



2020 ANNUAL REPORT



WORDS OF GRATITUDE

It was a warm afternoon in Quito. Estrellita, FHC's pet llama, was lazily munching on some grass. All was quiet and calm outside as I approached Casa Harlow, the 'big kids' house.

I watched as little faces began appearing in the window excitedly chatting. I turned the doorknob and was immediately greeted by Mateo, Francisco, and Dylan. Wow, did they have a lot to fill me in on! "Did you know Superman and Batman have capes?" "Have you seen Spiderman's mask?" With the door still open behind me, they dashed out to the yard as superheroes - ready to take on the world!

How would you define a superhero? Heroes act boldly in the face of adversity. They fight for the cause they believe in and turn obstacles into opportunities. They give of themselves sacrificially. 2020, a year marked with such uncertainty, was also a year that allowed for heroes to shine. Every story and statistic which follow, were made possible thanks to a hero - you!

You put faith into action and supported a mission you believe in, to provide specialized care for vulnerable children in Ecuador. Your prayers and financial support allowed for Mateo, Francisco, and Dylan to begin healing from trauma they've experienced and empowered them to be superheroes dashing around the yard.

In the Bible, Nehemiah combines faith and action to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. He recruits a wide demographic of people to assist in the mission and prepares them to respond to different threats, ultimately rebuilding the wall and providing much needed encouragement and hope for the future of the Israelites. The book ends sharing the reality that the Israelites will continue to face different challenges which may seem like a never-ending task.

Looking ahead to 2021, we can rest assured that "...the joy of the Lord is our strength" (Nehemiah 8:9). Despite challenges which may arise in the future, we know the Lord will continue to provide, and we thank Him for your life and faithfulness to the mission.



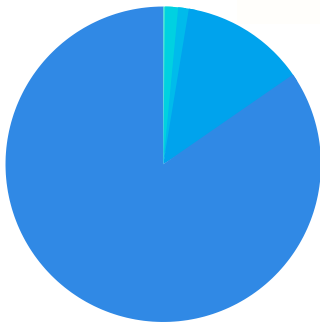
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2020 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

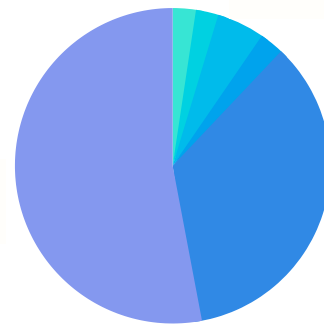
2020 Contributions

2020 Expenses

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| General Fund | \$727,991 | Program Services | \$389,635 |
| Child Sponsorship | \$109,837 | Salaries & Contracts | \$257,076 |
| Tia Sponsorship | \$9,351 | Administration | \$18,323 |
| Restricted Funds | \$11,389 | Savings | \$36,000 |
| Other (Interest, etc.) | \$1,623 | Fundraising | \$16,984 |
| | | Other (Bank Fees, etc.) | \$17,407 |
| Total | \$860,191 | Total | \$735,425 |

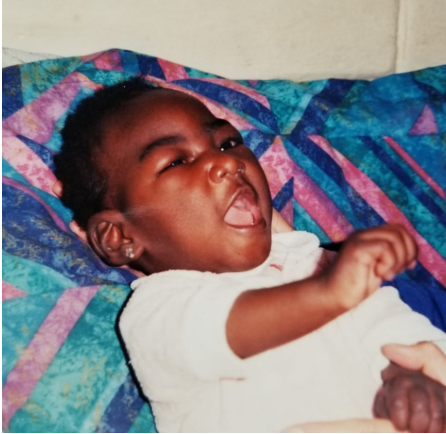


General Fund - 84.63%
 Child Sponsorship - 12.77%
 Tia Sponsorship - 1.09%
 Restricted Funds - 1.32%
 Other (Interest, etc.) - 0.19%



Program Services - 52.99%
 Salaries & Contracts - 34.96%
 Administration - 2.49%
 Savings - 4.89%
 Fundraising - 2.31%
 Other (Bank Fees, etc.) - 2.36%

YOUR IMPACT



In 2020, 58 children and young adults were cared for with love, surrounded by prayer and support. They ranged in age from newborn up to 26 years old. One of those individuals was Verónica.

Melinda Vaughn, FHC Co-Founder, had received a phone call in January 1996. It was a doctor in Quito. One of her patients was five months pregnant and considering an abortion. The patient also had a 15-month-old daughter, Verónica, with severe special needs and was planning to abandon her. This young mother needed support and FHC welcomed Verónica

into care that day so her mother could complete her pregnancy.

Little Verónica had been born with cataracts, heart problems, microcephaly, and cerebral palsy. For the first 15 months of her life, she had only been fed milk. Once she was safely at FHC, she began receiving proper nutrition, medical care, physical therapy, and an abundance of love. What could have been a tragedy, became a story of hope.

For the past 25 years Verónica has received specialized care. She is now 26 years old, the longest resident of FHC. Though initially there had been hopes she could be reunified with her mother, it never became a reality. FHC will be her forever family.

Each child welcomed to For His Children has experienced trauma and loss. They don't have a loving family to care for them, due to abandonment, abuse or neglect. Your support provides these children with an immediate, short-term family, and in some cases, like Verónica, FHC becomes their permanent family. Thank you for giving them hope and a future!



Thank you for providing...

Physical Care

In 2020 a total of 58 children received loving care through For His Children.

We celebrated 2 children being reunified with their biological families and 11 children meeting their forever families through adoption!

Emotional Care

FHC's psychologists evaluate the emotional needs of each child. Through play therapy and observation, they work with each child to ensure their needs are being met and they have hope to experience healing from trauma.

Spiritual Care

In addition to reading the Bible each night and praying, staff spend intentional time with the children teaching them about God and His truths through question games, stories, songs, and crafts. We pray each child knows Jesus personally through their time at FHC.

2020 MILESTONES

THE YEAR IN REVIEW



CHILDREN
CARED FOR **58**

FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS **2**

NATIONAL ADOPTIONS **9**

INTERNATIONAL ADOPTIONS **2**



MEALS SERVED **44,895**

SNACKS SERVED **29,930**

DIAPERS CHANGED **18,250**

BOTTLES MADE **12,775**



Hugs Given: Too many to count!



Funds Raised

\$860,191 was raised to provide love and care to vulnerable children.

Staff Milestone



Tia Maritza celebrated her 19th anniversary as a tia.

Covid Challenges Overcome

Tias lived onsite for 2 weeks at a time.

Online learning for the children.

5 babies abandoned in Quito were welcomed to FHC.



We Celebrated



Justin (age 8) learning to read and write Braille.

Alan (age 8) taking his first steps after many years of physical therapy.

Micaela (age 7) joining her forever family through adoption after praying for a family for many years.

LOOKING FORWARD

Five babies were abandoned in Quito at the end of 2020 and welcomed to For His Children. Due to economic challenges within Ecuador, we have seen a growing need to increase capacity at our homes.

Currently, 45 children can be cared for between the two homes. Our home in Latacunga has available space, so we are planning to welcome up to six children in need of care during 2021.

We plan to hire more tías (caregivers) in the coming months to welcome these precious children in need of short-term care.

As we prepare to welcome new children, we continue to promote a high level of training for the caregivers, which involves ongoing training throughout the year. They will be trained in methods of trauma-competent caregiving, to ensure they can understand and meet the needs of children from hard places.

Spiritual development and support for the

caregivers and children remains a top priority. We know this is vital for the emotional stability and encouragement of our caregivers, as well as for healing in the children. Each month, time is set aside for the staff to study the Bible together, pray and encourage one another. Each week, staff teach the children Biblical truths, singing songs and making crafts that emphasize the truth they've learned.

Plans are in motion to build a therapy pool in Latacunga in 2021, thanks to the pledge of a generous donor! A therapy pool onsite will allow the children and young adults to regularly exercise and experience the therapeutic benefits of water - alleviating stress, tension, and pain in their muscles and joints.

This past year has been a constant reminder of the power of prayer. On the first Tuesday of every month at 11am EST, FHC staff joins with supporters via Zoom to pray for the children and ministry and thank God for his goodness. To join us, email info@forhischildren-ecuador.org.





Board of Directors

We are excited to announce two new members of the FHC Board of Directors – Michelle Ackley and Brendan McKenna. Michelle is a mental health and college/career counselor, teacher, and youth mentor who has been a faithful supporter of For His Children. Brendan brings experience in engineering, economics, and business to the board. He was impacted by For His Children when he visited the homes in 2020.

We are grateful to the Board of Directors for their passion for helping vulnerable children and the generosity of their time and expertise. Thank you!

- Michelle Ackley
- Stephanie Aguirre
- Carla Bidlack
- Augusto de la Torre
- Brendan McKenna
- Lisa Meyer (Vice-Chair)
- Jen Thomas (President)
- Melinda Vaughn (Secretary)
- Brad Wier (Chair)
- Roger Yoder (Treasurer)

Our Mission

Believing that all children are created in God's image, For His Children exists as a Christ-centered ministry to homeless children, providing care in a loving and supportive environment, striving to unite them with their biological or adoptive family, and advocating on their behalf to others.

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