



ANNUAL REPORT

2023

A young boy with dark skin and short hair is shown from the chest up, wearing a light-colored, short-sleeved shirt. He has his arms crossed and is smiling, looking slightly to the right. The background is a bright blue sky with soft, white clouds. The title 'Our Mission' is written in a large, dark, handwritten-style font in the upper right corner.

Our Mission

Inspired by Christ's love,
Children's HopeChest
releases the potential
existing within vulnerable
communities, starting with
the children.



2023 Highlights



17,288 Letters
sent from sponsored children
to their HopeChest Friends



48 Trips
made by partner communities to
visit their partnered CarePoints



4 New Partners
and 9 Vision Trips with
potential partners



9,662
children in HopeChest's Program

Refined Mission + Vision

We are thrilled to announce some exciting updates to our organization's mission, vision, and theory of impact! After careful reflection and consideration, we have refreshed our core principles to better align with the transformative work we're doing across the globe. Our mission, vision, and theory of impact now shine brighter than ever, capturing the essence of our dedication to making a meaningful difference in the lives of those we serve. Curious to learn more? Head over to our new webpage, hopechest.org/who-is-hopechest, to dive into the heart of our mission and vision. We're incredibly proud of these updates and are immensely grateful for your unwavering support as we continue to grow and evolve in our mission to spread hope and transform lives worldwide.



This year we celebrated 5 years 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.

LETTER FROM KEN

Gratitude and Milestones: Celebrating Your Impact in 2023

Dear Friends,

I extend my sincerest gratitude to each of you. Your partnership has been instrumental in achieving **significant milestones** throughout the year, empowering us to extend the hope of Christ to some of the world's most vulnerable communities.

In Fiscal Year 2023, our collaborative efforts made remarkable progress towards graduating CarePoints, reinforcing our commitment to sustainability and community-led development.

Establishing regular Partner Huddles has fostered deeper collaboration, and updates to HopeChest's Mission, Vision, and Theory of Impact ensure our guiding principles remain relevant and effective!

As partner travel returns to nearly pre-COVID levels, we rejoice in witnessing relationships flourish across borders! We have witnessed the profound impact of community-led initiatives, such as VSLAs and SHGs, in promoting economic empowerment and resilience.

Thank you, once again. We are profoundly grateful for your steadfast support. Together, we are championing a vision of empowerment and positivity for all. We can't wait to continue your journey into 2024.

In His grip,

Ken Sparks
President & CEO



Impact by Country

ETHIOPIA

- **3,037** children sponsored
- **32** CarePoints across the country
- **1,943** participants in the Youth Leadership Development Program

Exceptional Students in Ethiopia

Lives Transformed Through Education and Support

This year, Children's HopeChest continued its mission to pour into the educational journeys of students at our CarePoints. In Ethiopia, three remarkable students at Alade Genet CarePoint in Ethiopia (Hirut, Darimyelesh, and Rediet) stood out!

They excelled academically and also participated in activities such as soccer and environmental conservation! In 2023, they faced the statewide ninth-grade exam, requiring rigorous preparation among their other duties. Despite challenges, they triumphed, passing the ninth-grade exam with flying colors. The CarePoint's support, which ranges from educational resources to counseling, propelled their academic journey.

This year, these resilient young women made the transition to high school, fueled by their goals and dreams: Hirut dreams of becoming a doctor, Rediet aims for engineering, and Darimyelesh pursues athleticism. With determination and guidance, they embody the idea that no obstacle is impossible. As one of the girls expressed, "I am very thankful for CarePoint for taking care of me on behalf of my father."



Hirut, Darimyelesh, and Rediet displaying their passing exam scores!

"My father is not alive and my mother does not have a permanent job. I am very thankful for CarePoint for taking care of me on behalf of my father." -Rediet

UGANDA

- **2,156** children sponsored
- **332** children gave their lives to Christ
- **84** Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) Groups
- **\$112,000** were saved in 2023 across all 84 groups

Hope For Parents & Guardians in Uganda

Breaking the Cycle of Poverty through Village Savings and Loans Association (VSLA) Groups

At Obwobwo CarePoint in Uganda, Agnes has been the single mother of nine children for seven years. Her family struggled with homelessness and had difficulty meeting basic needs, often going several days without food. After joining a VSLA group through HopeChest, Agnes was able to borrow a loan that empowered her to buy two acres of land where she now lives with her family and raises livestock.

She has bought one sheep and plans to eventually own bulls and cows as well! She can also buy and sell millet (a protein-rich grain) to earn a weekly profit. With this additional income, she doesn't have to worry about food, clothing, or medical bills for her family. She can focus on her family's dreams and her children's education as her biggest investment. Agnes encourages other single mothers by saying, "Strive to provide for your family, prioritize education, and know that it is possible to achieve in life, even as a single mother."

"Fellow single mothers out there, strive to provide for your family, prioritize education and know that it is possible to achieve in life even as a single mother."

-Agnes



Agnes with her sheep, which symbolizes hope and dreams for the future!

RUSSIA

- **128** children sponsored
- **15** orphanages and 2 CarePoints across the country
- **25** dedicated staff members who run CarePoint operations and programs such as the Young Families Program

Empowering Orphanage Graduates in Russia

Orientation Camp: A Journey to Independence

Children's HopeChest continues its mission to empower orphanage graduates in Russia who have aged out of orphanages at 16, often with limited support or life experience. This year marked a pivotal moment for thirteen young graduates as they embarked on a transformative journey during a special orientation weekend hosted by HopeChest. Over the two-day orientation camp, they found themselves enveloped by a community of caring staff, volunteers, and alumni who understood their journey where they were taught practical life skills. They navigated the city, mastering public transportation and digital maps. Cooking sessions, led by HopeChest Staff, turned culinary tasks into thrilling adventures. Financial literacy sessions, led by experts from the Bank of Russia, equipped them with vital knowledge for managing their finances independently. Through HopeChest's support, these young adults are equipped with the tools and guidance needed to thrive. No longer confronting life's challenges in isolation, they have a supportive community standing behind them, believing in their potential and cheering them on. Your continuous support significantly impacts their journey toward a brighter, hope-filled future!



Orphan graduates engaging in a cooking class

KENYA

- **19** children sponsored
- **8** Village and Loans Groups
- **100+** bags of corn harvested from the CarePoint farm which help sustain the nutritional program.

Savings + Loans Groups in Kenya

Training Leaders for Sustainable Change and Economic Growth

This year, through intentional training sessions, leaders of Village Savings and Loans (VSL) groups in Kenya have gained essential leadership skills! With a focus on effective group management, loan repayment strategies, and record-keeping techniques, these leaders now drive efficiency within their communities. This empowerment not only strengthens the VSL groups but also cultivates leadership qualities throughout the community. One standout success story is that of a guardian from one VSL group who now runs a thriving business selling produce at a local market. With support and training from HopeChest, she has transformed her business, providing for her family and funding her children's education!



Savings Group Leadership Class



Children and staff standing in front of Mt. Elogne CarePoint

IMPACT BY COUNTRY

GUATEMALA

- **2,336** children sponsored
- **19** CarePoints across the country
- **82** dedicated staff members who run CarePoint operations and lead programs such as Leadership Development.

Guatemala Leadership Academy Students Shine in 'The Challenge'

Igniting Hope Through Entrepreneurial Excellence and Community Impact

In June, students from the Guatemala Leadership Academy participated in "The Challenge". They displayed their business plans with exhibits where judges, family, and supporters could learn and ask questions. Then, students were given fifteen minutes to present their business plans to the judges and ten minutes to answer judges' questions. Each student presented their business plans with confidence and joy, passionate about their endeavors! Four students were chosen to receive funding, with first place being Sophia from La Cuchilla CarePoint, a student in her third year of civil engineering at university, who will use the grant to expand and legalize the construction company that she runs with her uncle. Second place was Sujey from Ceiba Blanca CarePoint, who will start a nail and beauty salon. Third place was Ana from La Cuchilla CarePoint, creating a coffee and pastry shop. Fourth place was Gabriel from Ceiba Blanca CarePoint, who will be starting an English and music school. Guatemala Leadership Academy students are growing in professionalism, and being empowered to pursue their dreams and bring hope to their communities.



The four winners of 'The Challenge,' holding their seed funding checks to kickstart their businesses

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 2022 Annual Report is audited, accurate, and transparent.



TOTAL REVENUE 2023

Total Revenue	6,414,523
■ Sponsorship	4,084,182
■ Designated	1,486,717
■ General & Grants	843,624
Other Income	0

EXPENSE BREAKDOWN 2023

Total Expenses	6,147,610
■ Program Services	4,985,332
■ General & Administrative	666,029
■ Partner Development & Fundraising .	496,249

PHYSICAL
Transformation
STARTS WITH YOU

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

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

TRAVEL

Witness the impact of Children's HopeChest firsthand through a Vision Trip.

hopechest.org/vision-trips

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*](#)





"My story has changed forever. I am now a living testimony. Long live my Partner friend Jeru and Children's HopeChest." *-Simon Peter, Uganda*

"Thank you for teaching us the word of God and for the support you have given me; thank you for your prayers." *-Gerber, Guatemala*

"I think I found the place where I feel like home." *-Kolya, Russia*

"Even though I had the idea to start my business, access to finance has always been a challenge. Praise the Lord, I received support through Children's HopeChest and could see my dream becoming reality." *-Lehlem, Ethiopia*

"Thank you so much for helping me achieve my dream of attending vocational college and becoming a fashion designer." *-Purity, Kenya*

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