



HOME OF HOPE

# Annual Report 2021





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# Director's Message

**Dear Friends,**

From meeting our goal of all kids maintaining a CD4 count of 500 – which means the virus cannot be transmitted – to expanding our garden and transitioning 8 of our kids to life outside the home after graduating from college, we have a lot to celebrate!

These goals are only possible because of your generous support and your unwavering belief that together, we can continue to ensure all of our kids have a safe home, a solid education, access to quality healthcare and the support they need to grow.

Our dedication to providing a quality education for every single one of our kids remains at the core of who we are. It is what drives us to advocate every day for and with the kids as they go from secondary school to a higher education of their choosing.

We continue to face challenges and stigma surrounding our HIV-positive status. As the kids get older, they find themselves in situations where a decision must be made to face those challenges head on with courage, grace and integrity. We are with them every step of the way.

As we look to 2022, we are all so proud of the successes the kids have had in school – even with remote learning in place for most of the calendar year.

In this report, you will read how our long-term commitment to providing opportunity has successfully served our kids, opening doors to internships, jobs and a presence in the community with their peers on a level we have never seen before.

These pages are filled with excitement and stories that reveal the true heart of our kids, staff and all the people that touch our lives each day in lasting ways.

To all our amazing staff, home parents, tutors, community partners, friends and volunteers, we thank you.

You are all amazing and I am so proud to be a part of our glorious ongoing journey!

Machelle Norling  
Director







# Year In Review

## We Made It

We made it through 2021 and learned some valuable lessons along the way, such as resilience and the art of a grateful heart when life seems too overwhelming to bear.

We really can do anything if we set our minds to it – one day at a time.

We ended the year with:

- 8 of our kids moving out into their own apartments
- more kids in vocational school and college than K-12 for the first time
- a larger yield from our gardens
- an expanded tutor network
- established a job internship network with local business community
- expanded computer lab to accommodate remote learning

For the start of the school year we were back in the classroom for the first time in over a year. We look forward to another successful year in the classroom and beyond.

## Where We Are

### Education Stats

16 – Secondary School

18 – Junior College

12 – University

8 – Employed





# By the Numbers



**EDUCATION**  
24.6 %

**FACILITY & MAINTENANCE**  
20 %

**FOOD & NUTRITION**  
17.6 %

**HOPE NOW  
BUDGET**  
**\$152,410**

**ARV'S / HEALTHCARE**  
2%

**VEHICLES / BUS**  
.4%

**STAFF**  
26.2%

**SECURITY SERVICES**  
9.2 %



# Success Stories

## They Moved Out

Eight of our kids are now on their own, living in flats across the city, fully employed and building a new life. Saying we are proud does not cover the emotions when kids grow up, graduate, find a job and start a life outside of the home. This has been the goal from the very beginning – to ensure our kids have the opportunity to go to school and build a thriving adult life.



## Our College Graduates



*Top Row from left: Linga, David, Anil, Ramesh  
Bottom Row from left: Ravi, Roja, Yasheshwani, Nissar*



## Access To Quality Healthcare and Meds

ARVs and Nutrition are critical to staying healthy. We have worked tirelessly for many years to maintain a CD4 count over 500 for each child. This is the "magic number" to meet as this ensures the virus cannot be transmitted. We will be on ARVs for a lifetime, but with modern medicine the required medications are manageable and offer our kids a long life.



## Best Harvest Yet

When we first moved to the city 6 years ago we knew we wanted to grow more of our own food. It helps with the budget, meets nutritional goals and is an excellent life skill. We saw our largest harvest yet in 2021 in our gardens and orchards. All of the kids are involved in maintaining the gardens and the areas around our compound including weeding, mowing the lawn, general cleanup and of course keeping the cricket and volleyball courts in good working order.



# Looking to the Future

## We Continue to Dream

We are always dreaming about ways to invest in our future. Our work is ongoing and we have many more kids to get across the finish line. Education will continue to be our primary focus. With 46 kids still in school, we have a full year ahead.

### **Expand Internship Network**

When the first round of kids graduated from college, it became clear we need to establish a pipeline of community partnerships to get the kids into summer internships to prepare them for the workforce and provide some on-the-job experience. We will continue to reach out to our local business partners and scale up our network.

### **Broaden Our Sponsorship Partners**

We saw the number of monthly sponsorships grow by 50% this past year. This is a critical cog in our financial support. Long-term givers make our job of financial planning secure and expansion of programs possible. We will continue to seek new monthly partners to broaden our financial base.

### **Expand Our Food Production**

ARVs only work if the nutrition piece is maintained. We want to invest in additional fruit trees including mangos, papaya and jack fruit.

### **Build Up the Library**

We will be investing in our library this year. Our tutors have requested we add a variety of English language books to help the kids become fluent in English, which is a critical part of finding a good job after they graduate.

## Our Unwavering Commitment

# 100 %

As always 100% of all public donations  
funded our kids education.

# Transparency



# We thank you for your ongoing support of our home. Here are a few highlights from the year.



Our Tutors Solomon and Sujani really stepped up in 2021. Learning remote, sharing computers and managing the internet when power is not always reliable is a challenge. As a team, they ensured everyone stayed on top of the classwork, homework and exams.

First meal in the new flat. Anil, David and Linga celebrating with Leela and Joseph.



Finally, back to the classroom for 2022.



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