

# CHILD ANNUAL REPORT 2020



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# INTRODUCTION

This report will give a look back at the year 2020 from CHILD's perspective. Thanks to our donors and partners, 2020 was a year of reaching new heights. We hope you will celebrate with us the amazing things that CHILD has been a part of in 2020!

## WHO IS CHILD?

### MISSION

CHILD is a Canadian charity that partners with local organizations across the world to bridge the gap and empower communities in need through enhancing nutrition, improving education, and providing disaster relief. All donations made to CHILD go directly to our partner organizations. CHILD is run exclusively by volunteers and all administration costs are covered by another source. CHILD was founded in 2011.

### GOALS

- CHILD relieves poverty by providing food and other basic supplies to persons in need
- CHILD provides the necessities of life to victims of disaster
- CHILD provides medical supplies to persons in need
- CHILD educates by providing employment training and skills training

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# LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

COVID-19 shut down the world in 2020, but... it only multiplied what CHILD was able to do! 2020 was a year when the world came to a grinding halt because of a worldwide pandemic. The annual fundraiser was not able to be held as one large event. Instead, a number of small groups met in people's backyards. Information about CHILD was shared across the globe via Facebook, YouTube, Instagram, the CHILD website, newsletters, and pamphlets. People responded to all of these efforts, and donations came in. Lots of donations! In 2020 CHILD received almost \$125,000!

From drought to flooding, from the blind to lepers, from children to the elderly, from teachers to migrant workers, from the 10 wells from which clean water flowed to many people, CHILD was able to send funds so that Metropolitan Mission could be there, helping and serving those in deep and desperate need and working to lift children out of poverty through education. Life-changing work also continued in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, as CHILD provided the sponsorship of two students' full tuition and one student's half tuition at Alexandra High School. In Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, the nutrition program continued on despite severe COVID restrictions that were put in place.

It is said that "neither hail or rain, nor snow or sleet," will stop a letter carrier from delivering the mail. Well... neither a world-wide COVID pandemic, lockdowns, shutdowns, mandatory isolation, or COVID-generated desperation, could stop the people we partner with in India, South Africa and Haiti, from doing the incredible work they do. It also hasn't stopped CHILD from raising an amazing amount of funds this year through our many generous donors!

Best Wishes,

*Cathy Page*

President, CHILD Foundation

# INDIA

## METROPOLITAN MISSION

CHILD partners with Metropolitan Mission to improve nutrition and support education for 175 children from poverty-stricken families. CHILD funds the purchase of rice and protein for daily meals served at MM Children's Home and School. CHILD also supplements the salaries of teachers at the MM School and helps fund special projects to improve the children's quality of life.

### METROPOLITAN MISSION CHILDREN'S HOME AND SCHOOL

The MM school and children's home had a good first few months of the year, but in March they had to close to prevent the spread of COVID. The children returned to their homes for the remainder of the year. Both the rickshaw and the school bus provided by CHILD were used to distribute packages of rice and lentils as well as sanitizing products and masks to the families of the children. CHILD also purchased a new set of clothing as a Christmas gift for each child.

To retain good teaching staff and help them survive the hardships of COVID, funds were provided to supplement the teachers' salaries.

### RICE AND PROTEIN

In 2019, CHILD sent funds to purchase rice for 2020. This rice was used not only for the children from the school and children's home but also for numerous others that were in need due to the COVID pandemic.



## INDIA - DISASTER RELIEF

CHILD supports disaster relief efforts through Metropolitan Mission during devastating floods and more recently, the COVID crisis.

In 2020 India was severely hit by the COVID pandemic. Because of very generous donations, CHILD was able to send money for COVID relief, which was used to cook meals and create care packages for needy people in Vijayawada during the strict lockdown. These meals and care packages were given to migrant workers, lepers, physically challenged children and adults, widows, shut-ins, the homeless, and other desperately poor people who could not access food.



There were devastating floods in Vijayawada caused by a cyclone that battered the State of Andhra Pradesh. Many homes were flooded and completely destroyed. CHILD sent funds to purchase blankets and clean drinking water for disaster victims.



## INDIA - WELLS

CHILD provides safe and reliable drinking water by funding the drilling of wells in villages affected by extreme drought. To date CHILD has funded 48 wells that provide clean water for over 200,000 people.

In 2020, 10 villages received the gift of fresh, clean water! For five of the villages, MM let us know about an alternate water supply arrangement that was employed in place of drilling wells. Since the government already had large protected reservoirs containing processed drinking water near these villages, they were able to tap into these systems. Using a motor and pump, clean water was brought from the main source to water tanks in the villages. Five traditional wells were drilled as well. All wells or water installations built this year were dedicated to or in memory of a loved one.



# HAITI

## HAITI CHILDREN'S HOME

CHILD supports the nutrition program run through Haiti Children's Home which provides severely malnourished children in the community with high protein nutritional supplements - Medical Mumba Bars and Manna Packs. The program is facilitated by nurses who monitor the children's health until they graduate from the program. The program also provides essential medications for the children and basic healthcare education for parents.



### NUTRITION PROGRAM

2020 was CHILD's fifth year of providing support to the nutrition program in Haiti. During the pandemic, the program continued allowing Haiti Children's Home to care for children and families in the surrounding community. The nutrition program was also able to disperse COVID-specific care packages to a number of families in the community.



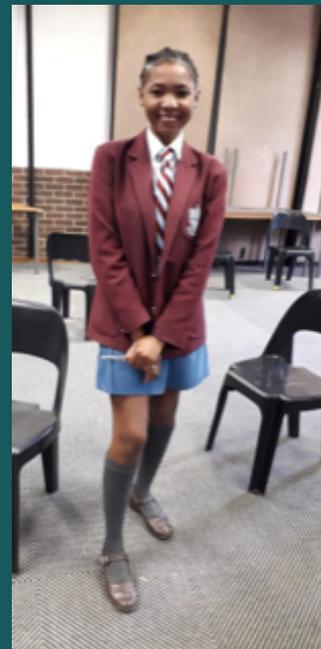
# SOUTH AFRICA

## ALEXANDRA HIGH SCHOOL

CHILD provides scholarships for top students from Slangspruit Primary School to attend Alexandra High School which offers a higher standard of education than the township school. Scholarships pay for school fees, uniforms, and extracurricular activities.

### SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

CHILD continues to support 2.5 scholarship children in Alexandra High School in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. They all finished Grade 11 very well in spite of a most challenging year. In several lockdowns during the COVID pandemic, teachers stayed in touch with their students through Whatsapp. Students had to do their assignments using Whatsapp on cell phones as these children cannot afford personal computers. In spite of this, they all did well through sheer determination and hard work and are now in their final year of high school.



# FINANCES



**\$124k**

## 2020 INCOME

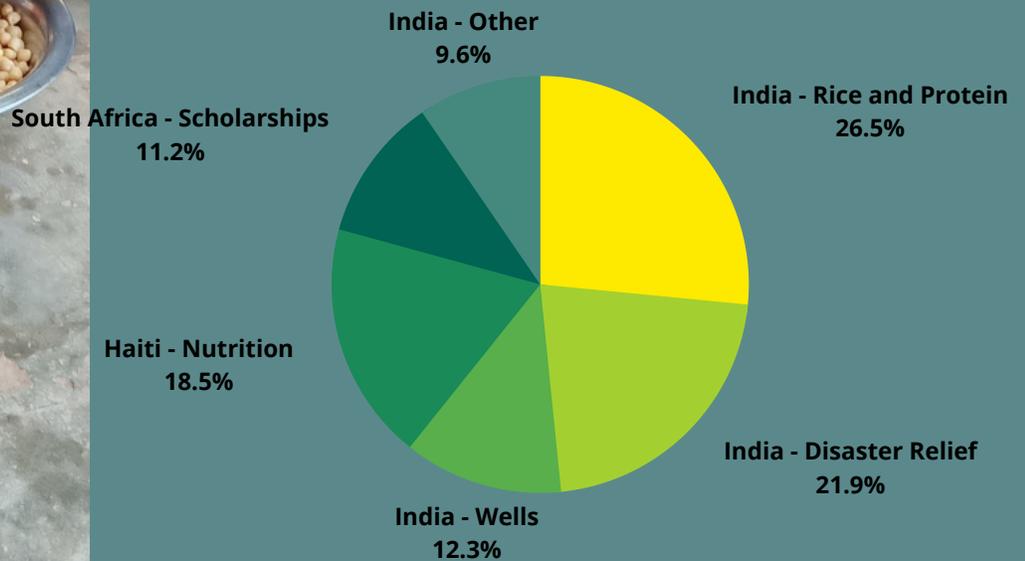
In 2020 we received \$124,900 in donations.

**\$162k**



## 2020 EXPENSES

In 2020 we sent \$162,000 to our partner organizations.



# FINANCES

We are very grateful that despite difficult economic times due to COVID, this year saw substantial donations including more monthly donors. In the end, CHILD was able to contribute more this year than last.

## FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

The first lockdown in Alberta for COVID happened within days of our Pi(e) Day fundraiser for Haiti on March 14. As we were not able to host Pie Day in homes, this year the event took on a different look with people's pre-ordered pies being personally delivered to them.



For World Water Day on March 22, CHILD put out a call for people to donate for drought-stricken villages in India. Through this effort, 5 wells were drilled and 5 water systems were installed in 2020.



When COVID hit, the world changed drastically and many in India were left with no way of getting food because of massive lockdowns. In early April, CHILD asked for donations to help MM reach many starving people, and our donors answered! Hundreds, if not thousands, of distressed people in India were able to be cared for due to the generosity of our donors.

# FINANCES

## FUNDRAISING EFFORTS CONTINUED

This year we had a backyard Fall Fundraiser. Our guest speaker, Dr. Anja Reuter, was unable to travel from South Africa to be with us. Instead, she made a video about her journey with Metropolitan Mission, highlighting her visits with them in 2006 and 2019. She spoke about the impact MM is having on the children in MM's home and school and the villages in the community.

In December we did some fundraising for Giving Tuesday. As a result of this campaign, thousands of dollars were donated and partially matched by an anonymous donor.

This money was set aside to begin a new project in South Africa in 2021. Our involvement with SAHARA will focus on purchasing medications for people with substance use disorder.

## MONTHLY GIVING

Have you thought about giving monthly to CHILD? Here are some perks:

- **Predictable:** allows CHILD to plan for the future
- **Easy to use:** automatic payments by credit or debit
- **Efficient:** receive tax receipts all in one place
- **Flexible:** you can change, put on hold, or cancel your monthly giving at any time

If you would like to give monthly, you can do so with your credit card using CanadaHelps through the CHILD website, or we can set up Pre-Authorized Debit if you contact us at [childsocietyorg@gmail.com](mailto:childsocietyorg@gmail.com).





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# THANK-YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! SINCERELY, THE CHILD BOARD

HERE ARE SOME PICTURES OF US WITH A FEW OF THE THINGS WE LOVE!



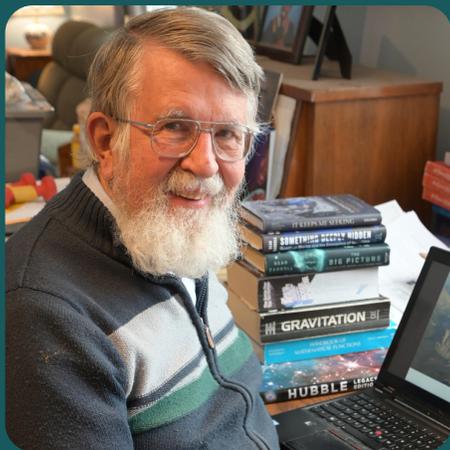
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