

FOR HIS CHILDREN



ANNUAL REPORT



2018

WORDS OF GRATITUDE



"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

In 2018, For His Children shared how God has used countless threads, or individuals, in the weaving of a beautiful tapestry, to love and care for children and families in Ecuador. You are one of those individuals!

Your support allowed us to welcome 24 children who had experienced abandonment, abuse or neglect into the loving and caring arms of FHC. Thanks to your generosity in 2017, three new vehicles were able to be purchased in 2018, including a wheelchair accessible vehicle for our children with special needs. You ensured the safety of our children in Quito through the construction of an additional wall on our property. You empowered our staff by providing eighteen workshops focused on caring for children in at-risk situations.

We have seen God bring individuals together to accomplish a common mission; a Christ-centered ministry to children who have been abandoned or abused, 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.

This mission cannot be accomplished by one person, but rather God continues adding people from around the world to be woven into the tapestry. It is a privilege for me to be one of those threads.

I am humbled to be in the role of Executive Director. I look forward to continuing to work alongside you to show God's love in very tangible ways to the children being cared for at For His Children.

We trust that in 2019 God will continue weaving this diverse tapestry that profoundly impacts children and families in need within Ecuador.

Jen Schneider
Executive Director

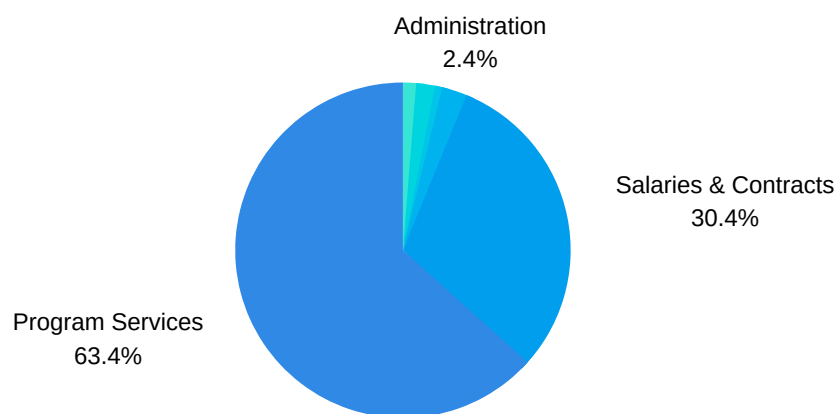
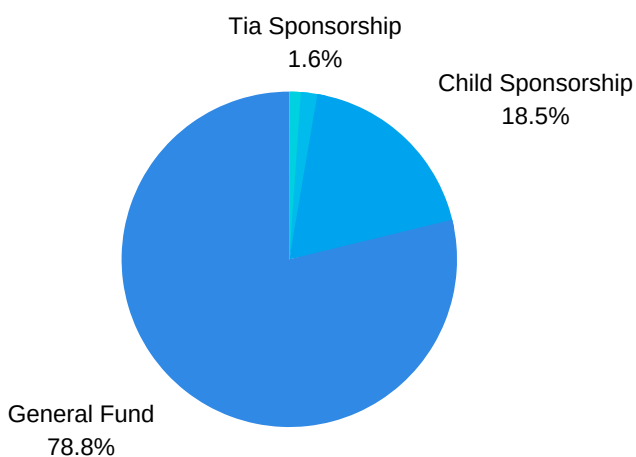


2018 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2018 Contributions

2018 Expenses

General Fund	\$495,149	Program Services	\$538,580
Child Sponsorship	\$116,377	Salaries & Contracts	\$258,805
Tia Sponsorship	\$9,936	Administration	\$20,626
Restricted Funds	\$6,671	Savings	\$6,000
Other (Interest, etc.)	\$244	Fundraising	\$15,400
		Other (Bank Fees, etc.)	\$10,715
Total	\$628,377*	Total	\$850,126**



* While we celebrated many accomplishments in 2018, the 2018 Contributions did fall \$82,000 short of our 2018 projected budget.

**The 2018 Expenses were higher due to the purchase of vehicles and construction of the security wall. In addition, there were several unforeseen expenses in 2018 that had not been designated in the budget.

YOUR IMPACT



When you consider how your support helps For His Children, you might think of the baby girl abandoned on a street in Quito, or the toddler who was neglected, or the tías (caregivers) who provide personalized care to children with special needs. All these images relate directly to the care that we provide daily, and this exceptional love and care is thanks to you! Additionally, your support has helped strengthen families within Ecuador.

Seeing firsthand the impact that neglect, abuse and abandonment have upon the life of a child, we strive to provide support to the community surrounding the areas we serve.

It is our desire to work toward prevention of abandonment and come alongside biological family members to support family preservation.

Sometimes a parenting class that shows a mother how to care for her child, or resources for support in finding a job, is all that it takes to prevent a child from being neglected. Sometimes a listening ear and counseling can help a troubled father to grow emotionally and provide a more stable home environment for his child. Over the past three years, we have had the privilege of seeing families grow in these ways through FHC's Community Outreach Program.

The project started as a dream of our Ecuadorian staff which became a reality through a grant from FHC donors based in the United States. Our local staff worked hard to plan and implement the workshops, counseling sessions and training opportunities for the community and for the biological families of the children at FHC. Over the past three years, the Community Outreach Program, which began as a US-funded project is now working toward becoming a locally funded program within Ecuador. It has already impacted more than 3,000 individuals!

We are so grateful for your ongoing support and the impact you have in all aspects of the ministry!

Thank you for providing...

Spiritual Care

God's love is shared daily with the children we care for and we pray that they will come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior. We have been able to see our tías (caregivers) and staff grow in their faith through monthly Bible study.

Physical Care

In 2018 a total of 72 children received loving care through For His Children. We celebrated 12 children being reunified with their biological families and 8 children meeting their forever families through adoption!

Emotional Care

FHC has been able to come alongside families who are working through the process of reunification to offer therapy and parenting classes to them. In addition, local families who are struggling, received counseling services with the goal of preventing child abuse or abandonment.

LOOKING FORWARD

In 2019, our focus remains on providing the highest quality care for vulnerable children. We will do this through:

- Hiring, training, and retaining highly-skilled and loving caregivers for our children;
- Keeping our facilities safe, clean, and welcoming;
- Striving to reunify a child with a member of their biological family when possible by providing counseling services and support to the family;
- Advocating for a loving family for the child through adoption, when family reunification is not possible;
- Always advocating for the best interest of each child in our care.

We continually strive to maintain the standard for excellence in out-of-home care in Ecuador. We desire to see broader change in Ecuador and are working to share our best practices through trainings and conferences with other children's homes.

We plan to take our knowledge beyond Ecuador and share it with child welfare organizations throughout South America as well. FHC staff will do this by attending conferences and trainings to build relationships with organizations who may benefit from our experiences.

Prayer continues to be a priority, as we seek God's guidance in decision making for the future of FHC. We have seen God work through prayer over the past 26 years, as children have received support following trauma and have been placed in loving families. We will continue to meet monthly on the first Tuesday of every month at 11am EST, for a time to pray over the ministry. All FHC supporters are invited to join us and may do so by calling our conference line phone number (515-603-3119) and entering access code: 950893#.



72
Children
cared for by
FHC in 2018.



Board of Directors

Thank you to our current Board of Directors for their passion and commitment to supporting the work of For His Children. Their knowledge, skills and leadership are a great blessing to the ministry!

- Stephanie Aguirre
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- Lisa Meyer
- Cindy Sandoval
- Jen Schneider
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- Melinda Vaughn
- Brad Wier

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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