difficult time, we provide counseling that is focused on meeting our clients' emotional and physical needs so they can make a decision based on what is best for their child. Our vision is to help ensure that every child has the opportunity to grow up in a stable, nurturing family.

What we do in our adoption program:

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

2019 Adoption Outcomes

- Placed 21 children into loving families through domestic and intercountry adoption
- Approved 50 families for adoption
- Counseled 101 expectant parents, giving them accurate information about their pregnancy options
- Provided adoption education to 234 professionals in the Colorado community



Together We Can:

Care for orphans around the world in

ORPHAN CARE



Our unique model of orphan care, based on social work best practice, supports orphaned and vulnerable children in families in Kenya, Zimbabwe, Vietnam, and Nepal. When orphaned and vulnerable children are unable to remain in the care of biological relatives due to death, neglect, or abuse, we partner with indigenous Christian leaders and local churches to create informal foster families with the goal of raising the children to adulthood. Whenever possible, we preserve biological connections by supporting orphaned and vulnerable children in the care of extended family.

What we do in our orphan care program:

- Place orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya, Nepal, and Vietnam into nurturing, Christian families in their country of origin
- Provide at-risk children in Kenya, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe with educational scholarships to enable them to remain in the care of relatives

2019 Orphan Care Outcomes

- Cared for 48 orphaned children in nine Hope's Promise families in Kenya, Nepal, and Vietnam
- Sponsored 104 students through the education program in Kenya, Vietnam, and Zimbabwe
- Took a Connection Team of 24 people to Kenya in April
- Took a Connection Team of 10 people to Vietnam in November



2019 Highlights

in Adoption and Orphan Care



New Director of Orphan Care

We knew the time would come, but it was still with great sadness that we said goodbye to Paul Lessard as our Interim Director of Orphan Care. Paul joined the Hope's Promise team in May of 2018 to assist with some restructuring of the Orphan Care program. His goal was to position Hope's Promise with an opportunity for growth and greater impact. We had no idea what a positive impact he would make in such a short time and we are so grateful for his wealth of knowledge, diverse experience, and heart for the ministry. The "new" Director of Orphan Care is Colleen Briggs. Colleen has been a longtime friend and supporter of Hope's Promise and previously worked as our Director of Orphan Care from 2006 to 2012. She is passionate about God's call to care for orphaned and vulnerable children and already has a relationship with many of our international staff and donors. We were excited to welcome Colleen back to the Hope's Promise team!

Birth Mother Support Group

On September 12 and 13, 2019, Hope's Promise hosted Ashley Mitchell of Knee to Knee for a two-day training to supplement and improve our post-placement care for birth mothers. Ashley, a birth mother of a 13-year-old son, founded Knee to Knee (formerly known as Lifetime Healing). Her vision is to be the national standard of ethical post-placement care for birth mothers. She trained us on the importance of starting an in-person support group where women can meet Knee to Knee to build a community with one another. After the day of training, she hosted our inaugural support group. Ashley has created a 12-month curriculum of material, which we are now using for our ongoing post-placement support group on the first Thursday of every month.

New Home in Vietnam

We are pleased to announce that the Lord opened a new door for Hope's Promise to expand its ministry in Vietnam. Through the vision and gifts of our Vietnam Country Coordinators, Thanh and Kim Anh, and providential start-up giving by a handful of families, Home of Hope #5 in Hanoi is officially up and running. As there is a tremendous need for families for orphaned children in all four of our locations, we are hopeful that this is the start of a new season of growth! The new house parents in Hanoi welcomed Giang Quy Phong who is three years old and Su who is seven years old into their home. Phong and Su joined two biological children, a five-year-old daughter and a seven-year-old son.

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On adoption: "It's grief and it's happiness all in one picture and it's okay to be in both spaces."
-Ashley Mitchell, Founder of Lifetime Healing



INCOME/ EXPENSES



Income

Adoption
Program Fees

\$462,900

Contributions

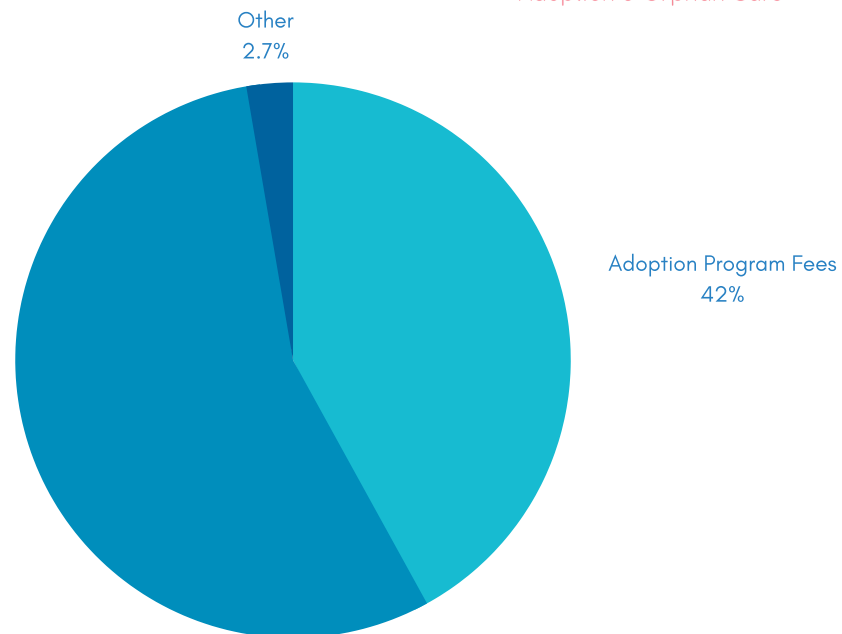
\$609,912

Other

\$29,694

TOTAL INCOME
\$1,102,506

Contributions
55.3%



Expenses

Program

\$912,916

Fundraising

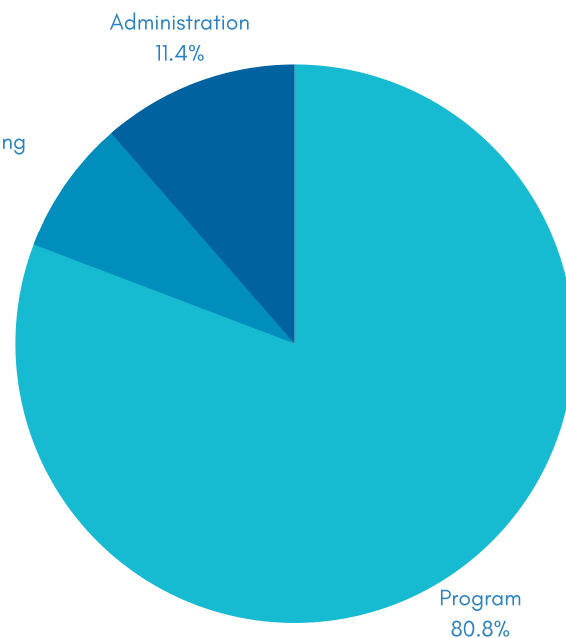
\$88,220

Administration

\$128,949

TOTAL EXPENSES
\$1,130,085

Fundraising
7.8%



STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

2019

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUES:			
Contributions	\$ 515,597	\$ 33,161	\$ 548,758
Child adoption program fees	462,900	-	462,900
Fundraising	61,154	-	61,154
In-kind contributions	28,930	-	28,930
Other Income	764	-	764
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	59,953	(59,953)	-
Total Revenue	1,129,298	(26,792)	1,102,506
EXPENSES:			
Program	912,916	-	912,916
Management and General	128,949	-	128,949
Fundraising	88,220	-	88,220
Total Expenses	1,130,085	-	1,130,085
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(787)	(26,792)	(27,579)
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	458,524	87,459	545,983
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 457,737	\$ 60,667	\$ 518,404

2018

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
REVENUES:			
Contributions	\$ 379,388	\$ 125,996	\$ 505,384
Child adoption program fees	515,656	-	515,656
Fundraising	46,283	-	46,283
In-kind contributions	-	-	-
Other Income	841	-	841
Net assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	55,298	(55,298)	-
Total Revenue	997,466	70,698	1,068,164
EXPENSES:			
Program	782,410	-	782,410
Management and General	135,284	-	135,284
Fundraising	73,560	-	73,560
Total Expenses	991,254	-	991,254
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	6,212	70,698	76,910
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	452,311	16,761	469,072
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	\$ 458,523	\$ 87,459	\$ 545,982

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION



December 31, 2019

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
ASSETS:		
Cash Without Donor Restrictions	\$ 370,271	\$ 405,346
Cash With Donor Restrictions	60,667	87,459
Accounts receivable	1,468	27,257
Prepaid Expenses	17,322	3,489
Building/Equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	118,945	80,294
Lease Deposits	<u>750</u>	<u>1,075</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 569,423</u>	<u>\$ 604,920</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS:		
Accounts payable	\$ 12,290	\$ 4,890
Accrued expenses	31,990	30,623
Refundable advance	6,344	21,870
Lease payable	<u>396</u>	<u>1,553</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>51,020</u>	<u>58,936</u>
NET ASSETS:		
Without donor restrictions	457,737	458,524
With donor restrictions	<u>60,667</u>	<u>87,459</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>518,404</u>	<u>545,983</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 569,424</u>	<u>\$ 604,919</u>



FOUR YEAR COMPARISON



A LETTER

From Our Board Chairman



Dear Hope's Promise family,

On behalf of the Hope's Promise Board of Directors, I want to thank you for your faithful prayers, volunteer support, and financial support during 2019. The dedicated support of donors, volunteers, and staff members that work tirelessly to accomplish the mission of Hope's Promise are what make the amazing work that Hope's Promise does, both with adoption and orphan care, possible.

Throughout the Bible, the importance of children to our Heavenly Father is described. Matthew 18:5 states "And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me." Whether through adoption or orphan care, Hope's Promise is working to help children have families in a way that honors God and His direction to us. We are excited how God has blessed everyone in the Hope's Promise family, including birth families, adoptive families, orphaned and vulnerable children, and house parents. His providence is evident in so many of the Hope's Promise stories that happen each year.

2019 saw Hope's Promise leave its home of 26 years in downtown Castle Rock and move into a new office space on the south side of Castle Rock that was both modern and economical. Hope's Promise was blessed to find a building where rent was extremely affordable and office space could be configured to meet Hope's Promise's needs in fulfilling its mission to help children. A special thank you to those who donated materials used in the construction of the office space, those who volunteered to help construct the office space, and those who volunteered to help move the necessary items from the old building to the new building. It was a team effort among the staff and volunteers, and it went smoother than anticipated.

Hope's Promise also began planning to start its 6th home in Vietnam to bring orphaned and vulnerable children into a permanent family and home. The Connection Team trip to Vietnam in 2019 brought out an incredible need for a specific group of orphaned children, and this 6th home will help address this need once the money is raised. The most amazing part of this story is that this need was seen due to severe weather that caused a delay in travel plans. What seemed to be an inconvenient delay affecting the Connection Team travels turned into an incredible blessing and opportunity to help children.

As we close 2019, please know that we are incredibly grateful for you and we look forward to partnering with you in the future to help children and families throughout the world!

In Christ,

DOUG HUTCHINS
Board Chairman



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Master of Business Administration
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
Adoptive Father, 9 Years of Service on the Board

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Associate's in Aircraft Maintenance Management
Elder, Rock Creek Church
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Beth Sheveland

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Local & International Missions Lead,
Rock Creek Church
8 Years of Service on the Board

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1 Year of Service on the Board

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Associate Degree in Pastoral Studies
1 Year of Service on the Board

Executive Director

Beth Woods

Master of Arts in Human Services
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Adoptive Mother,
6 Years of Service on the Board

*all board members are Colorado residents

Executive Team

Beth Woods
Executive Director
15 years on staff

Kaye Ferguson
Director of Operations
11 years on staff

Rachel Bates
Director of Adoptions
11 years on staff

Colleen Briggs
Director of Orphan Care
6 1/2 years on staff;
2006-2012
2019-present

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