

For His Children

 **ANNUAL
REPORT 2017**





Words of Gratitude from Melinda Vaughn

In 2017, For His Children celebrated 25 years of creating a bright future for children and families in Ecuador. We had the joy of remembering how God's hand inspired and provided for the ministry. Now, the Holy Spirit continues to guide and empower the ministry to be a relevant, responsive, and effective presence in Ecuador.

In 2017, FHC was blessed to receive generous financial gifts enabling us to fund the purchase of two vans for general transportation, as well as a wheelchair-accessible vehicle for our children and young adults with special needs. These vehicles are very important to the on-going work of the ministry, and we are grateful for the generosity of our donors.

We saw many of our programs expand in reach and effectiveness this year. Our Family Reunification Project is in its second year and is helping to reunite and strengthen families in crises situations. A total of 209 families have been impacted by the work of this project. We were blessed with a 13% increase in the number of people sponsoring a child with monthly or annual contributions in 2017. We were blessed with many volunteers and short-term teams who came to serve our children and staff.

FHC concluded 2017 with a positive balance, no institutional debt, and was able to contribute funds to a reserve account which is helpful in unforeseen times of financial difficulties. This is further evidence of God's direction, faithfulness, and provision for the ministry.

We are deeply grateful for the personal commitment you have made to securing a brighter future for children and families through the ministry of For His Children in Ecuador. Thank you!



No matter our age, or where we live, or the work we do - each of us can make the world a better place for at least one child. By speaking up, by sharing our resources and blessings, by saying a word of encouragement, by doing something, instead of nothing... and together, as God empowers us, we are making an impact.

MELINDA VAUGHN

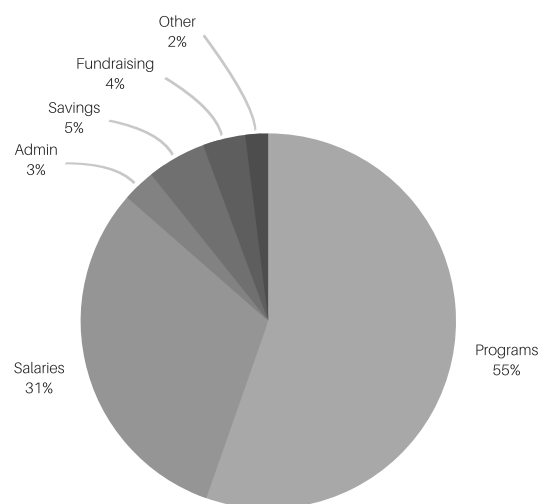
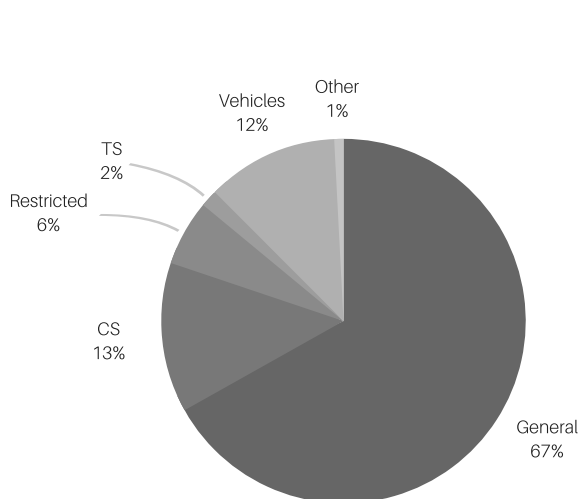
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Co-Founder and Executive Director

2017

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2017 Contributions		2017 Expenses	
<i>General Fund</i>	\$ 573,000	<i>Program Services</i>	\$ 392,000
* <i>Special Vehicles Fund</i>	\$ 100,000	<i>Salaries & Contracts</i>	\$ 220,000
<i>Child Sponsorship</i>	\$ 114,000	<i>Administration</i>	\$ 20,000
<i>Restricted Funds</i>	\$ 50,000	<i>Savings</i>	\$ 36,000
<i>Tia Sponsorship</i>	\$ 13,000	<i>Fundraising</i>	\$ 26,000
<i>Other (Interest, etc.)</i>	\$ 7,000	<i>Other (Bank Fees, etc.)</i>	\$ 14,000
Total	\$ 857,000	Total	\$ 708,000



*Our generous supporters rallied around For His Children in 2017 to not only ensure operating funds were secure for the year but also provide us with the ability to fund the purchase of two vans and a long awaited and much needed item - a wheelchair accessible vehicle!

FHC is working in partnership with Hogar Para Sus Niños to finalize the purchase of these two vans and the wheelchair accessible vehicle. These vehicles are not produced within Ecuador, and must be imported into the country. Our staff is currently focusing on securing the import and setting up necessary modifications to maximize space and security for our children in wheelchairs. We hope to purchase the vehicles soon and look forward to sharing photos and videos with you. Thank you for your encouragement and financial support in 2017!

Your Impact

LIVES TRANSFORMED THROUGH YOUR GENEROSITY

For 13 years, Wilma and Jofre, waited for a family. Wilma was two years old when she was welcomed at FHC in May of 2004. Her parents were not providing a safe living situation due to poverty and mental illness. Wilma has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair. She is a very smart 15-year-old with a smile that can light up a room!

In 2015, Shealyn Misiewicz came to intern at FHC. When she returned home she told her parents about a special girl named Wilma and her need for a family. Mark and Mary, Shealyn's parents, felt a call from God to learn more about Wilma and the adoption process. As they started pursuing the adoption, they learned that Wilma had a special sibling-like bond with Jofre, a boy she had grown up with at FHC.

Jofre was brought to FHC in November of 2004 at ten days old. He had been abandoned at the foot of a statue in Quito and no information could be found about his family. Jofre is 13 years old and has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy. He is an intelligent young man with a great sense of humor. Similar to Wilma, he uses a wheelchair and has been learning to walk with the help of a walker.

The Misiewicz family knew both children were meant to be part of their family. In November 2017, after nearly two years of diligent work and waiting the adoptions were finalized, and the new family was able to travel home to New York, just in time for Wilma and Jofre to enjoy the Holidays surrounded by their family.

In 2017, we welcomed **21** new children into our care, facilitated **14** family reunifications, and oversaw **14** adoptions.



LOOKING FORWARD

FOR HIS CHILDREN - 2018

The work of For His Children continues to be vital within Ecuador. The need to care for and support children and families in at-risk situations is clear.

Our advocacy efforts are helping influence the Ecuadorian government's national welfare policies. There is on-going interest in learning our methodology and values from the community and other like-ministries.

We will continue to share, mentor and encourage best practices among similar programs, and with government officials. We look forward to inspiring more positive changes in child welfare in Ecuador and internationally.

We have felt the urgency of our vision, to make every effort so that each child can be in a loving and permanent family environment. We are strengthening our efforts to find families for our children with special needs by advocating for them within the national and international adoption community.



A huge thank you to our Board of Directors as they give of their time and talents to lead, guide, and sustain the ministry of For His Children.

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Our Mission:

Believing that every child is created in God's image,

For His Children is 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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