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Annual Report

Transforming lives and communities through partnership

2015

RESTORING DIGNITY AND HOPE.

One individual. One community. One country at a time.

"For we are God's fellow workers.
You are God's field, God's building."

—1 Corinthians 3:9

Dear Friends,

By God's grace, 2015 was an exciting year for Children's HopeChest. Together, we're transforming lives and communities around the globe—and we are so thankful you're with us on this journey!

Restoring hope and human dignity through highly relational, Community-to-Community partnerships is the real heart of what we do, why we do it, and how we do it. Because of your commitment, we have seen incredible growth in new church and community partnerships, CarePoints launched, children sponsored, letters written, mission and Vision Trips taken, relationships strengthened, and most importantly, lives transformed.

In this report, you will read about great stories of impact and learn about individuals and communities on an exciting journey to self-sustainability. You'll see the power of God providing a vision to individuals who, when connected to a partner community, begin to change the entire trajectory of their communities, allowing hope to flourish and transformation to occur. We also hope you will be encouraged by the transformation within our Partner Communities.

Lastly, we hope you will be inspired to continue changing lives and partnering with us to restore hope and dignity to the most vulnerable in the most difficult places around the world. Your support has made all the difference.

In His Grip,

Ken Sparks

Ken Sparks
President & CEO

Community TO Community

Ongongoja CarePoint: Uganda

Ongongoja. It means "end of the earth" or "the forgotten people." But because of transformative partnerships, its people are far from forgotten.

Children's HopeChest is working in partnership with local churches, sponsors, and communities to restore hope, dreams, and dignity to the people of this now thriving village.

"No one would ever come here because we are at the end of the earth," a local resident shared. "But now, look at what we have in only one year! Without your help, our children would be dying."

With support from partners and sponsors, Children's HopeChest is able to provide 215 children with community outreaches and special projects. They have nutritious food, medical care, and the opportunity to go to school. Members of the community are taking ownership of positive change. Most of all, the people have joy, hope, and a future.

Community Partners: Catching the Vision

Ongongoja is the third CarePoint partnership for HopeChest Partnership Leaders Dylan and Jen DeBruin.

"We didn't see how we could get more kids sponsored," the DeBruins shared. "But once we heard about Ongongoja and the need in their area, we knew we had to take a leap of faith."

God used that step of faith to transform two communities—two worlds apart. In just three months, every child at the CarePoint was sponsored and every member of the Connect Community was inspired to do more. They raised funds. They wrote letters. They traveled to meet their sponsored children, and experience their impact firsthand. They saw that through partnership, God can completely transform the trajectory of lives and communities.

"One of our biggest needs in life is connection and relationship," the DeBruins say. "People in our Connect Community love the true connection they have with the community and the kids they sponsor. We are working to make a difference in an entire community, not just a single child."

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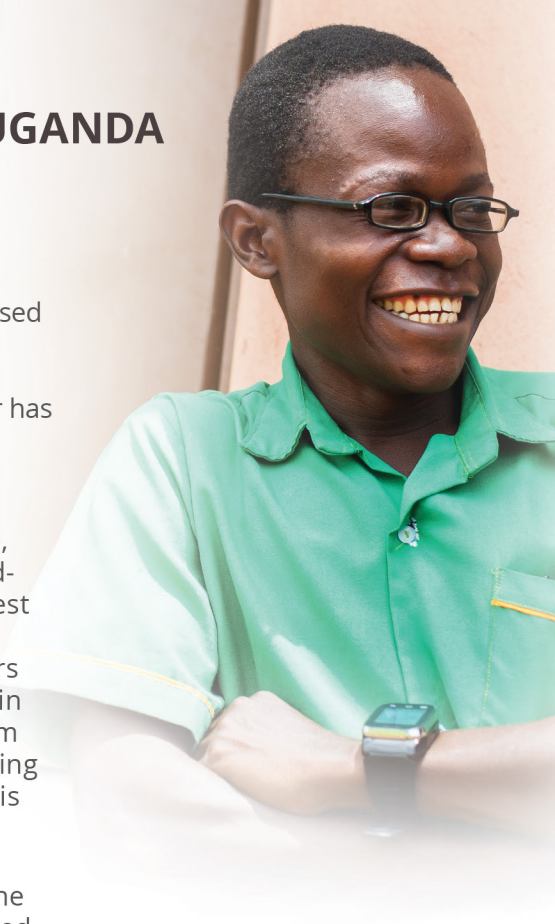
One vision. Two communities. Thousands of lives transformed.

BUKEDEA CAREPOINT: UGANDA

Silver's story



When he was just eleven, Silver's dad passed away, leaving him to care for his younger siblings. Poverty had stolen his hope. But thanks to his HopeChest CarePoint, Silver has begun to dream again.

With support from CarePoint workers, Silver received medical care, education, and encouragement to explore his God-given talents. What started as an interest in electronics, soon became a small electronic repair business. Several years later, he started the only radio station in the Bukedea region to use as a platform to share the Gospel. His business is doing so well that he can now fully support his younger siblings.

"I am empowered and encouraged by the support Children's HopeChest has offered me," Silver said. "I am pursuing my future goals and have faith that I will be a great man. That is my dream."

CarePoint staff and their US Partner could not be more excited to see what God has planned for this creative young man.

It's a big dream - one that began with hope and will continue with big changes in his community.

HOSANNA AREA: ETHIOPIA

Safe water for children and families

The children served by the Hosanna CarePoints live far from clean water. During the rainy season, families had no choice but to drink the rainwater that falls from their roof. Unfortunately, this water is not safe to drink. Because of the CarePoints, children and their families finally have access to clean water and a brand new water kiosk. This kiosk, which functions similar to a convenience store, not only provides safe water to individuals shopping in the marketplace, but also offers income-generating opportunities to women in the community.

32 Total Water Points (7 new this year)
3 Water Kiosks (1 new this year)
23 Raised Water Tanks
8 Boreholes

SWAZILAND LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Transforming communities through servanthood

The Swaziland Leadership Academy (SLA) is a three-year educational program that equips young people in our CarePoints with life skills and powerful opportunities for leadership, service, and employment. It also gives older students called “shepherds” the chance to mentor and disciple the younger children in the program. Currently, we have 33 shepherds who not only serve as inspiring role models, but gain valuable leadership experience themselves. The 2014 class, currently in their 3rd year, has initiated a community outreach program to help the most impoverished children at their CarePoints. Through programs like SLA, hope is given, generations are growing, and entire communities and nations are transforming.

NEW HEALTHCARE SPECIALIST

Transforming lives through medical care

Tigist is an inspiration to everyone at Children's HopeChest. She's a trained medical technician who currently serves over 4,800 children at 33 CarePoints across Ethiopia. She educates the community on the importance of proper sanitation, preventing HIV, prenatal substance abuse, and domestic violence. She also leads interactive first-aid and healthcare training for all CarePoint workers, equipping them to provide better care to the children in our program. Tigist's role is proof of Ethiopia's incredible journey towards sustainability and community transformation. It's proof that our program is working and that support makes all the difference.

Tigist helping a child take his medicine.

RUSSIA SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Celebrating Olympic Gold

This year, we're celebrating a HopeChest first: Olympic Gold! Four of our Russian HopeChest graduates recently competed in the 2015 Special Olympics in Los Angeles, California. Please join us in congratulating Stas (Judo), Aloyosha (Roller Skating), Vova (Handball), and Ivan (Handball) on these milestone achievements. We could not be prouder of their accomplishments.

LIFE UNLIMITED CAREPOINT: GUATEMALA

Utilizing local resources for health and sustainability

At Life Unlimited CarePoint, children don't just receive nutritious meals. They also learn valuable skills to help them thrive. Here, children are learning about sustainable farming by growing avocados (they've already harvested over 4,000 pounds of fruit!) and they are learning to raise hens, thanks to a brand new chicken farm. They are also learning how to manage money responsibly by using the proceeds to purchase more hens, feed for the chickens, and cleaning supplies.

Antoni came to Life Unlimited when he was just two years old. Today, he's a healthy, happy preteen who loves the opportunity to help run the chicken farm. Through the efforts of this CarePoint, Antoni is equipped with skills, confidence, and hope for the future.

IN 2015, GUATEMALA SPONSORSHIP INCREASED BY **114%**

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HOPECHEST ADVOCATES

Building teams and impact

The HopeChest Advocates program was launched to further engage some of our most passionate partners. This global network inspires members to become even stronger advocates for the ministry and to invite new advocates into the HopeChest family.

> *I love advocating for Children's HopeChest! It is easy to do knowing the tremendous positive impact a partnership can have on a congregation and a community abroad. Holistic care and relationship-based Community-to-Community partnerships are something I have grown passionate about and intend to share with others for a long time.*
>
> –Troy Reno, HopeChest Advocate, Bismarck, ND

GLOBAL PARTNERS CONFERENCE

Strengthening relationships for ministry success

Great things happen when leaders come together. Last spring, over 90 leaders representing five HopeChest countries gathered in Colorado Springs, Colorado for our Global Partners Conference. It was an inspiring time of connection and team-building with our in-country staff and Partnership Leaders sharing critical updates, best practices and a vision for the future.

TOGETHER, WE'RE TRANSFORMING HEARTS, LIVES, AND COMMUNITIES AROUND THE WORLD.

91% SPONSOR RETENTION RATE

92.5% TOWARDS GOAL OF

10,000 SPONSORED CHILDREN!

COMMUNITY-TO-COMMUNITY IMPACT

IMPACTED CHILDREN IMPACT THOSE AROUND THEM.

1,980 NEW SPONSORSHIPS

8 CHURCH LAUNCHES

13 NEW PARTNERSHIPS

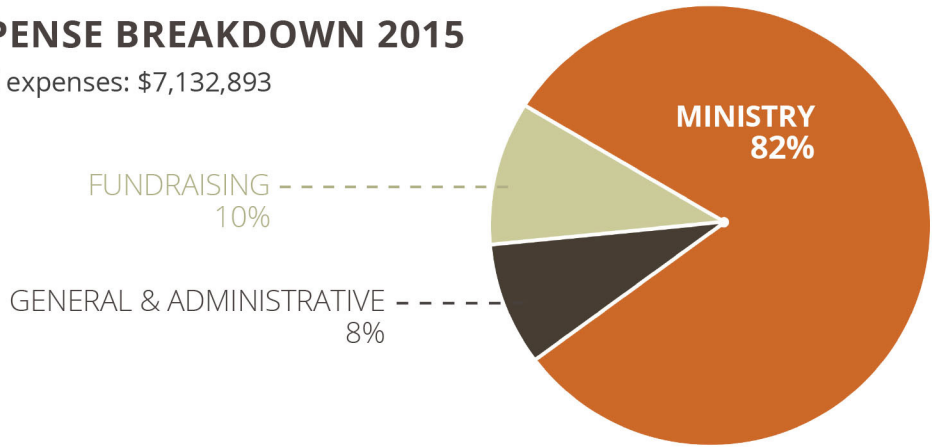
4 CONNECT COMMUNITY LAUNCHES

Committed to Financial Integrity

Children's HopeChest is passionately committed to honoring the name of Jesus in everything we do. We value people, relationships, and good stewardship—faithfully and prayerfully investing every dollar entrusted to us for the transformation of lives around the world. As an accredited member of ECFA and recipient of Charity Navigator's 4-Star rating, you can be confident that the information shared in this report is audited, accurate, and transparent.

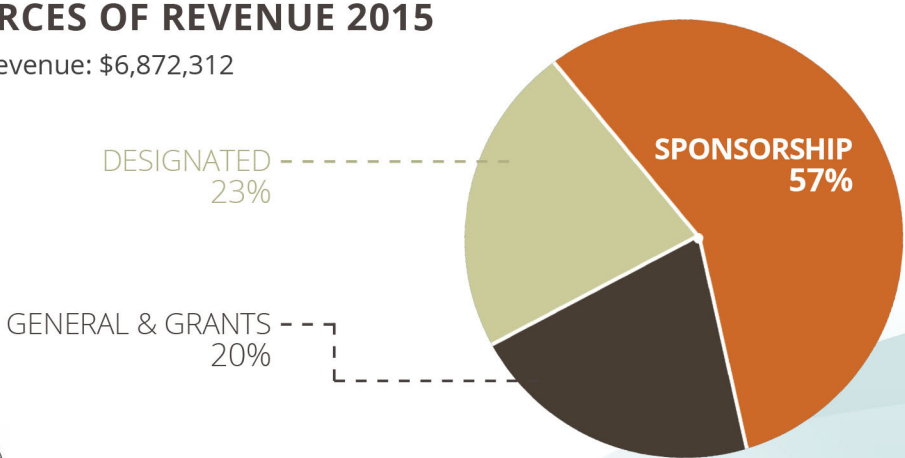
EXPENSE BREAKDOWN 2015

Total expenses: $7,132,893



SOURCES OF REVENUE 2015

Total revenue: $6,872,312



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