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VALUING EVERY CHILD AS JESUS DOES



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# A LETTER FROM BETH

Dear Friend,

If there's one thing that every last child in the world needs to know, it's this: God is delighted with you.

Too often, kids living with disabilities in the poorest communities are told that they're cursed... that they have no value. They're told that they don't deserve school or medical care or even friends. I see moms try so hard to convince their children that they are loved. But when everyone else around you says otherwise, it's hard to take Mom's word for it.

These beautiful kids deserve to know – they need to know – that God delights in them as they are. And I believe God wants them to know that too.

I'm convinced that if Jesus walked the earth today, He would be right in the middle of this work. Back 2000 years ago, Jesus confronted stigma and lies, and He clearly showed how much He loved and valued the people who were too often left behind. Today, you're showing that same great love to some of the world's most vulnerable children.

You are walking in His footsteps. Together, we're standing up to the lies and declaring with boldness to kids with disabilities, "The God of the universe delights in you and who you are. You are deeply loved by Him."

As you look through this report, I pray you're encouraged – that you see on every page just how much you are living Jesus' love on every page. You are making a radical difference in the lives of beautiful kids across the world. Thank you!

Together with you,



**Beth Jost-Reimer**  
Chief Strategy Officer, Hope and Healing International



**"So Jesus called the children over to him and said, "Let the children come to me! Don't try to stop them. People who are like these children belong to God's kingdom." — Luke 18:16 (CEV)**

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# FORGOTTEN CHILDREN

## Millions of children are falling through the cracks

Right now, children in desperate need of medical care and support in the poorest communities of the world are being left behind. Too often, these children are overlooked by governments and international development organizations. And each day, kids are dying.

Children living in poverty with disability are too often seen as less valuable, cursed, less than human. They're hidden away, sometimes out of shame, but more often because parents are trying to keep their kids safe while families struggle to put food on the table and a roof over their heads.

The sad reality is, these beautiful kids are dying of neglect, sickness, abuse and loneliness. Misunderstanding, stigma and exclusion surrounding disability pull entire families into deeper poverty. And deeper poverty makes children more vulnerable to neglect, sickness, infection, further disability. It's a vicious cycle that we're out to break.



Manes' legs bowed more and more as she grew, causing sharp pain with each step. Local clinics couldn't help her. And her parents had no money to pay to take her to a government hospital. Manes had to push through the pain, even as it grew worse. Sadly, many parents in the poorest communities can't afford treatment for their kids, and they live in fear for their child's future.

Too many children like Manes live in needless pain and are left behind because of their disability.



**1 IN 10 KIDS**  
worldwide live with disabilities and the vast majority don't get the services they need



**14,000 CHILDREN**  
die every day, mostly from preventable or treatable causes. Children with disabilities are among the most vulnerable



**ONLY 1 IN 10**  
children with a disability will ever get the chance to go to school



Children with disabilities are **3-4 TIMES** more likely to experience physical or sexual abuse than children without a disability

# YOU CHANGE LIVES THROUGH MEDICAL CARE



## Hope and Healing for Roshnel

Five-year-old Roshnel was born with clubfoot. Her mom, Yoland, was skeptical of treatment. Some neighbours told Yoland to take Roshnel to traditional doctors, while others advised them to go to the hospital. She said, **“I didn’t know what to do. I was afraid they would spoil her feet, and I didn’t have money.”**

Thankfully, Roshnel was found by Hope and Healing’s team. Yoland was relieved when she

learned that other kids with clubfoot had successfully completed treatment – and that Roshnel could, too!

Kind Canadians like you helped cover the cost of her surgery at our partner hospital and gave her crutches to use while she recuperated and gained strength. And because of you, she’s healing well!

Her mom sends her thanks: **“I do not know what to tell you people for all your help. But only God in heaven will continue to bless you.”**

**“I don’t feel pain. I am happy that my foot will be fine. Thank you, people.”**  
– Roshnel

# MISSION, VISION, VALUES

Together with you, we’re out to show children living with disability in the poorest communities that they are beautiful children of God with intrinsic value and a higher purpose. That’s why we care for the whole child – body, mind and spirit.



## MISSION

Hope and healing for children with disabilities in the world’s poorest communities.

## VISION

A world where all children can be all that God created them to be.

## VALUES

- We value all people as Jesus does
- Our faith drives us to acts of love
- We put children first
- We focus on the ability and potential of every child
- We’re open and honest

**“Look at me now. I am not hiding myself. I walk freely and I feel beautiful at last.”** – Nouriatou, received care for clubfoot

# CHANGE THAT LASTS

What does it take for girls and boys with disabilities in the poorest countries and communities to live healthier, happier, longer lives?

It requires valuing and nurturing the whole child – body, mind and spirit. Health starts with essential services, and happy lives are lived in the context of healthy relationships in the home, in school and in communities.

Our programs are child and ability-centred, driving healthy bodies, learning minds and resilient spirits through the following sectors:



**“Thank you, people. You have made me walk and go to school. I am happy.”**  
 – Abigail, received crutches for her paralysis

**“All of our main domains are interconnected and vital to long-term change so the world’s most vulnerable kids live healthier, happier, longer lives.”**

– Beth Jost-Reimer, Chief Strategy Officer



## HEALTH

- Quality, timely treatment for preventable, curable impairments
- Comprehensive rehabilitation plans that celebrate each child’s unique abilities
- Families committed to fulfilling these treatment and rehabilitation plans



## FAMILY LIVELIHOOD

- Equipping parents with a sustainable income to keep children healthy and in school
- Access to vocational skills, equipment, training and micro-finance loans
- Medical treatment for caregivers that allows them to support and care for their families



## EDUCATION

- Parents and teachers educated and empowered to advocate for and support the unique needs of children with impairments
- Making school buildings and school latrines accessible to all kids
- Teaching kids about disability-preventing health and hygiene through school clubs



## SOCIAL ATTITUDES

- Changing negative attitudes towards disability – in the community, church, school – all around the children we serve
- Training community members to understand the causes of impairment and the rights and potential of children with disabilities



## SELF-VALUE

- Healing hearts and bodies, as children with disabilities overcome stigma and claim their intrinsic value as beautiful children of God
- Children who have at least one champion in their life who supports and encourages them

# YOU MADE AN INCREDIBLE IMPACT IN 2023!

## RISING COST, RISING NEED

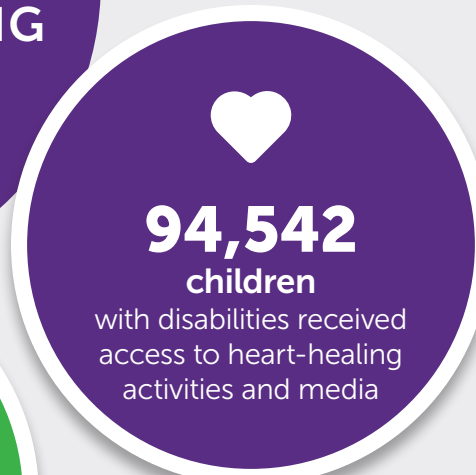
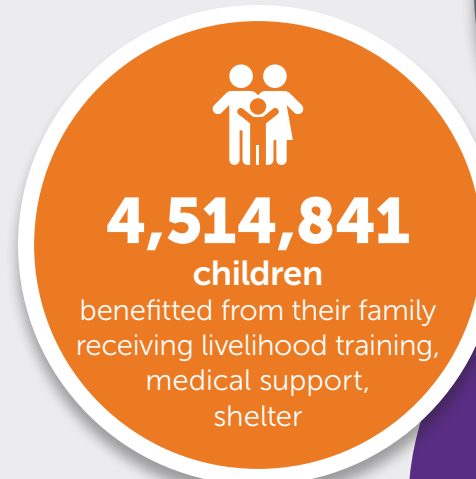
In 2023, we saw global inflation rise. Increased costs and shortages put more pressure on our partners as they worked to serve kids in rural areas across Africa. We heard from many families we serve that they're struggling to feed their kids and afford school fees. Some families are still recovering from the fallout of COVID and conflict and are struggling to rebuild their livelihoods all over again. We also saw rising costs across Canada that affected our kind supporters. The increased cost of living was a real fear that dominated many people's minds.

## CHOOSING HOPE... CELEBRATING HOPE

Because of your unwavering support and courage, more than **7.7M** kids and families were served this year. Because of you, they have hope and are living healthier, happier lives! That's a reason to celebrate!

"I want to become a medical doctor in the future, and with the help of the glasses, I will be able to study well and pursue my dreams. Thank you, people, for helping me and my friends."

– Shekina, received glasses for vision impairment





# YOUR CHILD HEALTH IMPACT

Because of your support, children are living healthier, happier, longer lives! Through clean water, medication, physiotherapy, kids are experiencing God's love in a real, practical way. Friends like you are telling these beautiful kids that they are worth medical care. You are transforming their lives with hope and healing!

Last year, you gave **2,981,457** children the miracle of health through disability-preventing care, enabling medical treatment and rehabilitation plans.






**"I am happy that my legs are getting better. I hope to walk well and meet my friends in school." – Leandra, received surgery for bowlegs**




## DISABILITY-PREVENTING CARE

Because of you, **2,941,269** children received disability-preventing care!

-  You gave **248,817** children Mectizan to stop River Blindness.
-  You gave **18,762** children sight-saving care to stop blinding trachoma through clean water, latrines and education.
-  Because of you, **2,645,681** children benefitted from parents receiving training in disability-preventing nutrition and health.

## ENABLING MEDICAL TREATMENT

Because of you, **33,413** children received enabling medical care!

-  You made sure **10,974** children with disabilities received a diagnosis and treatment for conditions like epilepsy, clubfoot, spina bifida and more.
-  You gave **2,479** children life-changing, ability-restoring surgeries.
-  By shipping miracles, you gave **8,493** children access to medical equipment and supplies, like hospital beds, crutches and wheelchairs.

## REHABILITATION SUPPORT

Because of you, **6,775** children received rehabilitative support!

-  You gave restored mobility and hope to **2,192** children through assistive devices.
-  You increased the independence and strength of **4,391** children through physiotherapy, occupational therapy and other rehabilitative services.
-  Because of you, **192** children can see better thanks to eyeglasses and other assistive devices.



# YOUR FAMILY LIVELIHOOD IMPACT

Because of your support, children are benefitting from caregiver health training, livelihood support and medical care. When caregivers have the support they need, they can better provide for their children with disabilities by putting food on the table and sending their children to school – tangible hope that will last for years to come.

Last year, you gave **4,514,949** children a brighter future through the support you gave to their moms, dads, grandparents.





“Now that I have acquired this knowledge, I will use it effectively in the tailoring business in order to assist my daughter.”

– Catherine, received vocational training to support her daughter, Alinafe, who has hydrocephalus





## FAMILY MEDICAL SERVICES

Because of you, **267,146** children benefitted from their parents receiving medical care!

-  Because of you, **250,176** children benefitted from their caregivers receiving sight-restoring surgery and medication.
-  You supported **2,698** children by providing assistive devices to their caregivers, so parents can better support their families.
-  Through your generosity, **4,309** children benefitted from their caregivers participating in the SAFE Strategy (Surgery, Antibiotics, Face-washing, Environmental change) to stop the spread of blinding trachoma.



## CAREGIVER SERVICES

Because of you, **4,225,014** children with disabilities and their families benefitted from caregiver training and support!

-  Thanks to you, **4,222,352** children with disabilities benefitted from health promotion and disability awareness campaigns.
-  You supported and empowered **2,610** children with disabilities by providing disability sensitization to caregivers.
-  You gave **52** children with disabilities and their families shelter through newly-constructed or improved homes, protecting families from severe weather.

## VOCATIONAL SUPPORT

Because of you, **22,680** children and families benefitted from vital vocational support!

-  Thanks to you, **5,417** children with disabilities and their families benefitted from micro-finance loans for small business start-ups.
-  You gave **11,318** children and families livelihood support through animals, tailoring, carpentry and more.
-  You made sure **5,946** children with disabilities and families weren't excluded from government support programs.



## YOUR EDUCATION IMPACT

Because of you, children with disabilities were able to go to school. Ramps, accessible latrines, educational support and more gave these beautiful kids the chance to learn and grow alongside their peers. Through educational, disability-inclusive programming, you also gave education to kids who normally wouldn't have access to it.



**"Our teacher told us Jesus loves all little children. I love to go to school."** – Bright, girl with visual impairment

Last year, you gave **106,059** kids access to educational supports so they can become all God created them to be!



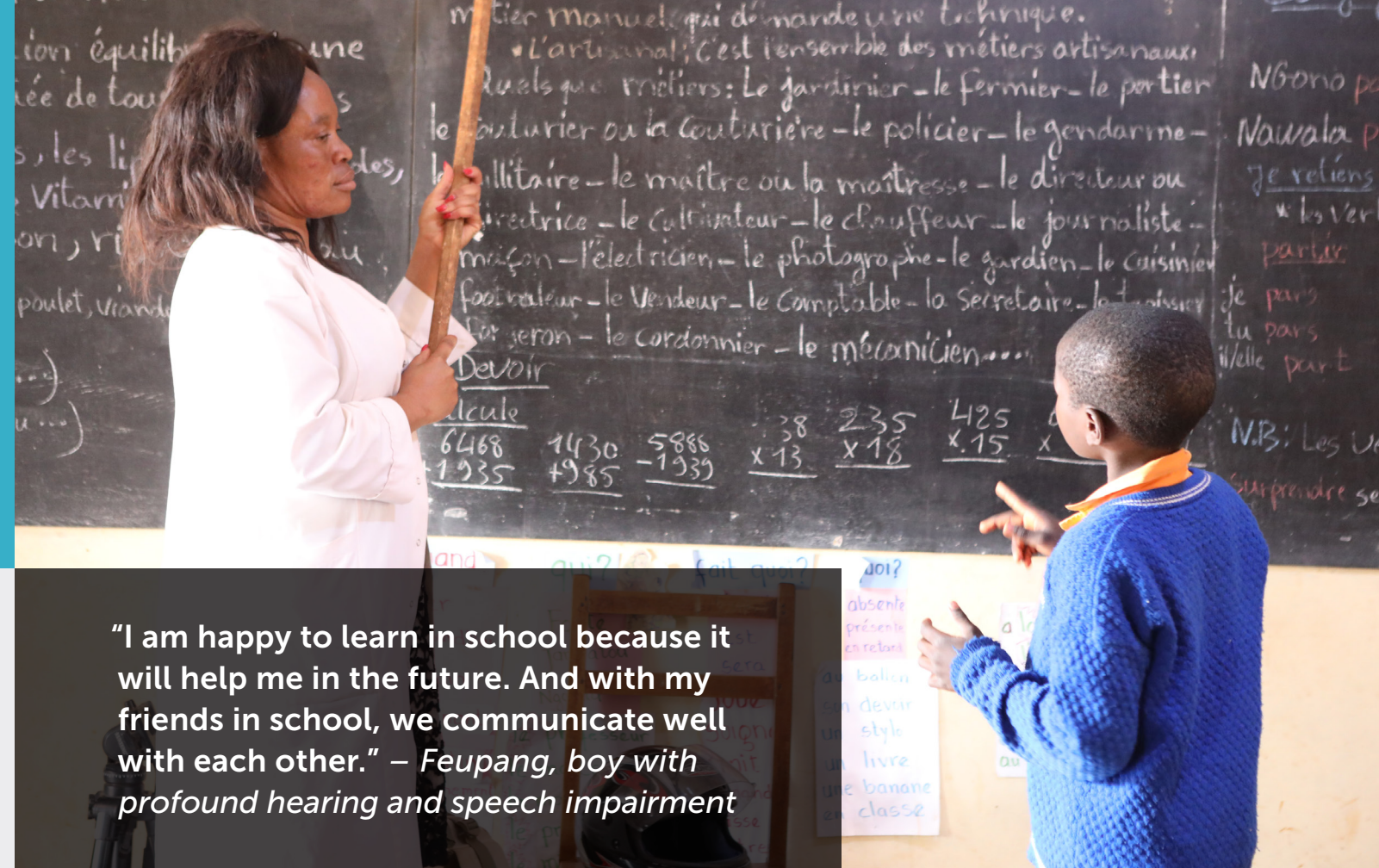
You gave **2,800** kids the chance to go to school by making classrooms and latrines accessible.



Because of you, **101,848** children with disabilities received education through schools and home-based educational programming.



By training teachers on disability-inclusive education, you supported **2,540** children.



**"I am happy to learn in school because it will help me in the future. And with my friends in school, we communicate well with each other."** – Feupang, boy with profound hearing and speech impairment

### THE RIGHT SUPPORT FOR LEARNING

When Feupang was a baby, his parents noticed that he was silent and didn't respond when called. **"There were some signs. But we didn't think he was a deaf child until he was two years old,"** said his dad, Simplicie. Unlike other kids his age, Feupang still hadn't said his first words. It wasn't until a year later that doctors confirmed their son would never talk or hear.

Neighbours and family thought the little boy was quiet and reserved. But it was only because he had no way to fully communicate – aside from the few signs they created.

Teachers at the local school didn't know

Sign Language. Although he tried, Feupang couldn't keep up with his classmates. His parents loved him very much, but they had to focus on the education of their other kids. They simply couldn't afford the fees for an accessible school. So, Feupang stayed home for seven years.

Thankfully, the Hope and Healing team identified Feupang and enrolled him in a special school for children with severe hearing loss and speech impairments. Now, this 12 year old is in Primary 4 and studies Sign Language with his new friends. He can communicate and learn, thanks to generous Canadians like you who made his education possible.



# YOUR SOCIAL ATTITUDES IMPACT

Because of you, families and communities are learning that children with disabilities have the same worth and value as anyone else. Together, they are learning how to better advocate for these beautiful, courageous kids – to help others recognize that God has intentionally created and loves each child.



**“We did not know about such a condition... now you people have treated her, and she looks fine. We don’t know how to thank you, but may God bless you all who are doing such work for children.”** – Peter, father of Marie Louise who received surgery for her cleft lip

Last year, you gave **26,870** children and families education and support to fight the stigma of disability in communities!



Because of you, **5,714** children with disabilities are being welcomed into play, sports, cultural and social activities in their communities.



You gave **12,200** children extra support in their communities by training community leaders around disability.



Thanks to you, **8,956** children with disabilities experienced more community inclusion because their parents received disability sensitization training.



**“You people have removed shame and pity from my head. I can now live with confidence among my family and friends. Only God can reward you people for the work you do.”**

– Gambiya, Mohamed and Marwen’s mom

## FROM SHAME TO CONFIDENCE

Gambiya gave birth to two sons – Mohamed and Marwen – with clubfoot. Her family and neighbours thought she was cursed. Out of a lack of understanding and deep-rooted stigma, her husband left, leaving her to care for their 5 children alone.

For 6 long years, Mohamed walked in pain and Gambiya lived in shame. Thankfully, Mohamed was found by Hope and Healing’s field worker, Moses. At first, Gambiya was hesitant to bring Mohamed in for treatment. **“We did not have money. I thought he was just another man who has come to make a mockery of my predicament.”**

It took a year for Gambiya to agree on surgery for her boys. She saw photos of other kids who had surgery on their clubfeet. But when she heard that kind friends like you would cover the cost of both Mohamed and Marwen’s surgery, she was finally convinced.

Thanks to you, Mohamed received surgery that corrected his clubfeet and took away his pain. And Marwen is on his healing journey, with only one final surgery to straighten his foot. Thank you for restoring this family’s hope and confidence!



## YOUR SELF-VALUE IMPACT

Because of your generosity and support, children with disabilities are gaining confidence, forming friendships and playing with their peers. And thanks to you, children are receiving empowering, inclusive educational programming through the resilience program and heart-healing Ubongo episodes.



**"I learned about negative self-talk, to understand negative attitudes and do away with them." – Zamu, girl with clubfoot who graduated from Hope and Healing's resilience program**

Last year, you gave **94,542** children with disabilities access to heart-healing play and programs.



You made **96** resilience workshops across Uganda possible, to help **76** kids with disabilities see their talents, abilities and God-given value.



Because of you, **94,456** children with disabilities learned valuable lessons about their worth and skills through heart-healing episodes produced by Hope and Healing, together with Ubongo.



**"Before, I used to despise myself and didn't believe in myself. I had low self-esteem, but now I... believe in myself – that I can and I'm able."**

*– Kenneth*

### FIGHTING STIGMA, FINDING HOPE

16-year-old Kenneth was born with bowlegs and faced stigma around his disability his whole life. People would call him names and make fun of him. **"Fellow pupils often laughed at me. They told me I am a lame person. They refused to play with me."**

Thankfully, Kenneth attended Hope and Healing's resilience program in Uganda. Because of your support, Kenneth learned about positive self-talk and self-value, goal-setting and how to stand up to bullies.

In fact, the program was so impactful to him, that he's been going door-to-door in his

community to encourage other kids living with disability! **"I noticed that most of them didn't have hope because whenever they would be sharing with me, they would just burst out and cry. So, I mostly shared about them having hope for the future."**

Not only has this courageous young man learned to see himself as Jesus sees him, but he's also helping other kids do the same! Thank you for making this heart-healing work possible.

# SOLUTION HIGHLIGHT



**Non-Cash Resources**, also known as gift-in-kind, is an exciting way to support partners with new and nearly-new medical supplies and equipment. Equipment like surgical instruments, hospital beds, wheelchairs, crutches transform the lives of children and families by giving sight, restoring mobility, supporting the healing process and more.

Generous Canadian partners and hospitals donated vital supplies and equipment, and **Canadians like you shipped \$21M worth of life-changing equipment to kids and families across Africa.**

You shipped miracle-making medical equipment to **6 PARTNERS** in **4 COUNTRIES**

Cameroon

Eswatini

Malawi

Zambia

## Breakdown of NCR Funding

Medications & Vitamins	<b>\$11.2M</b>
Medical Consumables	<b>\$3.6M</b>
Dried Goods	<b>\$1.8M</b>
Optical Items	<b>\$1.7M</b>
Orthopaedic & Prosthetic Items	<b>\$690K</b>

Earlier this February, Maggy noticed a number of bassinets that were no longer in use at Oak Valley Health, a leading healthcare provider in Ontario. As a staff member, she discovered that despite being in great condition, the bassinets no longer met hospital standards and were being replaced.

Maggy thought it was a shame to see the bassinets go to waste, especially knowing how important they are to new moms and babies. So, she reached out to Hope and Healing to see if they could be used in low-resourced hospitals in Africa.

With some time, hard work and willpower, Maggy and her team secured the 14 bassinets, and Hope and Healing donors shipped these items off to Zambia in early February. In June, the shipment arrived!

These bassinets have brought hope to moms and are providing a safe, warm place to rest for newborns in communities with very little access to adequate medical care. This generous donation will help ensure these little ones get the best start possible in life.



**"I'm sure I am not alone when I say that it warms my heart to know this could make some sort of difference to another baby, family or health care facility in need."**

*– Maggy, staff member at Oak Valley Health*

## A SAFE, CLEAN PLACE TO REST

We met Hilda and her mom, Janet, at our partner hospital in Zambia days after Hilda gave birth to a beautiful baby boy.

Not only were they impressed by the beautiful facility and care Hilda received, but they were most thankful for the safe, warm place for the newborn to rest.

Hilda's little one was bundled in layers of blankets and tucked in one of the 14 bassinets kindly donated by Oak Valley Health.

**"In the village, to have a safe and clean delivery is not attainable because certain**

**amenities are not found. Delivering from hospital, it's good because...**

**everything is available to have a safe and clean delivery. Here we have a safe and clean place for the baby to lay,"** said Janet.

This is all thanks to Oak Valley Health who donated the bassinets and to kind donors like you who shipped the bassinets to Zambia.

**"Thank you very much for what [you've] done for us,"** said Hilda.



# EMERGENCY UPDATE

In March, we told you about the kids and families in Northern Ethiopia caught in the middle of Ethiopia's worst drought on record. Crops had died and the price for wheat and oil skyrocketed in the country. We know that malnutrition is devastating for kids and causes permanent damage to their brains and bodies, and already, **2 million kids** were acutely malnourished. The situation was dire.

On top of the drought, families who had fled the war were finally able to return home, but too many were returning to nothing. No crops, no livestock, no income support. Moms and dads were needing to start over from nothing.

**That's where you stepped in.**



Ayal and her children

## Hope in Despair

You gave **5,000** children and families life-saving food. You joined with us to distribute:



**75,000 kg** of wheat flour



**7,500 kg** of yellow split peas



**2,500 litres** of edible oil



**11,600 kg** of teff



**1,050 kg** of rice



**1,050 kg** of macaroni

**"They did not know us, and we did not know them. But they spent their money, time, effort, and everything they have for our wellbeing. I do not know what we can do for them. I want to say 'God bless all of them!'"**

*– Ayal, mom who received support for her family*

## Beyond Food

Children with disabilities didn't need only food – they also needed medical care. Through your support, kids received medical screenings, surgery and assistive devices to help them navigate the world around them. Parents also needed crucial items as they returned to their communities where many of their homes had been looted or destroyed.

**Thanks to you, families received items like:**

- **Mattresses**
- **Blankets**
- **Cooking items**
- **Soap**
- **Sanitary pads**

**Please pray for our teams, our partners, and for the children and families we serve. And pray for peace for Ethiopia.**

## Update on Ethiopia

Peace in Ethiopia is tentative at best. Throughout the year, violent conflicts have flared up, endangering not just those on the Tigray border, but those in Amhara as well. Many have been injured, flooding health facilities. Our work in Ethiopia has become even more difficult and dangerous. Our local teams and partners are often separated from their families because of the conflict and can't communicate with their loved ones back home. Our team is dedicated to serving kids and families living with or at risk of disability, so they've pivoted their programs to ensure staff safety while still serving those in need.

Because of the destruction caused by the conflict, manageable diseases and infections are now rapidly rising in concerning numbers: cholera, measles, dengue fever and malaria.



# LIVING OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH



## JESUS' LOVE IS FOR EVERYONE

When Jesus was on earth, He shared His love with everyone. The people who were overlooked and forgotten were often the ones He went to first. That's why we choose to serve some of the most vulnerable kids in the world – children living in poverty with disability. We believe that Jesus' love is for **all** people, no exceptions.



## TANGIBLE LOVE

Jesus didn't just talk about His love for people... He showed it! Without actions, words are just words. So we provide practical, vital care to kids and their families – God's love in action.



## HEALING BODIES, HEALING HEARTS

God created every child with love and intention. Each child needs care that addresses more than just their physical needs. Where possible, we partner with local Christian hospitals and organizations that can share the good news of Jesus in their own cultural context.

# WHY DO WE DO THIS WORK?

"I value sight as the most important gift that God has given us, and anyone who doesn't have it, I want to help."

— Wagdi Henein, donor

"God loves each of the kids we serve so much. I want each child to know and believe that they are worthy of that love, intentionally created and beautiful. If a child lives that out, all our work is worth it."

— Esther Karram, staff member

"I promised God that I will not be a "King" but a servant because He is the one who allowed me to be who I am today. I am happy to share what He gave me – knowledge, skills, love and passion."

— Dr. Leonard Banza, doctor, Malawi

"The physical healing of the world's poorest was most important to me because this is what Jesus reached out to do. Hope and Healing as it is called today, is really the work of Christ in action."

— Janice Boneham, legacy donor

"Because of disability, some children have been made to feel less than deserving of love, and only a burden. The BEST news in the world is that Jesus loves them, cares for their circumstances, and has a plan for their life. I want to be part of communicating that kind of love to every child, whether we are near or far."

— Joanna la Fleur, Hope and Healing ambassador

# OUR PROGRAM APPROACH

How we work is as important as what we do. It's part of who we are and it's how we change lives.



## Christian

As Christians, we believe that all children are made in God's image. As such, all children, with their unique abilities, have intrinsic value and a God-given purpose in life. Every action and word we deliver through our programs at Hope and Healing are intended to communicate God's love for the children we serve.



## Child-Centred

We are child-centred and believe that girls and boys with disabilities and their families are the experts in their lives, that their voices matter, and they inform our work.



## Family-Based

Children who are loved, valued and have a champion, particularly in their home, are more likely to live healthier, happier, longer lives.



## Community-Based

Everyone benefits from inclusive communities, where children with disabilities and their families are included, where stigma is reduced, where children have friends, and can access the services and supports they need.



## Local Partnership

We are partner-centred with authentic, collaborative, and long-term partnerships. Partners are well-positioned to implement projects for vulnerable children and are connected within their existing structures and systems to amplify our impact and sustainability.



## Accountable

We strongly believe in accountability to our partners, to our donors as stewards of their support, and importantly to the girls and boys with disabilities and their families to ensure that our work is changing hearts and lives.



## Rights-Based

Our work is rights-based and recognizes that those who are most marginalized, children with disabilities, face the biggest barriers to realizing their rights. That's why we work within the framework of:

- The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)
- The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
- The UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

# WHERE WE WORK

Together with you, Hope and Healing International supported local, community-based programs in **9 countries** around the world.



## CHOOSE HOPE 2023

When COVID-19 hit, no one knew what to expect. The global pandemic ripped away any sense of safety and certainty we had for the year. We knew one thing, though – we needed a specific plan so the kids we served didn't get lost in the crisis. The kids we serve together with you already face multiple health challenges, leaving them especially vulnerable to the virus. And the closure of businesses left families unable to pay for basics, like food.

Supporters like you made it possible to choose hope in what felt like a very dark time. Because of your generosity, kids living in poverty with disability weren't forgotten. They continued to receive vital, life-changing support and care. We worked hard to maintain close relationships with each of our local partners and laid flexible plans that survived pandemic restrictions. With the end of 2023, we have officially wrapped up our Choose Hope strategy and can gratefully say it was a success thanks to your generosity.

None of this would have been possible without you.



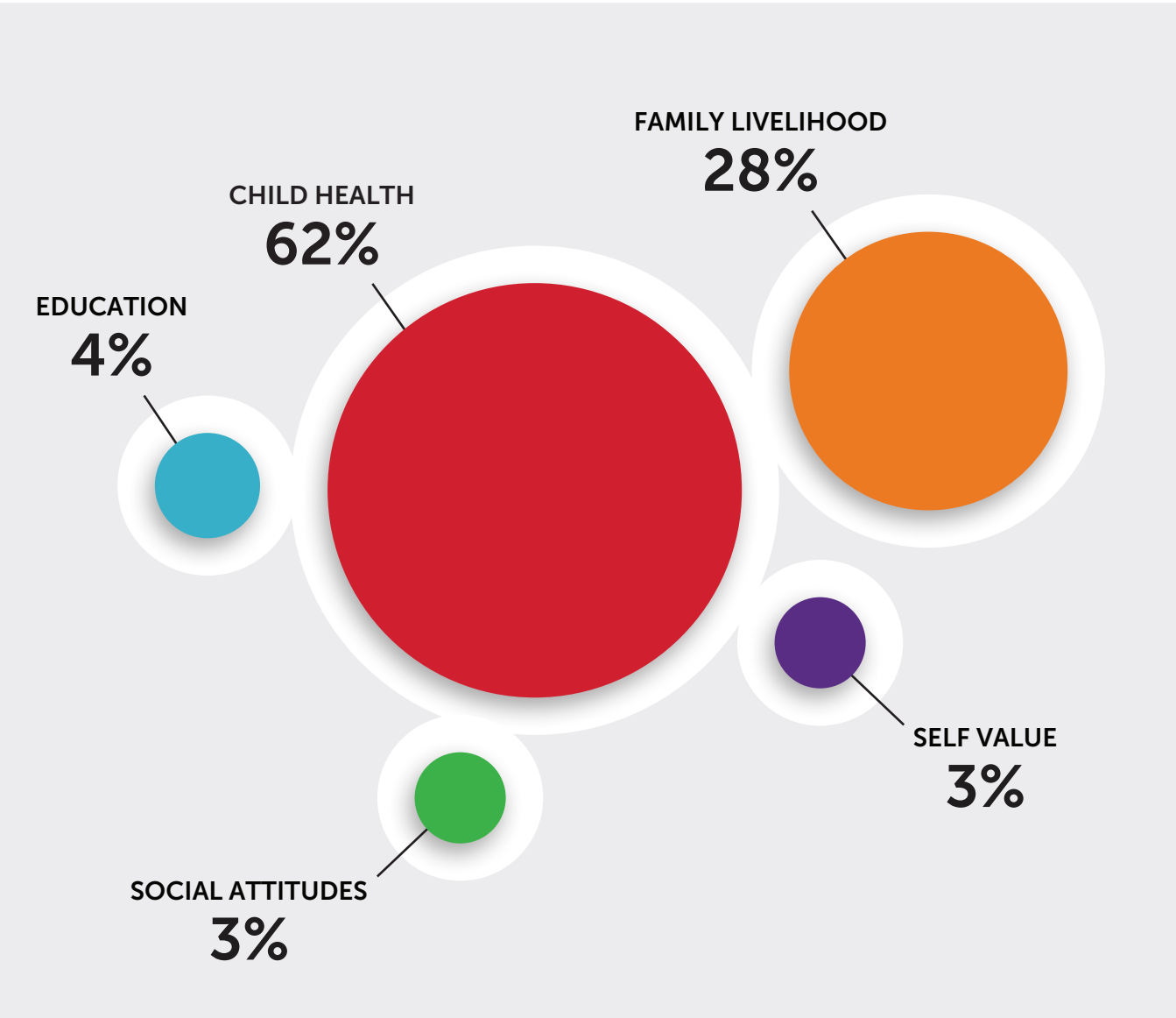
## LOOKING AHEAD...

Our new 3-year strategy is centred around **more hope** for **more kids** living in poverty with disability. We're making sure kids are right in the middle of our program planning, and we are committed to sharing stories of impact with you so you can see the life-transforming difference you're making across the world.

# BREAKDOWN OF PROJECT FUNDING

In 2023, Hope and Healing invested **\$31,968,043** into life-changing programs that provided medical care and support so children living in poverty with disability can live healthier, happier, longer lives.

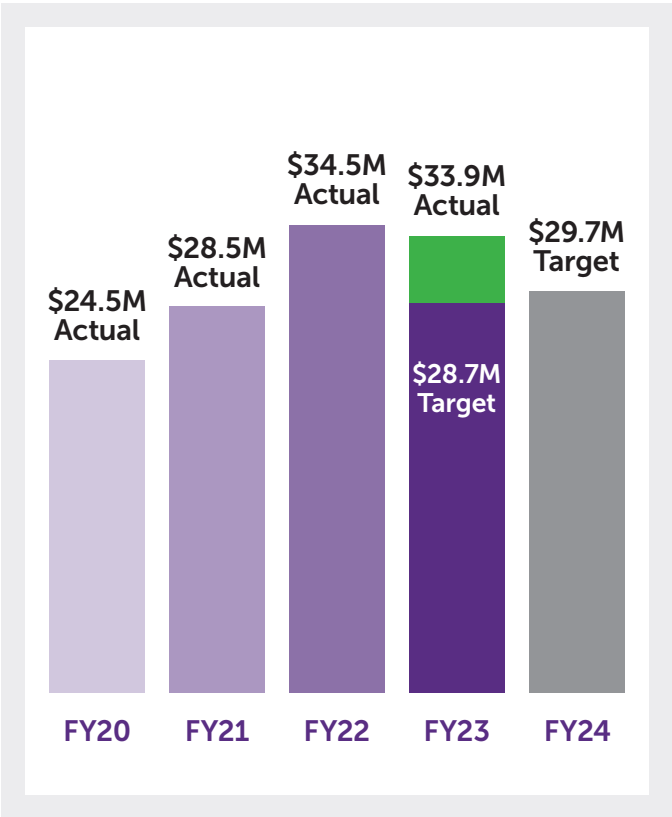
- Child Health
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- Education
- Social Attitudes
- Self Value



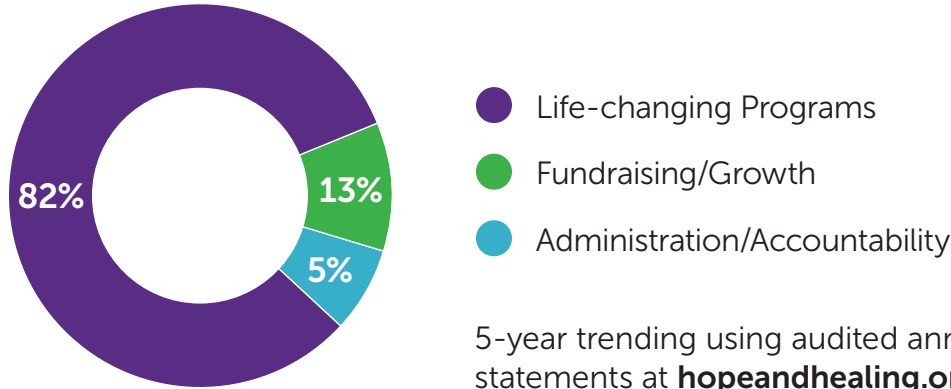
# OUR FINANCIALS

Based on economic trends, we knew that 2023 would be a year of rising inflation that would mean higher costs for our local partners and for our donors. We had also seen our donors' incredible generosity during COVID. With all these factors in mind, we set our target for our 2023 year at \$28.7M. Thanks to the courage and generosity of incredible supporters, we surpassed this target by 18% to finish the year with a total of \$33.9M.

By the end of 2023, our goal was to increase net dollars to programs by 33% – to \$24.8M. Because of your generosity, we surpassed that target by 28% to invest \$32.0M into life-changing programs so even more children and families receive the support they need.



# BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES



5-year trending using audited annual financial statements at [hopeandhealing.org/financials](https://hopeandhealing.org/financials)

# WHO WE ARE

## OUR AMAZING SUPPORTERS

Canadians like you are part of an incredible community that is quite literally changing the world for children living in poverty with disability. We couldn't be more grateful for your generosity, your prayers, your support. **Friends like you are transforming kids' lives every day and giving them a brighter future. Thank you!**

## OUR STAFF

Hope and Healing International's staff members love connecting funding, praying partners like you to the children and families we serve in the poorest communities. This past year, our team has worked tirelessly to ensure more children with disabilities get vital, life-changing care. And we love showing donors like YOU the kind of life transformation that you're making possible every day!

## OUR LEADERSHIP

**Beth Jost-Reimer**  
*Acting Executive Director &  
Chief Strategy Officer*

**Jill Bartley**  
*Chief Operations Officer*

**Stratis Vomvas**  
*Chief Financial Officer*

**Cathy Cameron**  
*Director International Programs*

**Jamie Planche**  
*Director Marketing*

**Mark Vanderpol**  
*Director Finance &  
Decision Support*

## OUR BOARD

**Brenda Ben (Board Chair)**

**Brad Cross**

**Lorna Dueck**

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**Don Gerke**

**Adela Goredema**

**Don Klaassen**

**Jonathan Liteplo**

**Harry Reinders**

**Ashley Vaughan**



## A LEGACY OF CHILDREN DANCING – ED EPP



Ed Epp served as Executive Director of Hope and Healing International for 14 years before retiring this past year. Ed's vision was centred around kids with disabilities believing that they can and should dance. **"I learned from my children when they were young that dancing meant things were 'right' in their world. Kids dancing meant they were free of fear and shame. They had hope for the future and confident belief in their worth and value."**

That's what donors like you made possible for Martha. Martha has cerebral palsy. Her mom does exercises with her twice every day to build up Martha's strength. Now, Martha can eat and drink by herself and pull herself up to a stand. Because of friends like you, Martha received a wheelchair so she can get to school. And when you go to her class, you'll see Martha with her hand raised, eager to answer her teacher's questions. Or singing along with her classmates, a huge smile on her face. Martha is thriving at school and welcomed by her peers. She told us how she likes going to church and having people pray for us. She told us, **"We should love each other."** Thank you for being someone who showed Martha Jesus' love in action.



**"I am happy that you people have helped us pay my hospital bills. I was wondering how I would walk, but these crutches will help me go to school and study to achieve my dreams. Thank you people so much!"**

*— Fallon, received crutches after her leg was amputated due to injury*



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