

ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Hope Now



FOUNDERS MESSAGE

Together, with our incredibly talented and dedicated staff, we are excited to share the news of an exceptional year for our kids. We had our first marriage, first college graduates, first internships, first time all our kids reached their healthcare goals and hired a new full-time employee.

This report is filled with numbers, information and facts. More importantly, you will read about our kids, their dreams, heartbreaks, and their stories. In the nonprofit world we must remember that every number, every fact and percentage is really about a person. For us, every number represents a child who was dropped at our door step because they had no where else to go.

Life for our kids can be complicated, overwhelming and downright unfair at times. There is no way to “prepare” our kids for the cruelty of ignorance or the heart piercing hate that comes our way in the most insidious ways. A teacher, a pastor, a stranger, all united in their misunderstanding of what HIV is and how it manifests itself in the modern world.

Adversity is part of life. We do our best to build endurance in the face of hate, confidence in the midst of doubt, hope in a world where equity is hard won and often not found. But we cannot live in a state of why or wonder if. We are building a world where our kids are equal, where diligence and hard work pay off and everyone has the opportunity to fulfill their potential if they are willing to do their part.

Welcome to our world - a world built on hope, hard work and the power of possibility!

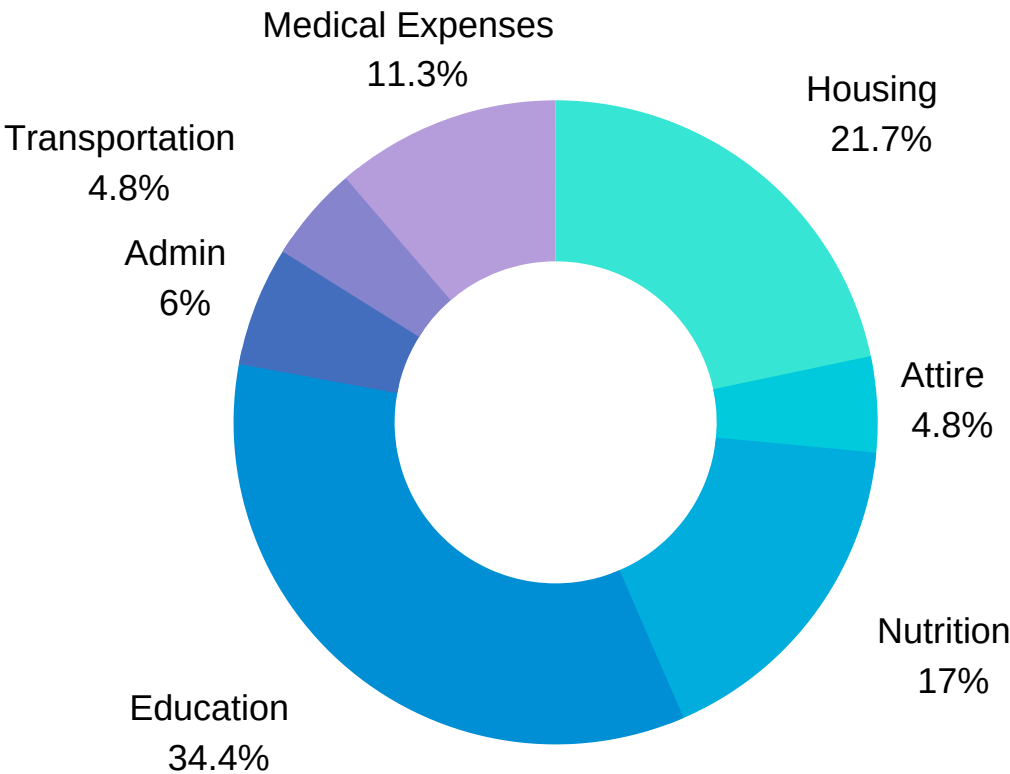


FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

We are very conscious of how we spend our dollars and understand the importance of balancing our budget and ensuring the support we receive is appropriately used. In 2019, we initiated new protocols for our kitchen supply chain and cut our nutrition budget by 5% without sacrificing the quality and quantity of food we consume each month.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 2 College Graduates in 2019
- 1 Vocational School Graduate
- 15 Kids in College
- 2 Kids in Vocational School
- 15 Kids in Open 10th Class



MILESTONES

Vinod got married! This is so exciting for all of us. We met Shruthi more than a year ago. Vinod met her in vocational school and knew he wanted to marry her from the start. We encouraged him to finish his degree, get a job and save money so they could start a life with the resources they needed to create a stable adult life. They live close by and come visit when they can and share a meal on a Sunday afternoon. This is the very essence of what we do - build strong, confident kids who can grow into an adult life with the tools they need to succeed.

We hired Vincent Perumualla to manage our office technology including the smart board for our Open 10th Class. He enrolled our kids in Khan Academy - a free resource we use for after school study - and helps with lessons. He is a great fit with our team and the kids love him.

BY THE NUMBERS

1 Married

1 New Full-time Employee



NEW OPPORTUNITIES

In 2019, we had 4 girls graduate from a 2-year tailoring program. With the job market in India becoming more and more competitive as millions of college graduates enter the job market each year, it is critical that our kids have the level of skill and talent needed to get a good job. After completing the vocational course, it was clear they needed additional skills to stand out in the search for work. We hired Mrs. Dhanalakshmi - a professional tailor and entrepreneur - who has taken 5 of our kids under her tutelage for the next several months to enhance their basic knowledge to a professional level. Jyothi wants to be a dress maker and open her own shop. Having the opportunity to study under Mrs. Dhanalakshmi makes that dream a possibility.

BY THE NUMBERS

1 New Tailoring Tutor
5 Students Enrolled



LOOKING AHEAD

We are always looking ahead. Life - in all its chaos, unknowns and curve balls - is a gift, a challenge and opportunity to fill our days, weeks, months and years with the beauty and promise of a life well lived.

There will be many kids transitioning to college or a trade school over the next several years. We are creating a network of parnters in the business world in our community so our kids have the opportunity to work one-on-one with a mentor as they graduate and search for a good job.

We continue to create and expand job skills training programs including our Masala and Jewelry enterprises. The kids who are involved created a company called Affinity - logo created by Yasheshwani one of our college graduates - so they can sell their products in local shops and grocery stores. We will ramp up our product line in 2020 and are working with local business partners to build a long-term business and marketing plan to sell our products.

We are planning to invest in a chicken coop with an initial flock of 20 birds. This is part of our long-term goal to invest in on-site food production. We have created a partnership with Kheti Sheti - a nonprofit creating farm to table food sources within our community. They are helping us design and install a rooftop herb and vegetable garden in 2020.

We have a set a goal of two new corporate sponsorships/partnerships for 2020. Working within the community is crucial to provide the resources, support network and pathway for our kids as they go out on their own and create an adult life.

BY THE NUMBERS

- 3 College Graduates in 2020
- 2 Corporate Sponsorships
- 1 Rooftop Garden
- 1 Chicken Coop - 20 Chickens



JOIN US – SUPPORT US

When you walk our halls, sit down in the cafeteria or hang out in our library while the kids are working on their English lessons, you can feel the breathing, living sense of family in the most beautiful ways. The laughter, the impromptu singing and occasional dance off. In the hugs freely given at the end of the day when someone has been harassed at school. Even in the inevitable unkind word when someone's feelings have been hurt and a "sit down" to discuss why we need to be kind to one another ensues.

Hope Now is – in its very essence about Hope lived – the idea that anything is possible, kindness can win, dreams do come true and how we talk, behave and engage with the world matters. Our kids are building a life with every school year they complete, with every doctor visit, with every goal written down and discussed. With every song they write and dance they choreograph to mimic a Bollywood movie they saw – life is well lived.

This is the essence of who we are and the hope we construct. Join us. Partner with us as we build the future with every child we serve, care for, nurture and push to become who they are meant to be. There is nothing more powerful than the hope that life can endure – no matter the circumstances.

Hope Now thanks all of our partners for their support, partnership and guidance as we work collectively to ensure kids living with HIV have the chance to live up to their potential.

Give – go to www.hopenow.asia and be the change.

