



Annual Report

Transforming lives and communities
through partnership

2019

Our Mission

Children's HopeChest exists to glorify God by releasing the potential of orphaned and impoverished children and their communities. We do this through partnerships that cultivate two-way transformation.

LETTER FROM KEN Investments Paying Transformative Dividends

Dear Friends,

It is with deep joy and gratitude to share that the relational and financial investments that you and many others have been making through Children's HopeChest are paying back what I like to call "transformative dividends."

Transformative dividends are those in which the invested time, resources, and emotional energy result in individuals who demonstrate not only the ability to sustain themselves, but where the individuals who have benefitted by their involvement with HopeChest are now in a position to re-invest into their community and into others. In the short stories from each of our countries, included in this report, you will see how your investment in supporting HopeChest CarePoints is making a difference in the lives of children, their guardians, their households, and their communities.

As an organization, we are continuing to invest in our in-country technology platform, which gives us the capacity to deliver world-class reporting on the impact of your investments and involvement. In addition, we've initiated a major effort to upgrade our operating systems to accommodate current and future growth, while helping to reduce our overall operating costs.

We are well-positioned, because of you, to continue to fulfill our vision of **bringing hope to those who need it most**. I am confident that the stories on the following pages demonstrate the kind of impact you are making through HopeChest. Without you, these stories do not occur!

In His grip,



Ken Sparks
President & CEO



2019 Highlights

- 25,000 Letters**
 sent from sponsored children to their HopeChest Friends
- 813 People**
 traveled on 92 visits to their partnered CarePoints
- 15 New Partners**
 and 9 Vision Trips with potential partners
- 10,443**
 children sponsored

In-Country Reporting

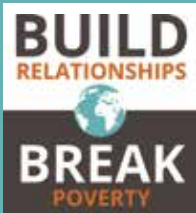
Technology is helping us report YOUR impact

In 2019, HopeChest continued to roll out an innovative, tablet-based technology that allows HopeChest in-country staff to streamline data collection and reporting. This data collection validates and quantifies the impact that our CarePoints have on individual lives, as well as entire communities! With this technology, we can update project development plans so we can assess—along with the local leaders—the long-term success of sustainable projects, and can run case studies to better understand how poverty affects the CarePoint communities we serve.

Implementing this software will be a tool to increase the reach, efficiency, sustainability, transparency, and social impact of our organization. This platform has already been implemented at multiple CarePoints in Ethiopia, Guatemala, and Uganda!



HopeChest Ethiopia staff with their technology training certificates



This year we celebrated the launch of Children’s HopeChest’s podcast!

“Build Relationships. Break Poverty.” is a podcast that challenges the Western perception of international poverty by elevating the voices of local leaders and processing how we can help to alleviate poverty without harming those living in vulnerable communities. Subscribe and download on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you listen to your favorite podcasts.

Celebrating HopeChest’s First Business Partnership and the Friendship Model

Three HopeChest firsts!

BombBomb, a Colorado-based video email platform, is a gold-star example of a business that takes their corporate responsibility to the next level through a global-minded partnership. Their foundational values of relationships, fun, humility, flexibility, and service shone through at their partnership launch with Mt. Elgone CarePoint in Kenya. (This is also HopeChest’s first Kenya partnership!)

BombBomb is the first partnership within the Greater Calling. Greater Calling is a DBA of Children’s HopeChest with the mission of unleashing community potential within emerging cultures and economies through business partnerships. Businesses who partner with Greater Calling enhance their global vision for corporate social responsibility and engage their employees in hands-on opportunities to serve and build relationships cross-culturally.

BombBomb is also HopeChest’s first partnership within the Friendship Model! The Friendship Model is an innovative approach to child sponsorship that allows children to choose their sponsors. This model empowers children to make an individual choice about their future and removes the stigma of the child as a victim in need of help.



Darin Dawson (BombBomb President), Ken Sparks (HopeChest President and CEO), Pastor Richard Makani (Leader of Mt. Elgone CarePoint), and Conor McCluskey (BombBomb CEO)

“The reason why we show up every day is not just to make money. You have to make money to pay everyone and all of that, but if you have a deeper meaning and purpose, you get better employee retention. You get better alignment to your values and goals.” -Conor McCluskey, Co-Founder + CEO of BombBomb

Vladimir CarePoint Remodel

Not just another building project

The Vladimir CarePoint in Vladimir, Russia has been well-loved over the years. Established in 2004, this CarePoint has transformed the lives of thousands of people. When an older orphan walks through those doors, their label as an orphan is removed. The stigma that has been placed on them by society is gone.

Because this CarePoint serves as a place of warmth and welcome, it was time for a renovation to deepen its impact. The kitchen and dining space had to be expanded to allow for more conversation, connection, and regular cooking classes. New windows to provide a better seal for heat during the harsh winter months, as well as renovating the counselor’s room for more private sessions were also necessary. The young mother’s playroom was moved to a different room to allow for more developmental play to occur. These renovations will all positively impact the participants’ experiences at the CarePoint.



Vladimir CarePoint's newly renovated kitchen

Impact by Country

ETHIOPIA

- **4,511** children served
- **1,317** guardians of CarePoint children participated in income-generating activities
- **1,347** children participated in clubs

Empowering Guardians in Ethiopia

Parents are experiencing renewed dignity and hope

Tigist's child attends their local CarePoint. As a single mom, she worked hard to care for her daughter and her nephew, but struggled to provide for their critical needs. When she first came to the CarePoint, there were days when her family was not eating meals, and the pressures of living in poverty caused her to go through depression.

When she walked into the CarePoint she felt listened to, understood, and supported. The CarePoint staff embraced her and she joined the psychological support program and the weaving program. The training helped Tigist to become skilled in making scarves and Ethiopian traditional clothes. Now she creates beautiful products to sell and receives a good income. Additionally, she was able to work through her depression and eventually received Jesus as her personal savior. She experienced even more joy when her daughter and nephew became Christians as well. Tigist, like many guardians of CarePoint children in Ethiopia, has experienced renewed dignity and hope.

"I am so grateful for the opportunity. For me, the CarePoint is a gift from God. It is a place where I am changed. I want to say God bless each one of you who contributed to make this CarePoint a safe place for each one of us." -Tigist



Tigist working with the loom

IMPACT BY COUNTRY

UGANDA

- **2,437** children served
- **343** children completed grief and trauma counseling courses
- **44** students graduated from Uganda Leadership and Development Program
- **58** graduates received startup tools to start their own businesses

Achieving Dreams in Uganda

Young adults are reaching their goals

Resilient young adults in Uganda are overcoming immense challenges and succeeding in huge ways.

When Nelson was 16, he lost his father to the Lord's Resistance Army. He is the youngest of nine children and, in addition to the grief of losing his father, also lost five of his siblings. It was difficult for his mom to care for him and his siblings, so Nelson lived with his uncle's family, although his uncle did not earn enough to also provide for Nelson's critical needs. At this point, he began attending his local CarePoint and receiving nutritious meals, basic medical care, and spiritual and emotional support empowered him to study hard and explore his talents and interests.

After passing the Uganda Certificate of Education, Nelson completed a course in electronics repair and maintenance and now manages his own repair workshop in town, where he earns enough to support himself and his mother.

"Great thanks goes to Children's HopeChest for giving me a reason to smile, and most of all I want to thank God for loving me and opening a way for me."

-Nelson



Nelson in his shop

ESWATINI

- **4,227** children served at HopeChest CarePoints
- **12** graduated from Swazi Leadership Academy
- **272** children went through the grief and trauma counseling course
- **236** children were trained as Small Group Leaders to facilitate group discussions during discipleship lessons at CarePoints

Restoring Hope in Eswatini

Children are experiencing emotional healing

When Lwazi was 13, he had a lot of questions about his dad. He did not know why he had been absent from his life since he was a baby. He brought his questions to his mom and grandmother, who told him that his dad had died when he was one, due to an illness. When the children in his community found out, some of them teased him and mocked him for his dad passing away. This mounting pain caused Lwazi to build up walls and become isolated, and he was unable to focus on his classes.

Lwazi attended the grief counseling course at his local CarePoint and found a safe place to voice and process his pain. Now he is opening up and making friends, becoming a bold person, and performing better in classes. Lwazi says that he feels a sense of belonging and appreciates the encouragement and comfort that CarePoint staff gave him. With emotional healing, he is now able to move through his pain and experience hope and growth.



GUATEMALA

- **3,421** children served
- **4** new CarePoints
- **23** individuals participating in income-generating activities

Implementing Pueblo Modelo’s in Guatemala

These “Model Villages” are transforming communities

Guatemala has launched a new CarePoint model, in which HopeChest Guatemala assumes direct responsibility for the CarePoint. HopeChest Guatemala will be responsible to create their own development plans, implement, manage, and facilitate the operations and activities of the CarePoint as they work with the surrounding community to bring transformation. The first directly implemented CarePoint in Guatemala started in a village called “Pueblo Modelo.” From the name of the village, we have chosen to create a “Pueblo Modelo” (“Model Village”) branding that will be adopted and replicated in other locations around the country.

Two of the most important aspects of the Pueblo Modelo CarePoints are the focus on local leadership and economic initiatives. Local leaders are the ones who have built relationships in the community. HopeChest is investing time in continuing to develop their leadership skills so they can lead community transformation.



“My goal is to help members of the community grow and succeed in their leadership, walking with them in this process. I want to train people as they go through this process to help them take over responsibility for all the community programs and see the community flourish.”

-Sam Montero, Program Manager in Guatemala



RUSSIA

- **752** children served (450 at orphanages and 302 at CarePoints)
- **44** participants in the Young Mother’s Program
- **193** youth received dental services
- **165** participants in Mentorship Program



MOLDOVA

- **1,667** children served
- **120** participants in Early Learning Center
- **66** participants in the Psychological Art Studio

Empowering Youth at Russia CarePoints

The stigma of “orphan” is being removed

Dima’s mother passed away when he was very young, and he and his two siblings were taken away from his father shortly after that. He was taken from their home in Moscow and brought to the Vladimir region, where he spent the next 11 years in an orphanage. His father tried to find him and his siblings, but unfortunately passed away before he was able to locate them in Vladimir.

Despite Dima’s painful circumstances, God’s hand was on his life. Dima studied hard and grew strong physically and mentally. He made the choice to surround himself with great people and mentors (one of whom was a priest who taught Dima to love and trust God) and participated in activities at the Vladimir CarePoint. After finishing high school, Dima went to Vladimir State University and studied architecture and design. Now he visits the CarePoint to speak to the younger orphanage graduates and mentor them. He is now an ambitious young architect who loves life and was even a contestant for the Vladimir CarePoint’s kitchen remodel!



Dima



Serghei, Country Director of Moldova

“Looking in the eyes of vulnerable children, disoriented young people seeking truth, children sick from cancer, or the former victims of exploitation and trafficking, this has been transforming, for myself, first of all, as well as my view of personal and church mission. The more I continue to serve, the more deeply I realize that God is powerful and faithful in His mission.”

- Serghei Mihailov, Country Director of Moldova

KENYA

- 152 children served
- \$67,605 raised for infrastructure projects
- 35 discipleship classes

In 2019, Children’s HopeChest began partnering with a new country!

Mt. Elgone CarePoint is HopeChest’s first CarePoint in Kenya and is partnered with BombBomb and Christy Vermeer Connect Community. Mt. Elgone was founded by Pastor Richard and Hellen Makani and through their ministry they are seeing despair, hopelessness, abandonment, and abuse being replaced by a sense of hope, love and belonging.

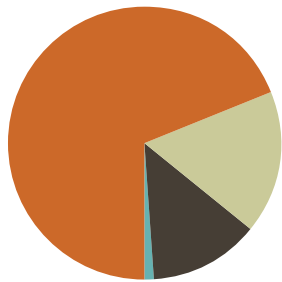
Mt. Elgone CarePoint, located not too far from the Ugandan border, lies on the gentle slopes of Mt. Elgone. The CarePoint is about an hour northwest of Kitale, Kenya and serves an impoverished rural area. This project is highly committed to serving the children, as well as their parents and guardians.



Financial Transparency

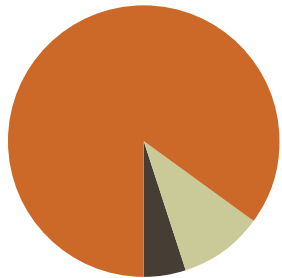


Thank you for trusting Children’s HopeChest to be good stewards of your financial gifts. We are passionately committed to honoring the name of Jesus in everything we do, faithfully and prayerfully investing every dollar entrusted to us for the transformation of lives around the world. Currently, as members in good standing of the ECFA, a Platinum-Level GuideStar Participant, recipients of Charity Navigator’s 4-Star rating, and a “Certified Transparent” rating from Excellence in Giving, you can be confident that the information shared in our 2019 Annual Report is audited, accurate, and transparent.



TOTAL REVENUE 2019

Total Revenue	8,054,758
Sponsorship	5,595,924
General & Grants	1,360,640
Designated	1,050,736
Other Income	47,458



EXPENSE BREAKDOWN 2019

Total Expenses	8,063,696
Program Services	6,865,677
General & Administrative	783,700
Fundraising	414,319



How Can I Get Involved?

DONATE

Join our mission to break the cycle of poverty and bring long-term transformation to orphaned and vulnerable children.

hopechest.org/give

EMPOWER A CHILD

Sponsoring a child is one of the most personal ways that you can make an impact on global poverty.

hopechest.org/empower

SHOP AND DONATE

What is the absolute easiest way to make an impact and support one of your favorite nonprofits? Sign up for AmazonSmile in five quick steps!

hopechest.org/amazon-smile

PLANNED GIVING

Change the lives of children around the world through HopeChest while also benefiting you and your family for years to come.

hopechest.org/planned-giving

PARTNER WITH US

Learn more about experiencing transformational, two-way relationship with a CarePoint community.

hopechest.org/partnership

PRAY

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy."

Proverbs 31:8-9





"I am so thankful for the teachings of the Sisekelo Setfu (discipleship) and Ngesikhatsi (grief counseling) courses. They really help to shape us, as we are young children."

-Siyabonga, 14, Eswatini

"Children's HopeChest has brought honor and dignity to our family. I now have confidence. I thank God for the great medical support and your prayers. You are a blessing to us. God bless you always."

-Stephen, 13, Uganda

"I have seen the help of God through you! I want to thank you. May God give you his blessings. More than anything, I can see my child go to school like other children, and I can have my own business. This is a great joy for me. Thank you once again on behalf of our family."

-Fantu, mother, Ethiopia

"It would be good to have a scholarship, that would help me to become a doctor. I'll be the first girl in my family to go to seventh grade and also to college. My mom is really happy for this opportunity. Thank you for all your support and your prayers. I'm very happy."

-Paula, 14, Guatemala

"I am still thinking about what I want to do after the 9th grade. Should I go to a tech-school, or should I stay in this city and go to high school here? It is a very hard decision to make. I think I would like to live closer to my aunt. There is a cooking school in the town where she lives, so I will probably go there. I know I will have to meet new people there, so I am trying my best to improve my communication skills and learn how to resolve or avoid conflicts. I am thankful we have Life Skills at the orphanage."

-Olesya, Russia

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