



# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

# WORDS OF GRATITUDE



Pan flutes play out a lively tune on the radio. Pots clink. Drawers open to put clean clothes away. Tias chatter. Yet through all this, Samantha\* sleeps in Casa Vaughn, the baby house in Quito. She sleeps soundly and deeply. She rests - a critical building block for her physical and mental health. She knows she is in a safe, loving environment; her needs are met.

You make it possible for her to receive consistent love and care from her tias. Your support ensures she has nutritious meals throughout the day. You allow her to be in a home where she grows, learning she is cherished as a unique child of God. And because of this, she can rest. In the morning she is energized and ready to start the day.

That same deep rest is made available to us in the following invitation from Jesus; "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest," Matthew 11:28.

As I reflect on this past year, and how you have impacted the children, young adults, and staff, I rest in the knowledge that this is God's ministry - For **His** Children. He invites each of us into this rest, to trust Him with the details of our lives and the lives of the children in Ecuador.

The rest He offers, renews us, and allows us to respond to the needs around us. The following stories and statistics are just some of the examples of how God has used you to impact the lives of children, like Samantha, in Ecuador.

A deep rest may not seem like an earth-shattering milestone. Yet it signifies much more; a child being able to trust that her needs will be met. That's the kind of rest I hope we may all experience this year.

I thank God for your life and your faithfulness to the mission.

**Jen Thomas**  
Executive Director



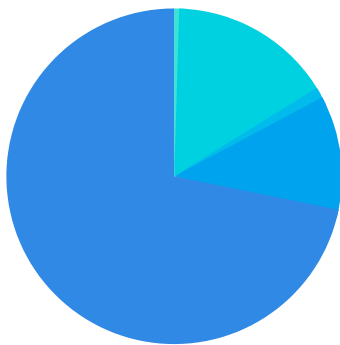
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# 2021 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

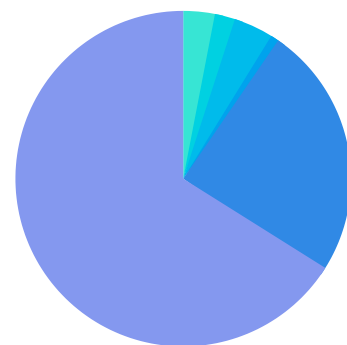
## 2021 Contributions

## 2021 Expenses

General Fund	\$721,376	Program Services	\$623,614
Child Sponsorship	\$110,622	Salaries & Contracts	\$229,792
Tia Sponsorship	\$10,304	Administration	\$7,314
Restricted Funds	\$157,618	Savings	\$36,000
Other (Interest, etc.)	\$4,857	Fundraising	\$18,458
		Other (Bank Fees, Insurance, etc.)	\$28,604
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,004,777</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$943,782</b>



General Fund - 71.8%  
 Child Sponsorship - 11%  
 Tia Sponsorship - 1%  
 Restricted Funds - 15.7%  
 Other (Interest, etc.) - 0.5%



Program Services - 66.1%  
 Salaries & Contracts - 24.3%  
 Administration - 0.8%  
 Savings - 3.8%  
 Fundraising - 2%  
 Other (Bank Fees, etc.) - 3%

# YOUR IMPACT

Valentina\* turned to Tía Eli and asked, “When is my family coming?” She watched as other children left with their adoptive parents and wondered when it would be her turn.

Valentina was eight years old when she was welcomed to For His Children. Despite the efforts of advocating for Valentina to be placed in a forever family through adoption, a family was never found. Every day her tías (caregivers) show Valentina how much she is loved and cherished as a daughter of God. She is now 24 years old and FHC will be her forever family.

Valentina has grown into a beautiful young lady with lots of spunk! To continue developing her skills, confidence, and independence, she transitioned from a tía-in-training to an official tía last year. This was a big milestone for her and she was so proud to have a new uniform and her own space in the tía locker room!

She has shown growth in her daily tasks such as meal preparation, cleaning up, and folding laundry. The other tías provide her with lots of encouragement and support to help her accomplish her tasks.



She receives a salary each month and chooses how she would like to spend it. One month, she decided to get a new hairstyle with part of her earnings. For many years she had talked about one day getting the same short hairstyle as Tía Paty, one of her caregivers.

She was very excited to travel into the city of Latacunga (a 15-minute bus ride) with Verónica, FHC’s occupational caregiver. She enjoyed going to the salon and having her hair cut and styled. She was so proud of her new hairstyle and is learning how to care for and style it herself.

Your support is allowing Valentina to continue developing new skills and helping her grow in independence. Through her new responsibilities, you’re helping her to be more engaged with her friends and fellow tías. Thank you for showing her she is loved, and God has a beautiful plan for her life!

\*Name has been changed to protect her identity.

## Thank you for providing...

### Physical Care

In 2021, you provided love and personalized care to 51 children at For His Children.

We celebrated 3 children being reunified with their biological families and 1 child meeting his forever family through adoption!

### Emotional Care

Each child received psychological care to help heal from past trauma. They were provided a safe, loving environment, surrounded by caregivers working to meet each child’s emotional needs, allowing them to develop to the best of their ability.

### Spiritual Care

Through weekly Bible lessons and songs, the children learned about God’s character, how He created each one of them, and everything in the world. He takes care of His creation and we can trust that He is in control of everything.

# 2021 MILESTONES

## THE YEAR IN REVIEW



NUMBER OF  
CHILDREN  
CARED FOR

**51**

FAMILY REUNIFICATIONS\*

**3**

NATIONAL ADOPTIONS\*

**1**

### Fun Facts \*\*



MEALS SERVED

**44,895**

SNACKS SERVED

**29,930**

DIAPERS CHANGED

**29,200**

BOTTLES MADE

**17,885**



**Hugs given : Too many to count!**



### Funds Raised

**\$1,004,777** was raised to provide love and care to vulnerable children and young adults.

### Staff Milestone



**Tia Lourdes (Lulu)** celebrated 16 years working at the home in Latacunga.

### Responding to Covid Challenges



The children and young adults in Quito and Latacunga attended school and church virtually.

### We Celebrated



**Josue (age 16)** learning sign language and being able to sign his name.

**Isabel, Carmen, and Marilyn (age 2)** starting preschool.

**Nuno (age 4)** being reunited with his mom and sister after many years of praying for them.

\* Government lockdowns in 2020 created significant delays in processes for reunification and adoption, resulting in fewer children joining their biological or adoptive families in 2021.

\*\*Approximate numbers calculated based on the average number of children cared for throughout the year.

# LOOKING FORWARD

In 2022, FHC remains focused on ensuring every child needing care knows they are created in God's image and deeply loved. Each child will receive the highest quality care through:

- Providing ongoing training for the tias, so they can provide trauma-informed caregiving.
- Giving each child a short-term family through For His Children, while we advocate for them to be placed in a permanent family through reunification or adoption.
- Being a forever family for young adults who have passed the legal age of adoption.
- Helping the children and staff grow in their knowledge and faith in Jesus Christ.

The children in Latacunga are thrilled about the opening of the new therapy pool! This will allow the children to swim and receive therapy onsite, thanks to our generous donors. Construction is nearly finished, and the pool will open soon.

The Casa Esperanza (House of Hope) Advocacy Group will continue working to ensure the young adults have new opportunities for growth and personal achievement. An occupational caregiver in Latacunga works to assess each young adult's capabilities. She will work with each individual to help them grow in confidence and independence.

Spiritual retreats will be held for the caregivers and administrative staff. They will be focusing on soul care and physical care. They'll have a day to be encouraged, relax, reflect, study the Bible, and enjoy fun, team-building activities.

Monthly Bible studies and a time of prayer will be held for the staff. These are great opportunities to better understand the gospel and come together as a team.

The children will continue with regular Bible lessons, growing in their knowledge of God. They are also excited for a special weekend in the summer when the children from both Quito and Latacunga will be able to play together and create new memories.



**51** Children and young adults cared for in 2021.



## Board of Directors

This year Erin Corniea was welcomed to the FHC Board! Erin grew up in Ecuador and was a friend of the Vaughn family. She brings a knowledge of Ecuadorian culture and the Spanish language, as well as a passion for helping vulnerable children.

The FHC Board of Directors have a wealth of skills and are a great blessing. Their time and passion help to guide and steward the ministry!

- Michelle Ackley (Vice Chair)
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- Carla Bidlack
- Erin Corniea
- Augusto de la Torre
- Brendan McKenna
- Lisa Meyer (Chair of the Board)
- Jen Thomas (President)
- Melinda Vaughn (Secretary)
- Brad Wier
- 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 vulnerable 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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