

# SPECIAL REPORT

## A REVIEW OF THE PROGRAM & PROJECT UPDATES

**First and foremost, thank you!** Your love and concern for the children of The GOD'S CHILD Project help us save children's lives every day.

Last month, I wrote to you about Limni, a tiny, abandoned baby from a mountainous village who was abused by her father, and inadequately cared for by her far-too-young mother.



Limni had one chance for survival: **you**.

Since our founding on April 24th, 1991, your GOD'S CHILD Project has reached deep into some of the poorest, most dangerous parts of our world to bring hope and aid to hundreds of thousands of people.

Education, healthcare, safe housing, and the creation of sustainable development are our motivating goals.

Our desire to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, educate the under-educated, heal the sick, and care for the orphaned and

abandoned have always been our driving forces in our efforts to help thousands of children like Limni.

This month, we'll give you a statistical overview of the work your GOD'S CHILD Project does. Enjoy. The wonderful work you are going to read about is possible **only because of you**.



### STRONG EDUCATION

Raising and educating more than 80,000 impoverished, orphaned, and abandoned boys and girls.



### GOOD HEALTH

Building and operating 7 schools, 6 clinics, and an in-patient hospital for malnourished children, together serving thousands each year.



### SAFE HOUSING

Channeling international volunteers to build 2,700 homes for extremely poor families



### SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Developing sustainable job training programs for an additional 48,000 teens, women, and men.

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## Strong Education



Since our founding 31 years ago, The GOD'S CHILD Project has been at the forefront of creating and providing quality educational programs to impoverished children worldwide.

During 2022, the Project operated the following programs that benefited several hundred children and adults who desperately desired to receive an education.

### THE VISTA HERMOSA SCHOOL

Located among Guatemalan hillside slums, our Vista Hermosa School educates 175 mostly-older-than-average students through the Integrated Working Child School. Many of these students are in their mid-teens yet only now study at the 1st or 2nd grade primary level, having been raised by either indifferent or absent parents.



### SCHOLARSHIPS

Your GOD'S CHILD Project realizes that education is *the only way* impoverished children will break out from under their bitter chains of poverty. So far this year, the Project has provided 228 impoverished boys and girls with academic scholarships that paid

the child's enrollment fees, school supplies, monthly tuition, and school clothing. Your sponsorships and general donations make these scholarships possible.



### ACADEMIC REINFORCEMENT CENTER

Since most children receive neither help with their homework nor have positive after-school activities to keep them busy, your GOD'S CHILD Project has created an academic reinforcement center that is open to everyone. 215 children regularly come for academic reinforcement, a hot meal, and recreational activities. Specialized volunteers and tutors help these children while emphasizing math, science, language, and computer skills.

### PAUL AHLNESS FAMILY (BOWMAN, ND) AND STEVEN MITTELSTEADT (BISMARCK, ND) LIBRARY

Our Mittelsteadt Library at the Dreamer Center, furnished and stocked with books and educational supplies by the Paul Ahlness family, is the only library in the region that is open to the public, and daily provides 315 children and young adults with books, guided story hours, reading skills reinforcement, and a safe, quiet place to 'just be'.



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## THE DREAMER CHANNEL

We are in the final stages of developing and launching our own educational channel, named 'El Canal Soñador'... The Dreamer Channel... to create our own blend of Mr. Rogers, Sesame Street, and the Guatemalan National Curriculum.



Using modern technology, beginning in 2023 we will broadcast poverty-busting educational programs, and the entire academic year, deep into Guatemala's most impoverished and abandoned areas... the isolated rural farms and villages, the mountainside shanty towns, and the streets and slums of the larger cities where children are either not enrolled in school or don't have access to a local school.

Both our Academic Reinforcement Center and The Dreamer Channel were made possible through a tremendously appreciated, private donation.

## STREET CHILD OUTREACH



In early 2022, the Guatemalan Ministry of Labor asked your GOD'S CHILD Project to create and run a unique program to battle child labor and prostitution, using education.

In this pilot project, GOD'S CHILD Project social workers identified **33 highly vulnerable children** who now regularly come to the Project where they

study specialized classes, marketable skills, can enjoy hot meals and warm clothing, and have access to counseling and legal aid. 100% of the street children who began with this program continue to take part.

## ADDITIONAL SOCIAL WORK OUTREACH

During the first 10 months of 2022, our dedicated salaried and volunteer outreach team members have brought emergency assistance and crisis care intervention to **137 unassisted, ungrounded families.**



These team members accompanied patients to medical appointments, arranged labs test and medical care, and assisted 'door knocking' individuals and families with purchasing life-saving medicine, groceries, and receiving donated clothing and blankets.

An additional **500 families** were helped by the Project's outreach program through our distribution of **29 bunk beds, 265 water filters, 137 solar lamps, and 91 high-efficiency stoves.**



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## Healthcare

Your GOD'S CHILD Project's medical, dental, and psychological clinics in Guatemala help extremely poor children and families.



## MEDICAL AND DENTAL CLINICS

Although legal Covid restrictions were still in place in Guatemala for much of 2022, during the first ten months of this year our salaried and volunteer clinical team members have:

- Provided emergency treatments for 250 walk-in dental patients
- Obtained intensive medical care for 623 high-need walk-in patients
- Arranged Physical Therapy and Wheelchairs for 142 mobility-challenged children
- Conducted 4 public cervical cancer campaigns that utilized VIA/Cryotherapy to screen 203 high-risk girls and women

## PSYCHOLOGICAL CLINIC AND EMERGENCY CRISIS CARE

Our in-house Psychologist Sonia Paredes, herself a Project graduate, provides psychological and crisis care counseling to 296 abused, human trafficked, and abandoned children and women.



## NUTRITION AND RECOVERY PROGRAM (THE DAN AND KENDAL MCDONALD (BEAVERTON, OR)) DINING ROOM

Guatemala has the world's fourth-highest rate of chronic malnutrition and the second highest in Latin America. 50% of all children under the age of five in Guatemala suffer intellectual or physical growth delays due to chronic starvation.



So far in 2022, we have distributed 40,000 meals through our Nutrition and Recovery Program, much of which were donated by local farmers, food processors, and area restaurants.

## CASA JACKSON HOSPITAL FOR MALNOURISHED CHILDREN

Casa Jackson Hospital for Malnourished Children was founded as a small GOD'S CHILD Project group home in 2008 but has since grown to become Central America's foremost beacon of hope in the battle against starvation.

Casa Jackson is staffed by three pediatricians, 1 nutritionist, 12 nurses, kitchen and cleaning staff, and several volunteers.

In the first ten months of 2022, our Casa Jackson residential hospital provided over **10,00 inpatient days of hospital care** to malnourished children and their mothers, served approximately **62,500 meals**, and in the process, saved the lives of **231** severely malnourished children.



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Casa Jackson coordinates with the University of Texas, Austin, to develop our statistical data processing and reporting capabilities, especially in the areas of early stimulation, physical recovery, and rehabilitative progress.



human trafficking induction, physical and sexual assaults, and sexual abuse of minors.

Amy Brueckner (Bismarck, ND) works full-time in Minneapolis with the Project's ITEMP program, and networks daily with local and state police, the FBI, and Homeland Security. In Guatemala, Project graduate Miguel Angel Alvarez leads up our efforts.

## Safe Housing

Your GOD'S CHILD Project's medical, dental, and psychological clinics in Guatemala help extremely poor children and families.

### SERVICETEAMS AND VOLUNTEERS

Between January and September of 2022, we welcomed back to Guatemala **18 international ServiceTeams, representing 3,756 days of service.** During this same time, we also welcomed **50 extended stay local and international volunteers.**

These ServiceTeams built **26 homes** that benefitted **110 family members**, and distributed donated clothing, medical supplies to regional clinics, and assisted with natural disaster relief after the summer's hurricane season.

### HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION AND RECOVERY, AND LEGAL AID

The legal assistance your GOD'S CHILD Project provides through our 'Institute for Trafficked, Exploited & Missing Persons' ([www.ITEMP.org](http://www.ITEMP.org)) program continues to identify and rescue runaways on the streets in the United States, Central America, and India. During the first ten months of 2022, we provided emergency legal aid to 300 individuals and families who sought to escape domestic violence,

## Sustainable Development

### OUR MOTHERS' CLUBS (AND NOW FATHERS' CLUBS, TOO!)

Sonia Paredes, our in-house psychologist, leads The GOD'S CHILD Project's Mothers' and Fathers' Clubs. These job training programs and social connection clubs **involve 8,700 adults and their dependents** and provide positive social relief for impoverished parents struggling with abandonment, chronic disease, social isolation, or drug or alcohol addictions.



New this year to our sustainable development efforts are the **450 males** who receive weekly education and training seminars to learn basic academic skills, parenting and domestic violence prevention, and receive job training.



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# The GOD'S CHILD Project FINANCIAL UPDATE

## The Project's Finances

The GOD'S CHILD Project is fully committed to **fiscal simplicity, responsibility, and transparency.**

- 91% of all donated dollars go directly to help the poor that we serve.
- In the United States, The GOD'S CHILD Project is independently audited by Goldman, Clearfield, & Ocampo, CPA.
- The GOD'S CHILD Project's international programs are independently audited by Anderson Trust Company, CPA.

Your GOD'S CHILD Project has been **nationally recognized** for fiscal leadership, transparency, and responsibility, including:

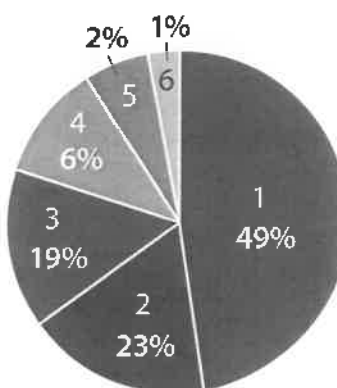
- Guidestar Gold Medal for financial transparency
- Full Approval by the US Combined Federal Campaign (our CFC # is 96341)
- Platinum Rating from Global Giving International after their visitation, inspection, and program and financial reviews.
- Perfect score of 100 from Charity Navigator



### FY21 REVENUE

**\$2,388,857**

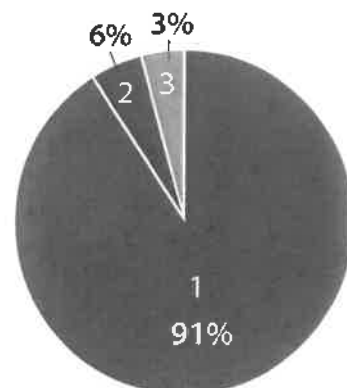
1. General Donations
2. Specific Campaigns & Events
3. Child Sponsorship
4. Group & Volunteer Fees
5. Bequests & Memorials
6. Craft & Book Sales



### FY21 EXPENSES

**\$2,290,346**

1. Direct Program Services
2. Fundraising
3. Administration





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# SPECIAL REPORT: MEET THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Next to God, you, and the children and mothers themselves, **our team** is the Project's greatest resource.

## In Guatemala

Fabiola Alguilar (Director@ANAGuatemala.org) is our national director in Guatemala and leads 38 teachers, nurses, social services, and physical plant personnel.

Miguel Angel Alvarez Paz (Miguel.Alvarez@ANAGuatemala.org), himself a Project graduate, directs our administrative functions (accounting, security, physical plant), and our Guatemalan anti-human trafficking (ITEMP.org) and legal aid efforts.

Patrick Atkinson (Director@GodsChild.org) is the Guatemalan project's executive director.

## In the United States

Our Bismarck, ND office (721 Memorial Highway, Bismarck, ND 58504) (701-255-7956) is directed by Kathy Bird (Kathy.Bird@GodsChild.org).

Our Minneapolis MN office (8085 Wayzata Boulevard #200, Golden Valley, MN 55426) (612-351-8020) is managed by Kimberly Matts (Kimberly.Matts@GodsChild.org).

Alyza Streeter (Alyza.Streeter@GodsChild.org) directs our international ServiceTeam, Volunteer, and Sponsorship programs. Tyler James (Tyler.James@GodsChild.org) is our social media specialist.

Amy Brueckner (Amy.Brueckner@ITEMP.org) leads our efforts to help human trafficking victims.

Brendan Dwyer (Brendan.Dwyer@GodsChild.org) is our Philadelphia-based Director of Community Engagement.

Patrick Atkinson (Director@GodsChild.org) is the Project's founder and executive director.



# SPECIAL REPORT: SUMMARY

Your GOD'S CHILD Project was founded on April 23, 1991, to care for and educate orphaned, abandoned, and court-protected children. The Project's founding was my response to letters from children I had rescued from Central America's war zones during the 1980's, saying that they urgently needed help.

Since 1991, the Project has grown to have a worldwide impact while educating over 80,000 children while they grew into positive adulthood.

Why do we do what we do? Quite simply, we believe that the poor boys and girls who come to your GOD'S CHILD Project were sent for us to care for them as if they are 'hijos propios'; children of our own flesh and blood.

An old adage states that, "A society will be judged by how it treats the least of its citizens."

Our mission statement... the reason we do what we do... to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, educate the under-educated, defend the vulnerable, and help the widowed and the orphaned.

**With you and your help**, we can do this, and children will live.

Thank you for saying 'yes'. You can't imagine how much we appreciate you.

Patrick Atkinson  
Founder, Executive Director

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