



 **CHILD**
2021
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REPORT

INTRODUCTION

This year has certainly been different from any other for CHILD Foundation! Join us as we take a look at 2021 and celebrate all the work made possible by our generous donors.

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 received by 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

CHILD was able to do amazing things in India, South Africa, and Haiti.

Here is just a small fraction of the inspiring work CHILD accomplished:

In India, CHILD gave financial aid for a comprehensive COVID relief effort, fed 300 lepers, and drilled five wells in drought-stricken areas.

In South Africa, CHILD supported a drug rehabilitation program which helped over 200 people.

In Haiti, CHILD was able to help feed about 300 children who were near death due to malnutrition.

However, none of this would have been possible without our donors, so I want to add in a special note to them.

CHILD has been blessed as a charity with an abundance of donations in 2021.

You, our donors, have given your money to CHILD to use to alleviate poverty and suffering, and to improve the quality of life for people who live well below the poverty line. Through CHILD, you bring HOPE and HEALING to them. Because of you, CHILD has been able to do this for 10 amazing years, and as highlighted in the following reports, once again in 2021.

In 2022, CHILD will be able to bring even more HOPE and HEALING to the marginalized, the starving, the orphaned, the addicted, the ones who are overlooked, those seeking a way out of the despair of poverty, the children who have no future except for “living” in enslaving poverty, since they are uneducated!

Thank you for being the difference, that will make a difference;
a difference beyond what you could have ever imagined!

Best wishes,

Cathy Page

President, CHILD Foundation



HAITI CHILDRENS' HOME NUTRITION PROGRAM



Over 250 babies and young children come for check-up appointments each month at the Haiti Children's Home (HCH) Nutrition Program clinic and many children come to be screened to see if they qualify for the program. The program is facilitated by nurses who monitor the children's health until they graduate from the program.

There are two different kinds of highly nutritious peanut butter bars used in the program: Medika Mamba for severely malnourished children, and Vita Mamba for children who are becoming healthier but still need to supplement their nutrition before graduating from the program. 'Medika Mamba' are two Creole words that translate into 'peanut butter medicine'. These bars are made locally in Haiti with Haitian grown peanuts which helps support the Haitian economy. In addition to receiving these supplements, families are informed about healthy nutrition practices. Many parents are happily surprised that their child has gained 2 pounds between weekly appointments at the program when they start out. Check out the nutritional equivalency of what 1 package contains. Children receive 2-5 packages a day depending on their weight.

Medika Mamba Bar Nutrition Facts

Calories	501.4	2 McDonald's hamburger patties 🍔 🍔
Fat	32.8 g	1/3 stick of butter 🧈
Protein	12.5 g	1/2 chicken breast 🍗
Calcium	294.4 mg	3 cups of milk 🥛 🥛 🥛
Vitamin C	48.8 mg	1 small orange 🍊
Iron	10.3 mg	1 bunch of spinach 🌿
Folic Acid	193.2 mg	9 asparagus spears 🍄 🍄 🍄 🍄 🍄 🍄 🍄 🍄 🍄
Vitamin E	18.4 mg	1/2 cup olive oil 🫒
Vitamin A	0.84 mg	1 1/2 medium carrots 🥕 🥕

2021 was CHILD's 6th year of providing support to the nutrition program in Haiti. 2021 has also been the 2nd year of the global pandemic. In Canada, we have seen challenges and loss because of COVID but in Haiti they have experienced so much more tragedy, loss, and suffering. Their country has been unstable for quite some time but over the last year it has been even more so with the assassination of the Haitian president and multiple earthquakes. Between fuel shortages, food price hikes, hospital shutdowns, and an increase in kidnappings, it has been very difficult for some families to make the trip to HCH for the nutrition program clinic. Thankfully many have still been able to get there, and they continue to be very grateful for the supplements and the hope HCH provides.

Our contact at HCH met with the CHILD board in the spring and related some of these difficulties, but also the immense gratitude they have for CHILD's continued support which has enabled them to do much for those who have been so beaten down by the circumstances around them.



METROPOLITAN MISSION

India has been hard hit over the past year with drought, floods, and of course, COVID. Through all these trials, Metropolitan Mission (MM) has been a light of hope to many desperately needy people in their community. Read about the incredible work MM has done to reach the ones who are often left behind by society.



Childrens' Home and School

The MM school is based on a "pay what you can" program, mostly for Dalit children. Many of these families would not be able to afford high level education for their children, especially in English. MM provides an opportunity for these children to dream of a future where they can be lifted out of the cycle of poverty, and eventually come back with sincere thanks to invest in their community and inspire more children to follow in their footsteps.

Once again this year CHILD provided a supplement to the MM School teachers' salaries. This helps MM retain quality teaching staff without passing that cost on to the students. CHILD also funded a photocopier which will be of great use for the school.



Throughout 2021, India continued to be a hotspot for COVID and went in and out of lockdowns. The MM School and Children's Home followed government regulations, and had some periods when it was closed. During the times it was open, attendance was low at first but eventually increased as COVID numbers decreased. When the school opened in the fall, the children enjoyed a fresh haircut and were all glad to be back. They were said to be "eating like pigs and working like bulls"! There are currently 100 children at the home and 145 at the school.

CHILD also provided a set of clothes for all the children registered with the MM home for Christmas. These clothes are often the only nice new clothes they get for the whole year.

RICE & PROTEIN

Every year CHILD funds the purchase of rice for the MM Children's Home for the entire year, as well as some proteins, like meat or beans. Throughout the year, care packages were also sent to children from the Children's Home who were living with their families because of the COVID lockdowns. The care packages contained rice, dahl, oil, and other nutritious foods which were bought with CHILD funds. A few parents said they had not been able to find work for months and were on the brink of starvation and would have been in trouble if not for the help MM provided. Things have been beyond difficult, but having enough to eat and some encouragement from the staff at MM goes a long way for the many families who have been struggling.



DISASTER RELIEF



The main disaster in India in 2021 continued to be COVID, and MM helped many people make it through thanks to the donations from CHILD. With the second and third waves of COVID hitting India hard, many parents were out of work and left with nowhere to turn.

During this crisis, MM ran an extensive food distribution program for over 300 families in their area. These were mainly families with children from the MM Children's Home and families with handicapped children. They also gave nutritious food to 300 lepers and provided care packages to about 100 mentally and physically handicapped children and adults. They handed out meals to many living in severe poverty, including the homeless and bedridden.

In the summer, two elderly people came to ask the MM director for food and were given a 25kg bag of rice. They wondered how it was possible that in the midst of a summer full of COVID, they were able to celebrate like it was Christmas because of this wonderful gift!

CHILD also funded two oxygen concentrators and oxygen tanks to treat bedridden individuals with severe cases of COVID who were not able to afford to go to the hospital. They were well used and saved many lives. Prior to the Province of Andhra Pradesh funding vaccinations for all residents, CHILD helped MM purchase vaccines and over 600 people were vaccinated.

WELLS

For drought stricken villages in India, access to clean drinking water means having a future. Many villages in Andhra Pradesh are devastated by drought during the hottest months of the year. The wells drilled through CHILD's support have changed many people's futures from one of thirst and illness to one of health and hope.

This year CHILD has funded 5 wells. This means a total of 53 wells have been provided as of the end of 2021. This translates into approximately 180,000 men, women, and children whose lives are saved plus a multitude of livestock that is impacted! All of the wells this year were either dedicated to a loved one or were made in memory of a loved one who had passed away.

Each well has a story and each one is so vital to the health of the community in which it is drilled. This year a well was drilled in one of the largest slums in Vijayawada where about 40,000 of the poorest of the poor live on the bank of the Krishna River. One well needed to be drilled down 250 feet to find fresh water. Another well was drilled in a poor agricultural community. All the members of these communities are so thankful for the gift of water for drinking and household use.



SEWING PROGRAMS



MM has always been invested in finding long term solutions to poverty, so this year, with CHILD's support, MM started 5 tailoring programs for Dalit women. The skills taught will allow 75 women the opportunity to start a small business to support their families. Many of these women are single mothers. CHILD funded the instructors' salaries, sewing machines, stools, fabric, and other sewing tools. Each class has up to 15 women and runs weekday afternoons for 10 months. After the class is finished, each woman earns a certificate and is gifted a sewing machine by CHILD to help kick-start their business. After the sewing program is completed, it moves on to another village so that many women will have the means to provide for their families.

SLANGSPRUIT SCHOOL

Slangspruit Computers

Early in 2021, CHILD had the opportunity to give a wonderful gift to the principal of Slangspruit Primary School in Pietermaritzburg. CHILD funded 6 new desktop computers, a laptop, and a printer and we are happy to report that the computers are being well used by the teachers for curriculum research and planning. The principal and the teachers at Slangspruit would like to pass on their appreciation to our donors and also convey their excitement about using the computers to enrich their lessons in order to engage the children even more!



Alexandra High School Scholarship Students

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

Asande, Lulama, and Nosipho, the 3 recent scholarship children that CHILD supported, finished their Grade 12 exams at Alexandra High School in December 2021. They worked very hard in the last two years under difficult circumstances due to the pandemic. Their schooling was often interrupted so they had to work from home on their cell phones, as they do not have access to computers.



Nosipho will be going to Nelson Mandela University to do a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology. Asande was accepted at Durban University of Technology for a Bachelor of Information and Communications Technology. Lulama is working on upgrading some classes so she can also apply for secondary education soon. Considering all the turmoil around them, they have put in the effort and have done very well!

It has been so wonderful to see them grow and succeed over the years. Many who have been sponsored to attend Alex High School have gone off to college and university programs, truly changing their own future and the future of their communities through improved education.

SOUTH AFRICA SAHARA

In 2021, CHILD decided to partner with an organization called SAHARA (Smoking & Alcohol Harms Alleviation & Rehabilitation Association) in George, South Africa to provide medications to combat substance use disorder.

SAHARA is actively working in 4 townships of George with a whole team of counselors, doctors, nurses, social workers, pastors, youth leaders and volunteers. Substance use disorder is very widespread in the townships. It is the cause of violence, poverty, abuse in the home, motor vehicle accidents, break-ins, and murders. Due to the lack of recreational activities for youth, they often engage in underage drinking, and are targeted by gangs or drug traffickers. Binge drinking is a major problem and many children grow up in homes where the salary of the parent is mainly used for buying alcohol to consume on the weekend.

SAHARA assists people with substance use disorder to reduce or stop alcohol, tobacco, or drug use, thereby limiting the harm they cause to themselves, their families, and the community. SAHARA provides treatment through group counseling, medical checkups, and free medications. It also runs an outreach program for children and teens to help them stay away from substance use in the first place.

SAHARA provides training for medical professionals and community members to help them manage substance use disorder in the community and to help them know what they can do to prevent others from developing substance use disorder.



CHILD provides SAHARA with funds to purchase medicines used to treat nicotine, heroin, and alcohol use disorder. SAHARA has found that medicine is essential for effective treatment in addition to therapy. Even though there are many patients who would benefit from this medication, it is expensive and not publicly funded, so having the support of CHILD's donors has made a huge difference for SAHARA and their service users!

SAHARA also advocates for better access to public health services for people with substance use disorder so that more people will be able to be treated without the need for outside funding.

Even throughout the COVID lockdowns this year, SAHARA was able to help over 200 patients. Some groups were able to meet outside, and service users were still able to see the SAHARA staff individually for appointments. The medications that CHILD funds are doing their job, and the service users are very thankful for the opportunity to have access to them.

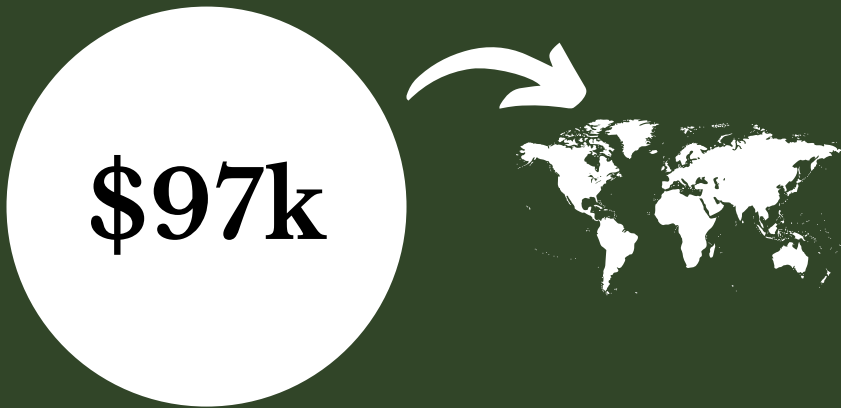


FINANCES

CHILD had an incredible year when it came to finances. Not only were there several successful fundraising efforts, but we were so blessed to have 19 monthly donors in 2021, who together contributed over \$1000 per month! Our amazing donors have been foundational to CHILD's growth as a charity, and we are so grateful for each one. Thank you for the part you have played in all that was accomplished in 2021!

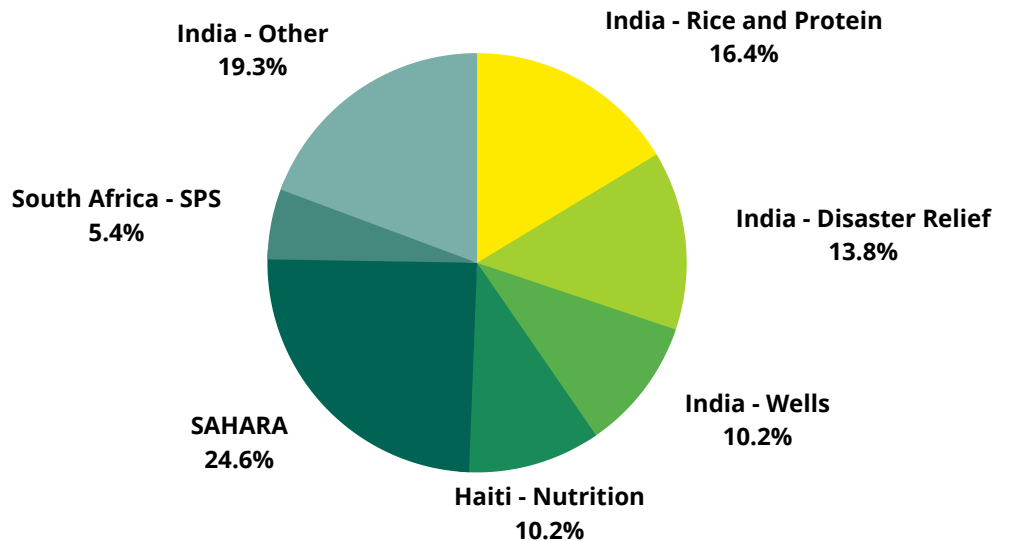


In 2021, CHILD sent
\$97,800
 to our partner organizations!



Additionally, in 2021 there were \$1700 in administration expenses that were completely covered by a third-party charitable fund. All donations received by CHILD from our donors go directly to our partner organizations.

Take a look at the pie chart below for the breakdown of where the donations went. The "India - Other" section includes the sewing programs, teacher's salaries, Christmas clothes, and photocopier machines.



Fundraising

Once again this year, CHILD's fundraisers were much more successful than we ever could have imagined!

For Pi Day, whole pies were sold to raise funds for Haiti. Many pie bakers and pie eaters participated, and over \$1500 was raised.

For World Water Day, 10 wells were funded once again this year.

Throughout the year calls to action were made to support disaster relief in India, mainly for COVID, and many answered that call and gave generously.



For the tenth anniversary of CHILD, we decided to highlight the meaningful work CHILD is accomplishing by supporting all three of our current partners. We hosted the “Power of 10” online fundraiser that rolled out over the month of November. Short videos were posted and shared, and if you haven’t seen them yet you should definitely check them out on CHILD’s Youtube Channel (find the link on our website). CHILD was again fortunate to have a generous anonymous donor who was thrilled to match all donations made during November.

Donations prior to matching were in excess of \$57,000 and with the matching funds, the amount raised eclipsed \$100,000. Despite concerns that an online fundraiser would be less impactful than an in-person gathering, the “Power of 10” was CHILD’s most successful fall fundraiser to date!

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.





THANK YOU FOR 10 YEARS!

Ten years just flies by!

The Haiti Children's Benefit Foundation, which was founded in 2002, changed its name to Community Health International Learning & Development (CHILD) on August 4, 2011, when it started to reach out to other countries in addition to Haiti. And what a wonderful ten years it has been with this new name!

Thousands of children and so many other individuals and communities have been helped through the financial aid CHILD has given to their partners. We as a board are so thankful to all our donors for allowing this amazing work to happen! Whether you've been around since the beginning or have just joined us recently, we are so thankful for you!

We could not have gotten this far without your generous support and we are looking forward to continuing this amazing work for many years to come!

