

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



**We dream of a tomorrow that will be bright,  
Our books are our beacon and our pen our might,  
Behold, oh world, as we ever so softly tread,  
Upwards and forwards, come what may,  
We will usher in change, that is here to stay!**

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & COFOUNDER

TOGETHER, FOR OUR CHILDREN



**DINA PAHLAJANI**  
**PRESIDENT & COFOUNDER**

Dear Friends,

It is my distinct privilege to present this year's Annual Report, which highlights the remarkable progress we've made through our educational initiatives. As you read through, you'll witness how we've brought learning opportunities to the very communities that need them the most. Along the way, you'll also encounter inspiring stories of lives transformed, heartfelt testimonials from those who have seen our work firsthand, and acknowledgements of the individuals whose generosity has made all this possible.

Our organization has experienced significant transformation since the launch of the 30/30 Education Initiative.

This initiative has brought us closer to the communities we serve and allowed us to craft a program that directly addresses critical areas of need, as identified by both our team and government studies. These areas include Early Childhood Education, Remedial Learning, and Conceptual Learning. In today's world, Digital Learning has also become essential for preparing our children to compete on a global scale.

Our team has worked tirelessly to implement these programs. Despite challenges, progress is being made.

As I reflect on my 32 years with the organization, I am filled with pride, and would like to share a few key insights that have guided our journey:

- Teamwork creates magic: When donors, partners, and educators unite, extraordinary things happen.
- Reaching beyond the cities: There is an urgent need to extend education and empowerment to rural areas, tribal regions and migrant communities, especially along our borders.
- Empowering girls is crucial: We must do more to ensure girls in our communities receive equal educational opportunities, breaking the outdated stereotype that boys' education brings more value.
- Parental involvement is transformative: When parents engage in their children's education, the family dynamic shifts, benefiting both, child and parent, and paving the way for a brighter future.

In a world often overshadowed by chaos, magnified by the media, a visit to one of our centers offers a glimpse of hope. This is the essence of the Children's Hope way — ensuring that the future is not only brighter, but better.

With enormous gratitude,  
Dina Pahlajani, MD



# WHAT WE STAND FOR

## THE PATH

Thirty years ago, a small group of professional women in New York came together to make a difference. Their hope: to secure a better future for children in need. That year, 70 children secured four square meals a day, shelter, access to education and counseling services. 70 children began to pursue their dreams - again. With a contribution of \$200 per member that aided 70 children over 30 years ago, our volunteer-led collective has impacted more than 300,000+ lives.

Our goal is to see every child in school accessing the resources they need to grow physically, intellectually, academically, emotionally and socially.

## MISSION

Children's Hope India lifts children from poverty to prosperity by nurturing the whole child, providing education, nutrition, medical care and career building.

## VISION

Build a better future for our children using the cradle to career approach.

## VALUES

- Transparency and accountability
- Value our donors
- Value our partners
- Teamwork and collaboration
- Value our staff /employees
- Work with humility and respect







# OUR IMPACT



## CHI 30/30 EDUCATION INITIATIVE (FORMAL & NON FORMAL EDU. INSTITUTIONS)

1. CHI CHAHAK Vikaspuri, Delhi
2. CHI CHAHAK Bindapur, Delhi
3. CHI Anand Parbat, Delhi
4. CHI Seelampur, Delhi
5. CHI Sewri, Mumbai
6. CHI Falkland Road, Mumbai
7. CHI Anganwa, Jodhpur
8. CHI Sitapur, Lucknow
9. CHI Jagati, Jammu
10. CHI Primary School, Bhuj



## OTHER EDUCATION PROGRAMS

1. CHI Girls School, Bhopal
2. CHI Ekalavya Schools
3. CHI Educate A Child, Bhopal
4. CHI Higher Education Scholarships, Bhopal, Hyderabad and Kolkata

## HEALTH PROGRAMS

1. CHI mobile medical van, Karjat
2. CHI Sight for the Sightless, Pune
3. CHI Shishur Sevay, Kolkata

## TOTAL IMPACT

Formal school beneficiaries = **2,072**  
Non-formal center beneficiaries = **2,132**  
College scholarships = **168**  
Total education beneficiaries = **4,372**  
Total Nutrition (Meals + Snacks) = **420,535**  
Number of patients & attendees in mobile medical unit = **12,277**  
Number of attendees in vision/ eye camps = **19,337**

# CHI 30/30 EDUCATION INITIATIVE

## THE OPPORTUNITY

CHI, with its 30 years of diverse and rich experience, understands the need for India to reap its rich demographic dividend via education and skilling. With the objective of amalgamating the government's efforts (basis the National Education Policy 2020) with its strengths in the domains of Early Child Education (ECE), Remedial Learning and Tutions, we launched the CHI 30/30 Education Initiative; in its pilot phase, this initiative was launched in 2022, across five centers; the cradle-to-career approach serves as the basis for this initiative.

The CHI 30/30 initiative is an extremely important one, especially since the first six years of a child's life are universally recognized as the most crucial for lifelong development. A comprehensive, play-based ECE curriculum can establish a strong foundation for lifelong academic excellence.

## OUR APPROACH

Our six pillars form the basis for our impact. Empowerment of children, parents, teachers and families serves as the core of our work.



# CHI 30/30 EDUCATION INITIATIVE

A key focus for Children's Hope India is to create an equal playing field, so that girls have the same opportunities to receive quality education as boys. From nursery schools and day-care centers, to mobile schools and informal learning, from accredited schools to remedial education and coaching, we are dedicated to ensuring that the highest number of children get in school, stay in school and see the bright future they deserve.



## OUR GOALS

- Enhance reach and impact via CHI 30/30 education centers
- Continue focus on Play Based Early Education to enable fun learning, retention and long term recall
- Strengthen emphasis on concept learning
- Ensure that Remedial Learning helps children overcome challenges faced in studies, thereby preventing dropouts
- Continue empowering more teachers to be change makers by investing in, and ensuring, their all-round development
- Ensure continued access to Master Teachers
- Use technology, in a more defined manner, as an equalizer with the objective of reducing the digital divide
- Empower parents to be important stakeholders in their child's development



[More about the CHI 30/30 initiative](#)

# PROJECT IN FOCUS

The Children's Hope India Girls School (Bhopal) seeks to empower girls through education. Located on a serene campus, the school has a beautiful playground, ventilated classrooms, a well stocked library, modern laboratory and digital infrastructure; English is the medium for imparting quality education; other facilities include medical support, sports and the arts. The involvement of parents is encouraged, and teachers are highly motivated and qualified. The school serves girls from 6th to 12th grade, **impacting 600 plus students**. CHI also provides scholarships for higher education.

## A FEW HIGHLIGHTS

- **In 2023, 80 students appeared for the class X exams, of which 77 cleared the exam; 23 students appeared for the class XII, Science stream; and 35 appeared for the Commerce stream exams, of which all students passed.**
- **The 2023-24 session saw the graduation of 58 students;** all of them are continuing their education in their respective fields.
- The school has a state-of-the-art AI lab, including Robotics kits. Teacher training programs, across eight modules, are being conducted. This also underlines the focus on STEM.
- With the objective of generating awareness on Menstruation, a sanitary pad dispenser has also been installed, which can readily be used by students. This also helps break the taboo around this important subject.



“I want to serve my country, and, therefore, wish to be a gazetted officer. This is my dream. With the help of my school and teachers I secured 95.8% in my class XII exams, which ranked me 3rd in the entire district. Today, I am pursuing my B.Sc. in Maths, and am on track towards fulfilling my dreams.” - Harshita, ex-student, CHIGS, Bhopal





# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION



“ My house is red, a little house...  
A happy child I am..  
I laugh and play the whole day long...  
And hardly ever cry...

Little Manisha\* stands confidently in front of her class, narrating these lines with utmost confidence, a smile on her face, gesticulating for enhanced effect! The metamorphosis of the young child from a shy individual to one, who exhibits great potential to fulfill her dreams, is phenomenal. The sparkle in Manisha's eyes as she hears her classmates applauding cannot be missed.

\*Name changed

# IMPACT



Teachers received a total of **43 hours of training**, comprising of 30 hours of induction and 13 hours of in-service training. This is in addition to the consistent professional support given and training imparted.


**70% of five-year-old students were found to be school-ready before entering grade 1.** Students improved in all four areas of development – Physical, Cognitive, Language and Social Emotional.



**95.8% of parents spent time with their kids at least 2-3 times a week;** 78% used worksheets regularly to engage their children at home; 60.5% conducted learning activities and 77% had daily conversations with their children. The engagement of parents in their children's studies saw a huge boost.



CBSE



**Our child**  
We have a child  
His child has a head.  
He wears a cap.  
He likes to play the game.  
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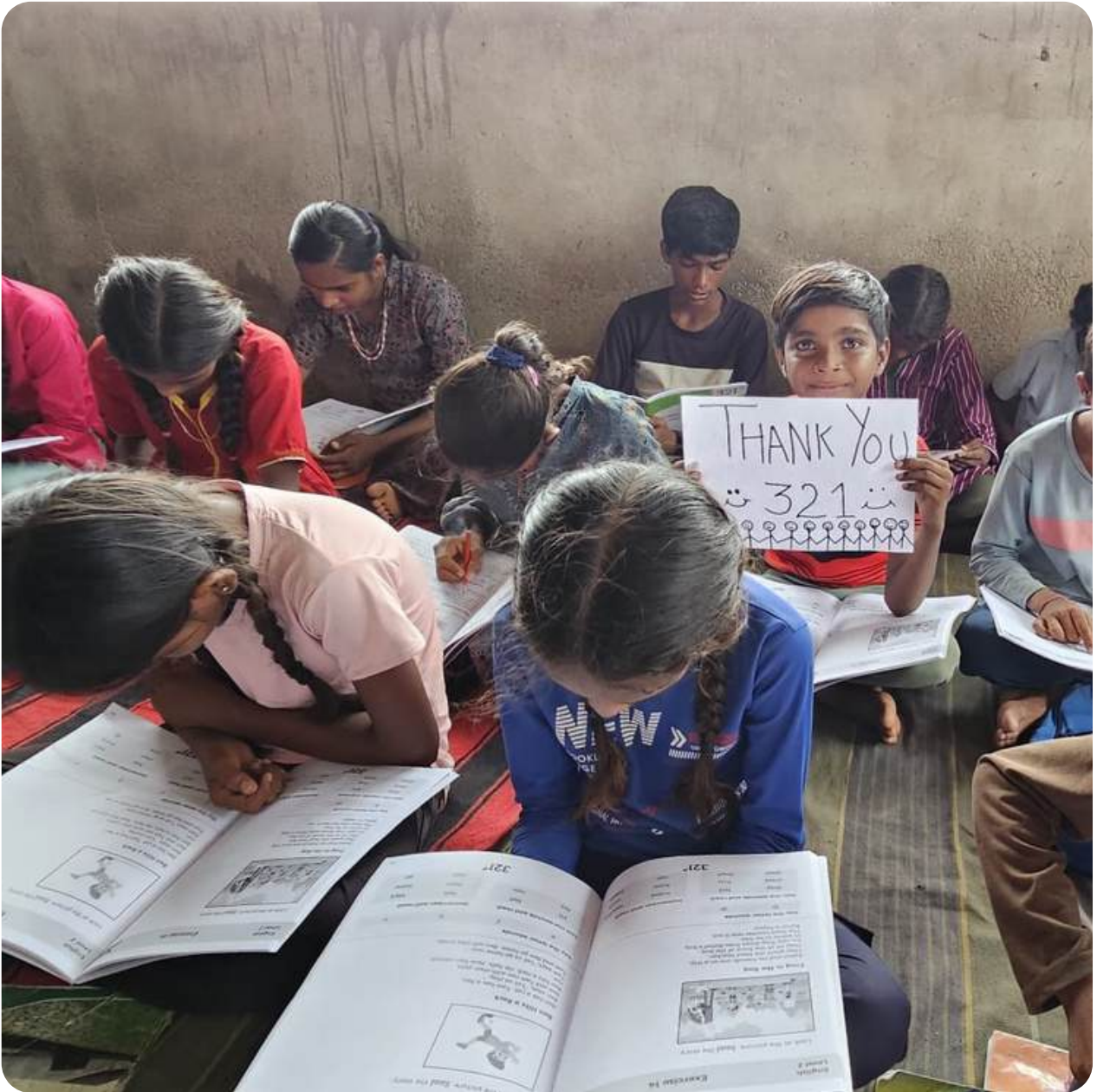
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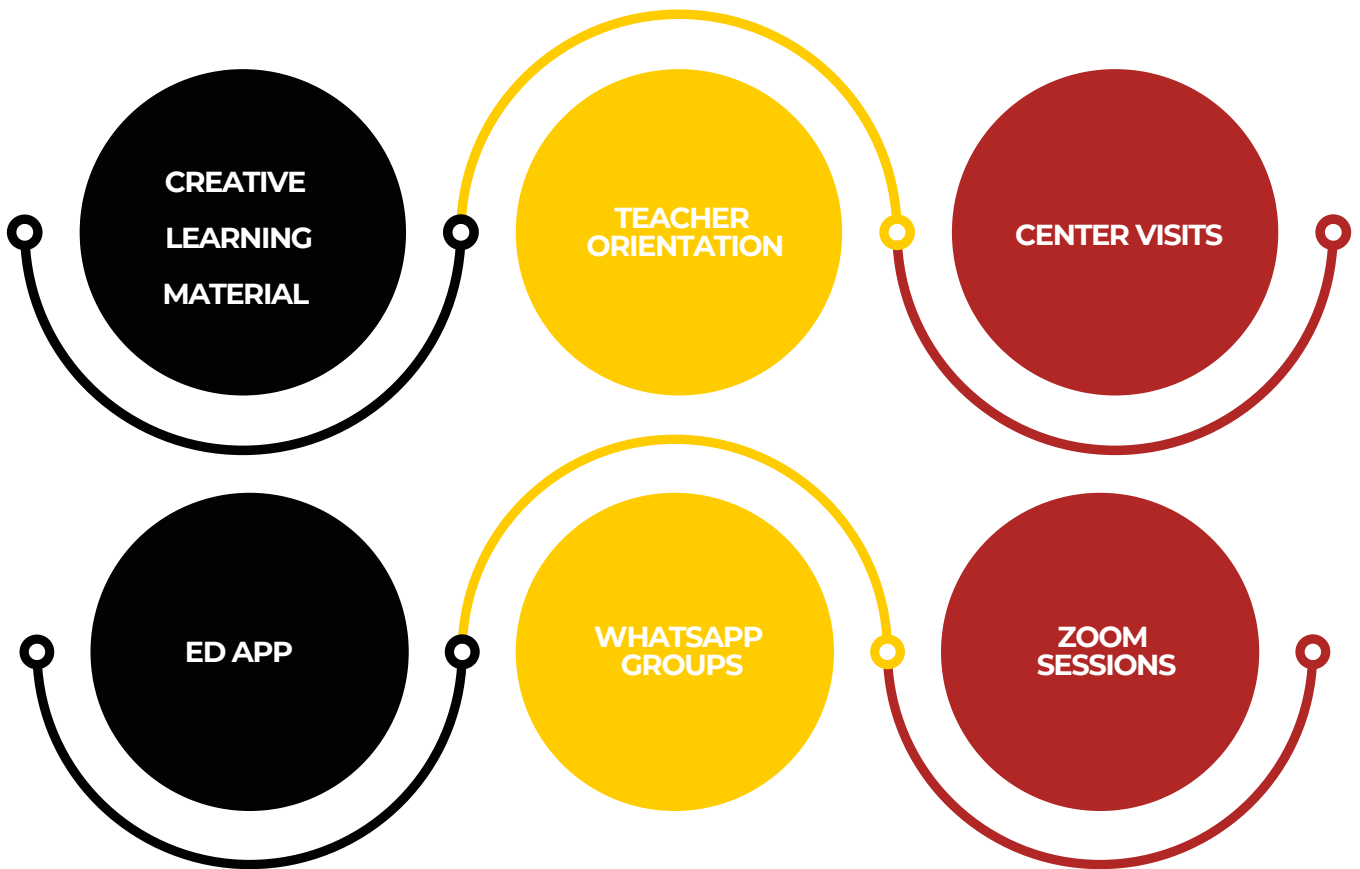
# REMEDIAL LEARNING



“Since I began studying and working, life has changed. People respect me. My parents are proud of me. I have literally earned my freedom and standing. I remember when I used to get stuck in studies, teachers in remedial learning classes helped me. That ensured I didn't drop out. I will never forget this.” - Rubina, studying DPT (Doctor of Physical Therapy)

“I am a *dhol wala* and I have big dreams for my children. You know how proud I feel when my children pick up their books and read out to me in English? It is an unexplainable feeling.” - Inder, parent

# THE PROCESS



## IMPACT

### English

- Compared against ASER's data, we see a nearly **threefold increase** in English proficiency
- **24% of students are now at Level 1**, compared to 77% at the start of the year
- **80% of students have reached Level 2**

### Maths

- Compared against ASER's data, we witnessed an **eight-fold improvement** in Maths competency
- **85% of students, in Grades 1 and 2, can perform single-digit (Grade 1) and double-digit subtraction (Grade 2), respectively**
- **About 75% of students, from Grades 1 to 5, can perform grade-level Maths**

“My dream is to serve the country as an air force officer. There was a time when I didn't feel that confident about pursuing my dream, as I felt stuck in my studies. Many concepts were not clear. Remedial learning classes helped me navigate those challenges and gain a strong footing. My father is a tailor and my mother a home maker. Both are immensely proud of my achievements.” - Khushi, currently pursuing B.Tech, ex-student, CHIGS, Bhopal



# COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

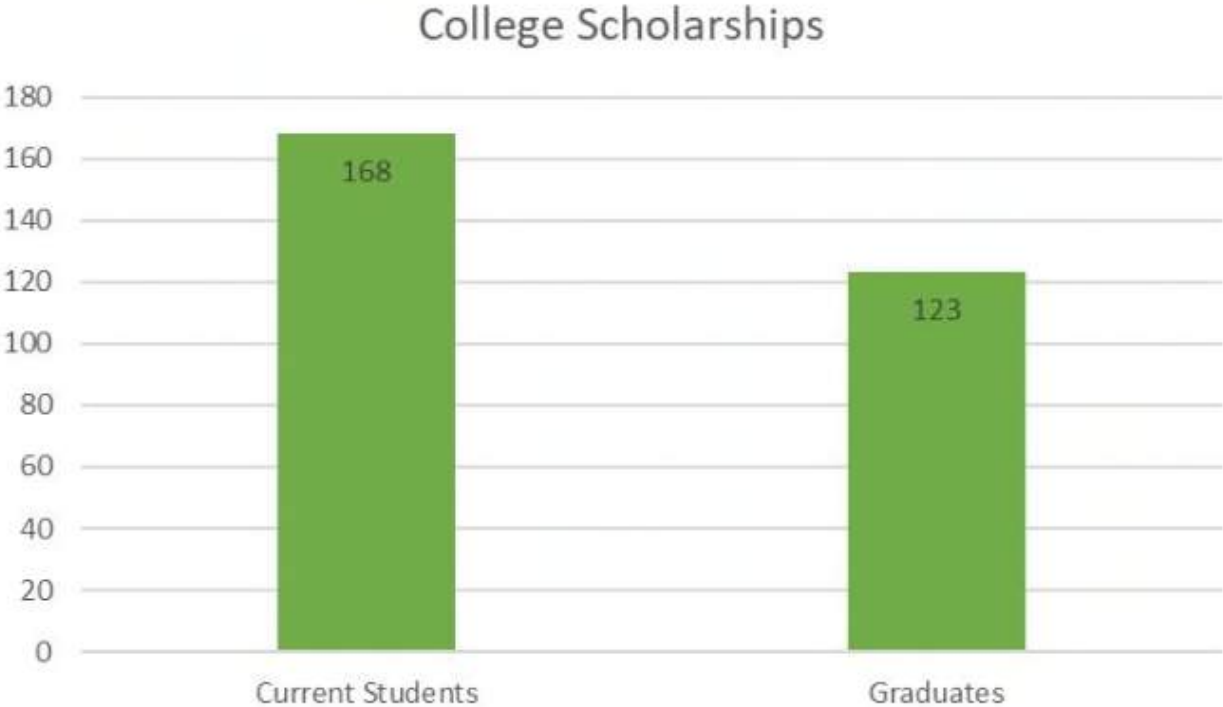
Bright children from the poorest socio-economic strata need support to fulfill their career ambitions. CHI's College Scholarships supports talented students by securing quality education and the necessary tools to achieve professional success and financial independence. Our graduates are engaged in degrees in law, management, pharmacology, naturopathy, science, and commerce, among others.



“The process of learning in life never ends; I want to keep learning and keep improving my skills. My inspiration are APJ Abdul Kalam and my parents, from whom I imbibed the never-give-up attitude,” adds Nandini, a college scholarship awardee, who has just bagged a job offer with Tata Consulting Engineers (TCE). The young girl proved her mettle by preparing well for the rounds of interview at TCE and securing a job in the electrical department, where she will be working on Design Hydrocarbons and Business Units.

# IMPACT

“Today, my parents are proud of me that I study at NIT, and have a bright future ahead of me. I remember the time, not so long ago, when they were not even aware of what NIT stood for, and didn't want to send their daughter away from home for studies. After they saw my performance, their happiness knew no bounds.” – Kaveri, final year B.Tech., college scholarship awardee.





# HEALTH AND NUTRITION

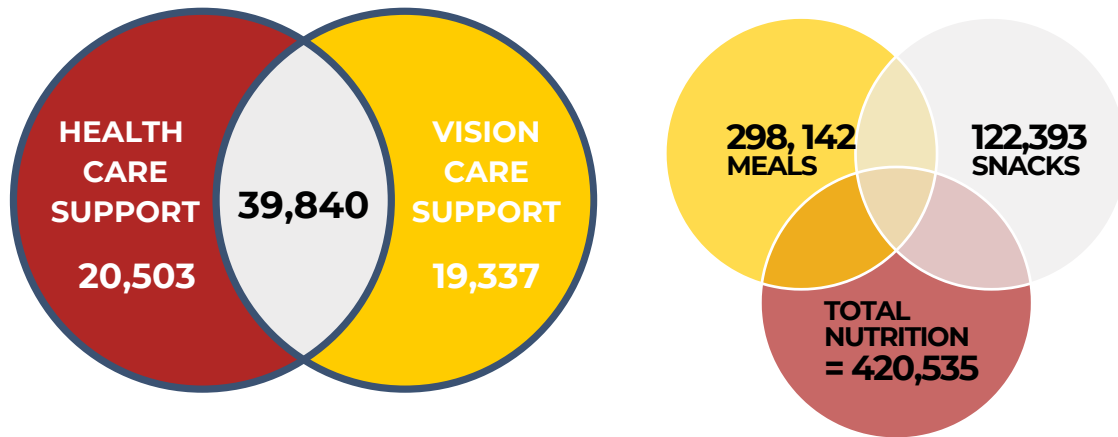


Poor health and nutrition can have severe repercussions on a child's cognitive and behavioral abilities, holistic growth and wholesome development. According to a WHO report, as early as 1950, it was found that "nutritional deficiencies and poor health of primary school-age children was one of the causes of low enrolment, high absenteeism, early dropout and poor school performance." It is, hence, imperative to not only educate parents on the importance of health and nutrition, but also help secure the same, where accessibility is minimal or negligible.

The silver lining to these challenging circumstances is that we can do something to improve the health of children. At Children's Hope India, we support projects ranging from working with parents on nutrition and hygiene issues, to facilitating essential immunizations, eye exams and lifesaving heart surgeries, among many others.

# IMPACT

- Health and nutrition are critical for a child's overall growth and development. Hence, we ensure that healthy meals/snacks/drinks are a part of a child's daily intake. We thank our partner, Epigamia, for helping us secure this very important objective.



- Health camps are organized, once every quarter, to check the vital health parameters of children studying at the centers.
- Camps for dental check-ups, non communicable diseases, hemoglobin count, immunization and WASH are organized on a regular basis. This helps ensure that early intervention is possible, where needed. Distribution of supplements and medicines, as per requirement, is also ensured. These camps also serve as awareness generation exercises.



- Physiotherapy camps are also organised in some centers, so that quality services can be provided to those children, who need it.
- Replenishment of first aid kits, where needed, is carried out in order to ensure that these kits remain well stocked at all times.
- CHI supports the Hemophilia Society of Maharashtra (Pune Chapter) in identifying and treating patients suffering from hemophilia.
- We also work with Childlife Preserve Shishur Sevay, Kolkata, to empower girl children with special needs.



# IMPACT



- **12,277** beneficiaries were impacted via the mobile medical van, in partnership with Jagruti Healthcare, Maharashtra.
- Mental health is a vital pillar of physiological and psychological wellness. Some of the centers have a dedicated clinical psychologist on payroll. Teachers are also trained with the objective of identifying students with mental health issues, so that intervention is possible in a professional and timely manner.
- Yoga, meditation and sports are actively encouraged in order to ensure all-round development.





# HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

## Spring Luncheon

We were thrilled to host our Spring Luncheon on May 11th, 2023, which helped **raise \$125,000** for the CHI 30/30 Education Initiative. We honored Chandrika Tandon as our 2023 Woman of Distinction.



## CHI-Ek Asha | Mumbai

Home Science students were given a challenge: to create a dish that was healthy and delicious. **They turned up the challenge by making ten tasty and healthy dishes, ranging from snacks to sweets, using a single cereal!** They may have been cooks for a day, but they are EKASHA-the chefs of the future.

## India Giving Day

We were honored to participate in India Philanthropy Alliance's inaugural India Giving Day on March 2nd, 2023. **We raised \$4,014 from existing CHI donors and 12 new donors.**

## 20th June, World Refugee Day

CHI partner UJAS is home to refugees fleeing persecution in Pakistan. The theme for the year's (2023) World Refugee Day was "Hope away from home". UJAS embodies this spirit by nurturing 200 plus families, providing children with education, and securing access to health, nutrition and civil rights for the community members.

## CHI students record stellar performances

We are proud of CHI's high school students, who have scored high, and soared above the national and state averages. Bhumika Jat of CHIGS led the way, securing the 8th position in her state. The **CHI Ekalavya Schools also showed excellence with a 98% pass rate for Bengaluru** (state rate: 84%), **and Hyderabad, with a 100% pass rate** (state rate: 86%).

## CHI-Mobile Medical Unit | Karjat

International Women's Day was observed with sessions on menstrual hygiene, conducted for **72 adolescent girls and 20 women**. Open discussions about puberty, the use and disposal of sanitary napkins, among other important associated topics were held.

## Health and Nutrition

**Rohan Mirchandani, CEO of Drum Foods International**, sent a truck-load of delicious **Epigamia Greek Yogurt** prior to his visit to the Sewri and Falkland Road centers (which is being regularly sent, on a weekly basis, to centers in Delhi and Mumbai). Children enjoyed this surprise treat and were thrilled engaging with Rohan. Parents were also delighted by this gesture.



# FIRST PERSON

“As an Advisory Board member of Children's Hope India for many years, I am continually inspired by the profound impact our founders have made in driving positive change. Their strategic vision and unwavering commitment have laid a strong foundation for our success, enabling us to achieve remarkable outcomes, year after year. The good we accomplish is a testament to their leadership and dedication, and I am proud to be part of this journey.” - Harish Tharani, Advisory Board member; Chairman & CEO, Tharanco Group Inc.

“The holistic growth and wholesome development of children is critical in ensuring a better present and brighter future for each one of us. Early Childhood Education, Health and Nutrition, Mental Health and acquiring 21st century skill sets are vital for a child to become a contributing member for his/her family, community and society, besides achieving independence. To ensure this, each one of us has a role to play. I have witnessed the impact that Children's Hope India has had on the lives of many, and can only say I wish them more strength to continue the good work that they do, so that they reach many more in dire need of support. Let us help bring about positive and sustainable change, as best as we can, at an individual level and by serving as Ambassadors of Change for organizations such as Children’s Hope India.” -- Juhi Chawla Mehta, Actor

“It has been an honor and a delight to have helped cofound Children’s Hope India. A lot has changed in the 30 plus years of its existence. From a seedling, it has grown into a rich resource and lifeline for vulnerable children in India. For CHI, education has become the blueprint for a better life. Starting from scratch, we now have several schools, formal and non-formal. As we move forward with our most ambitious undertaking, the 30 by 30 Education Initiative, we are starting with the missing link which is needed the most for children to succeed and prosper. If you give each child topnotch early childhood learning, they will have a head start. Quality education, not rote learning, builds the capacity to think, to reason and to be independent.” -- Lavina Melwani; Cofounder & Director of Innovation & Strategy, CHI; Journalist, Columnist and Blogger at lassiwithlavina.com

“During my tenure as Chief Operating Officer of CHI-Ekalavya Schools, from 2016 to 2024, it was gratifying to witness students consistently excel in their class X board exams, thanks to high-quality education, and a comprehensive remedial program. The scholarship program empowered students to pursue their aspirations. The number of scholarships awarded grew from a modest 5 in 2016 to 69, leading to 27 graduates, and many students securing positions in reputable companies. The salary that many of them earned was equal to the combined income of all earning family members. It was a powerful affirmation of the saying, "Education can break the cycle of poverty," unfolding before my eyes.” -- Ravi Ganti, Expert - Programs



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## CH 2 - YOUNG LEADERS

CH2 is a group of young professionals, with a wide range of interests, skills, and experience, who work directly with the Children's Hope India Board and team members with the objective of supporting and extending the initiatives of the organization.

The CH2 team organizes several networking and leadership events in New York City, helping to raise funds for a variety of programs, and keeping supporters connected and updated on CHI projects and activities. Attending annual events like the 'Summer Soiree' has helped hundreds of new people familiarize themselves with the organization, and find ways to get involved.

During the past years, CH2 members have travelled to Bhopal and Delhi, along with several doctors, as part of a medical mission organized by CHI. Some of their accomplishments, during their trip to different parts in India, included workshops for doctors, and health screenings for patients, as well as much needed translation and logistical support. Another CH2 initiative included powering digital classrooms in rural areas of Maharashtra using solar energy. Several fundraising initiatives, like the Fitness Challenge, helped launch sports programs for hundreds of children in India.

CH2 continues to help raise money, reach new donors and make a difference. In the years to come, CH2 aims to inspire more like-minded people to get involved, while also powering transition into the next generation of leaders.

### **Founding Members of CH2**

Manisha Bahrani, Omesh Lund, Neel Pahlajani, Puja Pahlajani, Nicole Rajani



# CH 3 - CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN

CH3 was founded in 2014 by six passionate teens from Long Island with the mantra – Children Helping Children. Since then, it has grown tremendously and now has three chapters: Long Island, Manhattan and New Jersey. From creative fundraising to team building events and spreading awareness on the go, CH3 members are resolute in their mission. The funds raised go towards serving underprivileged children. In the years to come, the plan is to think out of the box and come up with fun and innovative ideas to fundraise, and use social media as a tool to share their message.

## Founding CH3 Board Members

Divya Advani, Karishma Kamat, Rhea Manjrekar, Fatemah Mukadum, Milan Sani



“CH3 instilled in me not only a love for volunteering, but a passion to leave a legacy. As something I started when I was 14, I carried on the skills, work ethics, and spirit of giving back throughout my high school, career, college, and now adult life. CH3 opened doors for me to rebuild houses after natural disasters, travel the country to teach kids how to code in remote areas, and develop networking skills I thought I never had. It has made me the person and professional I am today!” - Rhea Manjrekar, one of the first members of CH3

“I believe every child deserves access to quality education and opportunities, regardless of their background. Witnessing the potential within these children inspires me to secure the resources and support they need through CH3.” - Farah Kurani





# BOARD

## **Dina Pahlajani – President and Cofounder**

Dina Pahlajani, MD, is the Cofounder and President of Children's Hope India. She is a practicing pediatrician with Physician Partners, Northwell Health, in Long Island, NY. In addition to her passion for helping children, Dina is also interested in global medicine and has led medical missions to India and El Salvador. She is a member of Nassau Pediatric Society and sits on its Charity Committee.



## **Moneesha Sani – Vice President**

Moneesha Sani grew up in India and received a Bachelor's Degree in Economics and Sociology from St. Xavier's College. Moneesha is a real estate agent with Douglas Elliman and is involved with the Arthritis Foundation, in addition to her energetic dedication to CHI. She has served, for the past 11 years, on the Benefit Committee for the Children's Hope Luncheon, and likes to get people together in creating a more engaged world.



## **Maya Rajani – Treasurer**

Maya Rajani is the owner and President of Infocache Corporation, a data management services company. She brings to the board expertise in strategic planning, corporate development, finance and marketing. Prior to CHI, Maya served as the Vice Chair and Treasurer of the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation for many years and on the Board of Buckley Country Day School. Her acumen for business, combined with a degree in social work, and a passion for creating social change have allowed her to successfully take on various roles in the organization. Maya was the most recent president of CHI.



## **Lavina Melwani – Cofounder and Director of Innovation & Strategy**

A Cofounder and Former President of CHI, Lavina Melwani has been involved in every aspect of the organization since its inception. Lavina graduated from the University of Delhi with a degree in History. An award-winning journalist, who has written for several international publications, including India Today, The Hindu and the Wall Street Journal, she also publishes the online lifestyle portal Lassi with Lavina and has blogged for the Smithsonian.



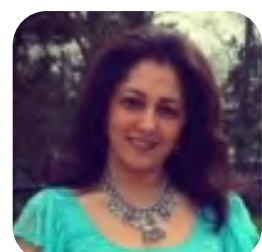
## **Nisha Bharwani – Board Member**

A graduate of the prestigious St. Mira's College in Pune, Nisha has over twenty years of small business accounting and administration experience, and her professionalism and leadership in managing CHI's financial accounting has been productive. Nisha is actively involved with CHI projects in India.



## **Kalika Bhatia – Board Member**

Kalika is a passionate business Owner/Operator of multiple and successful locations of the UPS Stores on Long Island, NY, for the last 22 years. She was given the honor by UPS to ring the opening bell at Nasdaq in August, 2014. Born and raised in India, she came to the US after completing her Bachelor's in Business and worked in the fashion industry as a designer for eight years, prior to owning her UPS Store franchisees.



# BOARD

## **Aarti Kamat – Board Member**

Aarti Kamat is currently Director of Product Development at JennZ, a New York based children's accessory company. She attended the American College of London where she earned a B.A. in Fashion Merchandising & Design. Committed to Children's Hope India for over the past decade, she has played an integral role in the annual Children's Hope Luncheon Benefit since 2009.



## **Kavita Lund – Board Member**

Kavita Lund is a long-standing member of the Executive Board of CHI since the last 26 years. She has served as President of CHI for four years, Treasurer for seven years and Vice President for three years. Kavita is currently Treasurer of The Forest Hills Montessori School and has been there since its inception over four decades ago. She graduated magna cum laude with a B.S. in Economics and Mathematics.



## **Gigi Ramnani – Board Member**

Kavita (Gigi) is the President and Owner of Stanford Care Center, an early-childhood education facility, with multiple locations based in New York. Prior to Stanford Care Center, Gigi worked at Price Waterhouse, and various family owned businesses. She graduated from New York University with a B.S. in Economics. Gigi also sits on the Executive Committee of Babes Against Cancer.



## **Sagorica Rudra – Board Member**

Sagorica has been a board member of CHI since 1995, and previously served as Secretary. She has spearheaded the silent auction at the annual gala and other charity events, and has overseen CHI's programs in Kolkata, India. Sagorica entered the financial services industry in 1993, after earning an M.B.A in International Finance from St. John's University.



## **Radha Vanjani – Cofounder and Board Member**

Radha is the President of Teachers Placement Group, as well as a Founding Member of CHI. She has served as a Treasurer of CHI in the past years and is currently the Head of the Journal Committee for producing the Annual Gala and CHI newsletters. Radha travels to India every year and visits CHI projects regularly. She has a Master's in Nutrition from MLB college in Bhopal, India.





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# ADVISORY BOARD

## Mohit Assomull

Mohit Assomull is the Managing Director and Head of Global Capital Markets at Morgan Stanley, based in New York. Prior to his current post, he served as the Co-Chief Operating Officer of the Institutional Securities group. Mohit has worked with companies and investors across a range of industries and regions, with focus on IPOs, private placements, and structured solutions for clients globally. He attended junior and high school in Hong Kong, and graduated from Tufts University with a B.A. in Economics.



## Madhur Jaffrey

Madhur is a renowned cookbook author. This “accidental cook” grew up in India, studying, thereafter, at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts in London and then moving to New York City to begin her career as an actress. In the 1960s, she was hired by BBC to work on a show on Indian cooking. She is the author of more than 30 cookbooks, including the seminal “An Invitation to Indian Cooking.” Her books have won awards and her writing has received recognition from The New York Times, Newsweek, Sunday Observer, Gourmet, Reader’s Digest, and Food & Wine.



## Tinku Jain

Born in New Delhi, India, Tinku is a prominent media personality in the South Asian community. She hosts a television program called “Namaste America” that airs in the U.S. She is also on the Advisory Committee of the Multicultural Development Initiative of the Metropolitan Museum of Art. In 2005, Tinku and her husband founded the Jain Foundation, whose goal is to hasten every avenue that may lead towards the cure for LGMD2B/Miyoshi Muscular Dystrophy.



## Sanjay Kamlani

Sanjay is the Founder and CEO of Maker5 Inc., a legal innovation advisory, software development services, and venture studio for law firms and corporate counsel. After building a U.S.-India business practice as a lawyer at PricewaterhouseCoopers in the ‘90s, Sanjay became the GC & CFO on the founding management team of OfficeTiger, the pioneer of professional support services for offshore outsourcing. In 2004, he co-founded Pangea3, a Sequoia Capital portfolio company that became the pioneer and leader in legal outsourcing, before being acquired by Thomson Reuters in 2010 and more recently by EY. Sanjay has been recognized by The American Lawyer as a Top 50 Innovator in Big Law in the Last 50 Years, and has been featured in the ABA Law Journal’s 100 Years of Law. He earned his B.A. from Duke University and his JD from the University of Pennsylvania, where he served as an Associate Editor of the Univ. of Pennsylvania Law Review. Sanjay is admitted to the New York Bar.



## Dr. Bhushan Khashu

Bhushan is a prominent Urologist in New York City and Long Island. In addition to practicing Urology, he has served as Medical Director at North Shore University Hospital and Wyckoff Hospital Medical centers. Bhushan has been on the teaching faculty of SUNY, Stony Brook, Albert Einstein College Of Medicine, New York School of Osteopathic Medicine and has published widely in the field of Urology.



# ADVISORY BOARD

## **Poonam Khubani**

Poonam is the Vice President of TeleBrands International (the “As Seen On TV” commercial giant) and President of International Edge. She has been recognized as one of the Top 25 Leading Women Entrepreneurs of New Jersey according to the Leading Women Entrepreneurs Initiative (LWENJ). Additionally, Poonam has been awarded for her professional and cultural contributions, including the Visual Media Award from the New India Times, the NRA Television and Film Award, and the Roshini (Light of Angel) Award. She is also an actress and producer, known for Aryan: Unbreakable (2006) and Star of Jaipur (1998).



## **Prakash Melwani**

Prakash is Senior Managing Director at Blackstone, and is based in New York. He is the Chief Investment Officer of the Private Equity group and chairs each of its investment committees. Prakash received a First Class Honors degree in Economics from Cambridge University, and an MBA, with High Distinction, from the Harvard Business School, where he graduated as a Baker Scholar and a Loeb Rhodes Fellow. He serves as a Director of Crocs, Kosmos Energy, Performance Food Group, RGIS Inventory Specialists and Blackstone’s strategic partner, Patria. Prakash sits on the Board of St. Bernard’s School in New York City, on the Board of Dean’s Advisors at Harvard Business School and on the President’s Council on International Activities at Yale University.



## **Raju Mirchandani**

Raju is the Founder and President of Ross International, and the Chief Executive Officer of the Ross Group, a leader in the reverse supply chain and warehousing services industry. Under his leadership, the Ross Group has expanded its presence throughout the United States and Canada. Raju resides in New York City and is a Golden Alumnus of the HR College of Commerce (Mumbai), India. He has been an avid supporter of Children’s Hope for over 20 years.



## **Daryl Harrison Rand**

Daryl is the President of HarrisonRand Advertising, a Small and Women’s Business Enterprise Corporation, fully certified by the State of New Jersey and the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey. The agency has won over 100 awards on behalf of a wide variety of clients in the NJ/NY region. In 2008, NJBIZ named Rand as one of New Jersey’s Best 50 Women in Business. Later that year, the NJ Ad Club inducted her into its Hall of Fame. She is the former chairman of the Hudson County Chamber of Commerce, which honored her in 2009 as a Legend. At present, Rand is producing One World: Empowering Women for the Global Conversation, an inaugural conference to focus attention on gender empowerment and equality.



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## **Sunil Sani**

Sunil is the President at CGS Investments, Inc., a family-owned investment company, and Principal at Flying Ventures, LLC, a family-run, early-stage, Venture Capital Fund. He serves as a trustee of the Sani Family Foundation, which focuses on children's issues and causes in India; Sunil also sits on the Executive Committee of the Father's Day/Mother's Day Council, and is a Board Member of the Great Neck Police Athletic League; he also serves as a Board Member of the Harvard Schools Committee in Long Island and is Member of the Save the Children Board of Trustees. Sunil received his Bachelor's degree from Harvard College in 1985 and an M.B.A. from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in 1987.



## **Sarat Sethi**

Sarat graduated magna cum laude from Lehigh University in 1992, where he was a Martindale Scholar, earning a Bachelor of Science in Business and Economics. After working at Coopers & Lybrand as a certified Public Accountant, Sarat attended Harvard Business School, where he completed his Master's in Business Administration. He worked for JP Morgan in the Mergers & Acquisition/Corporate Finance area, focusing on domestic and cross-border transactions until joining DCLA in 1999. He serves on Lehigh University's Board of Trustees, is the President of the Martindale Society and Chair of the University's Endowment Investment Committee. Sarat was also President of the Lehigh University Alumni Association. He became a Partner of DCLA in 2001, a Managing Director in 2013 and a Managing Partner in 2016.



## **Haresh Tharani**

Haresh is the Principal and Chairman of Tharanco Group, the parent company for various innovative fashion and textile-related companies across the world. Haresh has also expanded into private holdings with brand building, real estate and private equity. Tharanco Group, formerly The Resource Club Ltd, was launched in 1988 by Haresh and continues to evolve, reaching a variety of industries. In addition to Haresh's dedication and support to CHI, he is also a Board Member of the KIDS Fashion Delivers organization and The Father's Day/Mother's Day Council.



# THE TEAM

## **Ravi Ganti, Expert - Programs**

Prior to joining his present role as the Director - Programs, Children's Hope India, Ravi worked as Chief Operating Officer of CHI-Ekalavya Schools in Hyderabad and Bangalore. He also worked for Byrraju Foundation, leading a Science education project for high school students in 100 adopted government schools across united Andhra Pradesh. In addition, Ravi worked as a Non-Formal Education (NFE) expert for World Education. He brings with him 23 years of experience in the education and development sectors, and holds a Masters in Microbiology and Human Resource Management.



## **Aarti Doshi, Accounts Manager & Project Coordinator**

Aarti Doshi has been with Children's Hope India since 2013. She oversees donor relations and finances for the organization. Prior to working at CHI, she was assisting with financial aid and admissions at Spartan Health Sciences University. Aarti received her Bachelor's degree from H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, University of Mumbai.



## **Sarah Berry, Director - Communication and Partnerships**

Sarah brings with her 29 years of professional experience. Post her last service at the Embassy of Switzerland, New Delhi (2014), where she served as the Official Coordinator for the celebration of bi-lateral ties between Switzerland and India, Sarah began her journey as a Consultant in the social impact sector, working with more than 25 NGOs; her areas of expertise are: communication, partnerships and external affairs, besides serving as an Editor too. Sarah has written more than 700 articles for mainlines, regionals, domain specific publications and digital media. She serves/d as a trustee and advisory board member for more than five NGOs.



## **Tamla Robins, Operations Manager**

Tamla holds a Master's in Urban Affairs from Hunter College, with focus on nonprofit management. She has over 18 years experience in the nonprofit world. Her extensive experience includes working in higher education with programs that support the Education and professional development of vulnerable young people. She was a Program Coordinator at Columbia University's Workplace Center. Tamla also served as the Program Coordinator at Hunter College's Public Service Scholar Program, and was a Program Administrator for the Liberty Partnership Programs at Hunter College and Columbia University.





# FINANCE

**CHILDREN'S HOPE INDIA, INC.**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**December 31, 2023 and 2022**

**ASSETS**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,070,641	\$ 2,242,108
Certificates of Deposit	604,142	300,000
Investments, at fair value	1,761,587	1,589,175
Contributions Receivable	<u>15,432</u>	<u>41,713</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,451,802</u>	<u>\$ 4,172,996</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and accrued Expenses	\$ 18,899	\$ 5,727
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**NET ASSETS**

Without donor restrictions	<u>\$ 4,432,903</u>	<u>\$ 4,167,269</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>4,432,903</u>	<u>4,167,269</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 4,451,802</u>	<u>\$ 4,172,996</u>

# FINANCE

CHILDREN'S HOPE INDIA, INC.  
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

**Changes in net assets without donor restrictions:**

**Support and Revenue:**

	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
Special events	\$ 839,495	\$ 917,078
Donations	450,996	212,393
Grants	-	30,000
Interest and dividends	148,040	60,833
Realized and unrealized gains (losses) on investments	150,153	(229,890)
Other income	-	6,880
	<u>1,588,684</u>	<u>997,294</u>

Total unrestricted support and revenue

**Expenses:**

Program Related Expenses	993,947	924,652
Management and general	102,488	107,436
Fundraising	226,616	195,985
Total Expenses	<u>1,323,051</u>	<u>1,228,073</u>

Changes in net assets without donor restriction

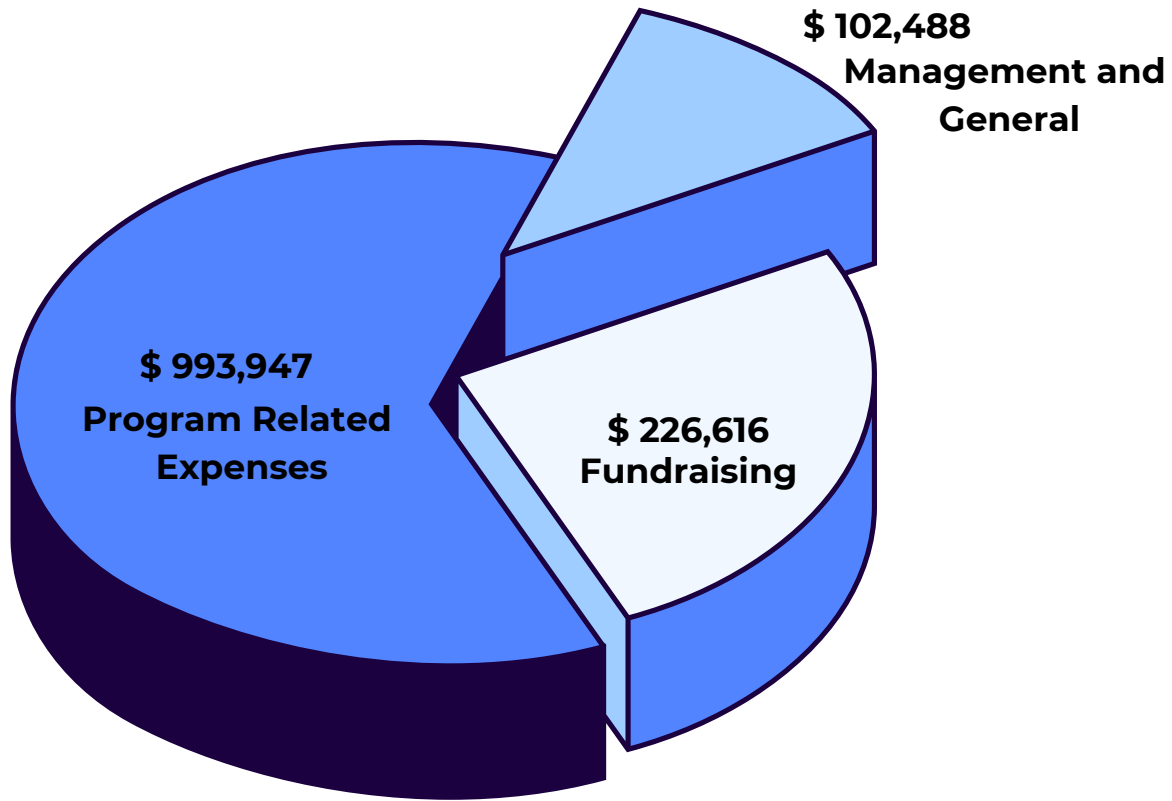
Net assets without donor restrictions, beginning of year

Net assets without donor restrictions, end of year

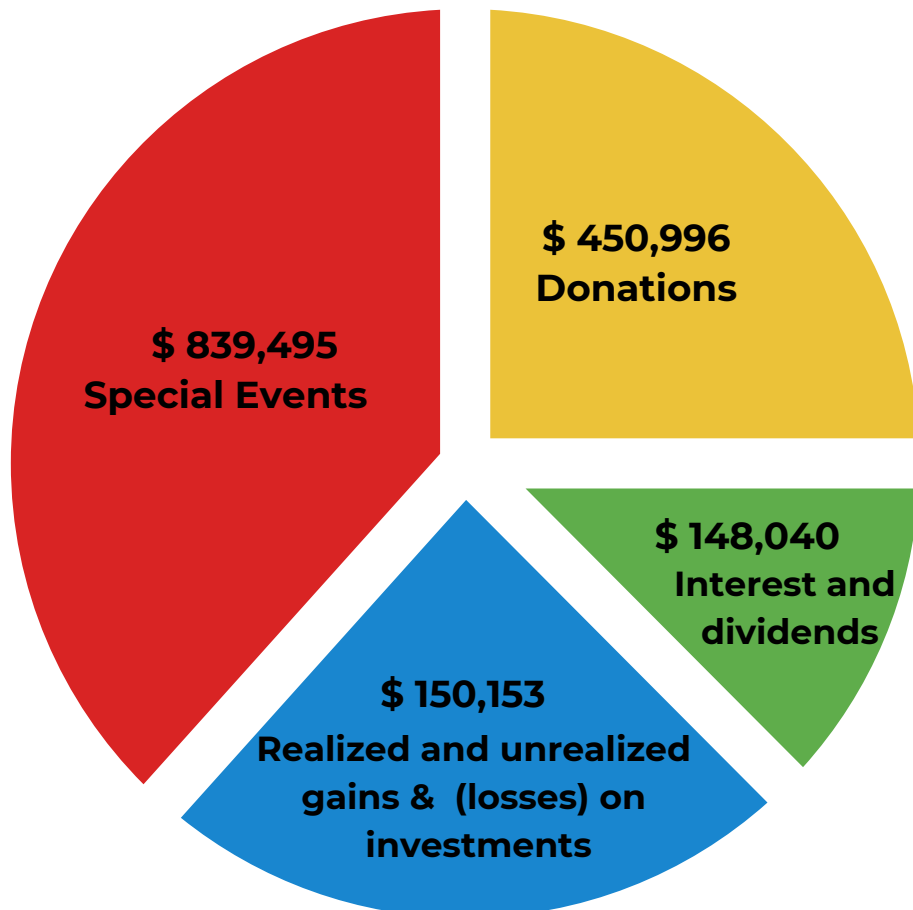
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# FINANCE

**TOTAL EXPENSES = \$ 1,323,051**



**TOTAL UNRESTRICTED SUPPORT AND REVENUE = \$ 1,588,684**





**We thank you for your love and support!  
You have helped change so many lives.**

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