

FOR HIS CHILDREN



ANNUAL REPORT



2019

WORDS OF GRATITUDE



Victoria grasps tightly to Tia Rosa's fingers and takes tentative steps forward. Tia Ivon smiles and encourages her - she can do it. Moments later, she lets go of Tia Rosa's hand and takes her first few steps alone! Her tias cheer and Victoria's face lights up with a smile. This is one of countless special moments made possible by you.

When a child achieves a milestone, family and friends celebrate and share in the excitement of a new skill mastered, a sign of growth. For vulnerable children, milestones may be overlooked or simply not attained due to neglect. This year 73 children who have experienced trauma and loss, were cared for in a loving environment. They experienced love and care through a consistent caregiver. They received hope and healing through the work of a psychologist. They had a protector and advocate in the form of a social worker. All this was made possible thanks to your support!

In 2019, the Million Milestones campaign began, with a goal of raising \$1,000,000 between September 1, 2019 and August 31, 2020. This is the cost of caring for approximately 70 children over the course of a year, as well as building a savings reserve to ensure that in hard times FHC is not forced to turn any children away.

With your help, \$450,423.66 of the \$1,000,000 has been raised. Every dollar given is one milestone closer to ensuring that children like Jhojan (pictured above) can achieve and celebrate milestones in a loving family! In the next seven months I am excited to see how God will work through individuals around the world to help the children at FHC achieve new milestones!

The milestones we celebrate in the lives of the children at FHC serve as a reminder of the work that we can accomplish together and God's faithfulness to His ministry. Thank you for being part of the family that makes up For His Children!

Jen Thomas (formerly Schneider)
Executive Director

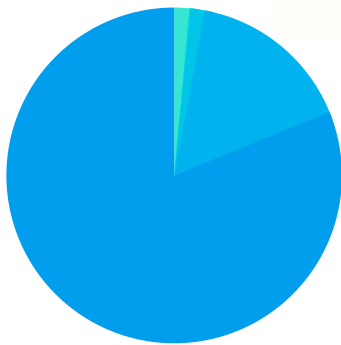


2019 FINANCIAL SUMMARY

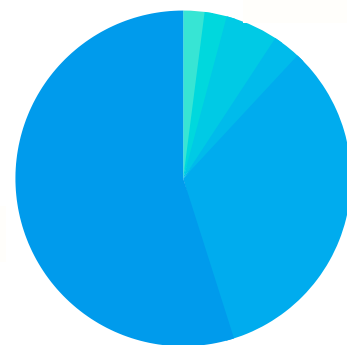
2019 Contributions

2019 Expenses

General Fund	\$621,509	Program Services	\$389,940
Child Sponsorship	\$121,577	Salaries & Contracts	\$235,753
Tia Sponsorship	\$10,514	Administration	\$18,980
Restricted Funds	\$1,168	Savings	\$36,000
Other (Interest, etc.)	\$11,085	Fundraising	\$15,209
		Other (Bank Fees, etc.)	\$14,463
Total	\$765,853	Total	\$710,345



General Fund - 81.15%
 Child Sponsorship - 15.88%
 Tia Sponsorship - 1.37%
 Restricted Funds - 0.15%
 Other (Interest, etc.) - 1.45%



Program Services - 54.89%
 Salaries & Contracts - 33.19%
 Administration - 2.67%
 Savings - 5.07%
 Fundraising - 2.14%
 Other (Bank Fees, etc.) - 2.04%

YOUR IMPACT



Over the past year, your support impacted the lives of 73 children who were cared for at For His Children. One of those children was Fernando*.

20-month old Fernando arrived at FHC late one night. The fear and sadness in his eyes were evident as he observed his new surroundings, so unfamiliar from what he had known. What brought him to FHC?

His mom struggles with addiction and couldn't care for him. A neighbor had raised him. His grandmother was ill but wanted a better future for him. Other children's homes had been contacted, other family members considered, but there was no room, no adequate caregiver, no safe environment.

His first few days at FHC were hard. His eyes were often filled with tears. But slowly a change occurred within him. He started to smile. The fear in his eyes was replaced with joy and trust. He was excited to see his caregivers and he offered a hug. He was able to play with others.

Perhaps these seem like little milestones, but for Fernando these were significant. For His Children was the first stable, loving family he had experienced since birth. And the glimpses of that love started to break through his hurt and pain.

It's hard to imagine the reality of what Fernando went through, what his mind was trying to grasp and understand. It is a tragedy that a toddler would have to experience such loss and rejection. But your support made it possible for Fernando to have a family through FHC. Thank you!

Like the other children and young adults at FHC, Fernando is loved and receiving consistent care. He is receiving emotional support through FHC's psychologist and has a social worker advocating for him to be placed into a healthy, loving family. This is the impact of your gift!

Thank you for your ongoing support which ensures that children like Fernando have a safe, loving temporary family with FHC, until they can be placed into a forever family!

*Name and photo have been changed to protect the privacy and identity of the child.

Thank you for providing:

Physical Care

In 2019 a total of 73 children received loving care through For His Children.

We celebrated 15 children being reunified with their biological families and 6 children meeting their forever families through adoption!

Emotional Care

Psychologists work with each child to provide guidance on how to best meet each child's emotional needs. Through play therapy, they help children discuss past hurt and prepare each child for rejoining their biological family or meeting their adoptive family.

Spiritual Care

Each day the love of God is shown to the children at FHC in tangible ways. Spiritual care is vital to helping each child heal from the trauma of their past. Your support ensures that they hear God's word and gain an understanding of their identity as beloved children.

LOOKING FORWARD

In 2020, FHC's focus remains on providing the highest quality care for vulnerable children and young adults, while sharing and demonstrating Jesus's love to them.

We will do this through:

- Providing each child with a short-term family through For His Children, while we advocate for them to be placed in a permanent family through reunification or adoption;
- Hiring, training, and retaining highly skilled and loving caregivers;
- Helping the children and staff grow in their knowledge and faith in Jesus Christ;
- Always looking out for the best interest of each child in our care.

In efforts to share best practices and promote excellence in out-of-home care within Ecuador, we have helped form a network with other child welfare ministries. Alianza Para Niños Vulnerables en Ecuador (Alliance for Vulnerable Children in Ecuador) consists of three organizations who are working for the protection and advocacy of children, striving to provide them a permanent family. We desire to see this grow.

FHC has joined the Christian Alliance For Orphans, a global movement, advocating for the care and rights of orphaned and vulnerable children. It is our goal to share our experiences and learn from the work of others around the world, because we believe that together we are stronger and able to effect more change.

FHC continues providing support services to families in the process of reunification and members of the local community who need support during challenging times. The Community Outreach Project served 1,687 individuals directly and indirectly in 2019 through one-on-one and family counseling, as well as workshops.

Prayer remains a high priority. We know that God works in miraculous ways to provide hope, healing and families. We seek God's wisdom as decisions are made regarding the 48 children currently in FHC's care.

On the first Tuesday of every month at 11am EST, FHC staff prays for the children and ministry. All FHC supporters are invited. You can join by calling the conference line phone number (515-603-3119) and entering access code: 950893#.



73 Children and young adults cared for in 2019.



Board of Directors

We are excited to announce a new member of the FHC Board - Roger Yoder. Roger has led many mission teams to FHC and is an adoptive father. We are grateful to the Board of Directors for the generosity of their time and resources. Thank you for your passion and leadership of the ministry!

- Stephanie Aguirre
- Carla Bidlack
- Bart Cochran
- Lisa Meyer
- Cindy Sandoval
- Jen Thomas (formerly Schneider)
- Augusto de la Torre
- Melinda Vaughn
- Brad Wier
- Roger Yoder

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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