

# CHARIOTS FOR HOPE

Annual Report 2014



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Defending the fatherless in Kenya

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Robert D. Feller

Dear Friend of Chariots for Hope,

I am pleased to present you with a copy of the Chariots for Hope 2014 Annual Report. 2014 was an extraordinary year for Chariots for Hope. We encountered some of the greatest challenges in our history, and these challenges created an amazing backdrop by which we could witness the Lord's incredible faithfulness. We are so thankful for His provision through the generosity of so many supporters and partners of our work. Throughout 2014, Chariots for Hope provided continuous care for nearly 1,000 vulnerable and orphaned children in Kenya.

Chariots for Hope ended 2014 better positioned to fulfill our vision than ever before — to provide hope and opportunity to vulnerable and orphaned children so that they develop into exemplary, impactful citizens and leaders. We are excited about the future of Chariots for Hope — in particular, the future of the children we serve.

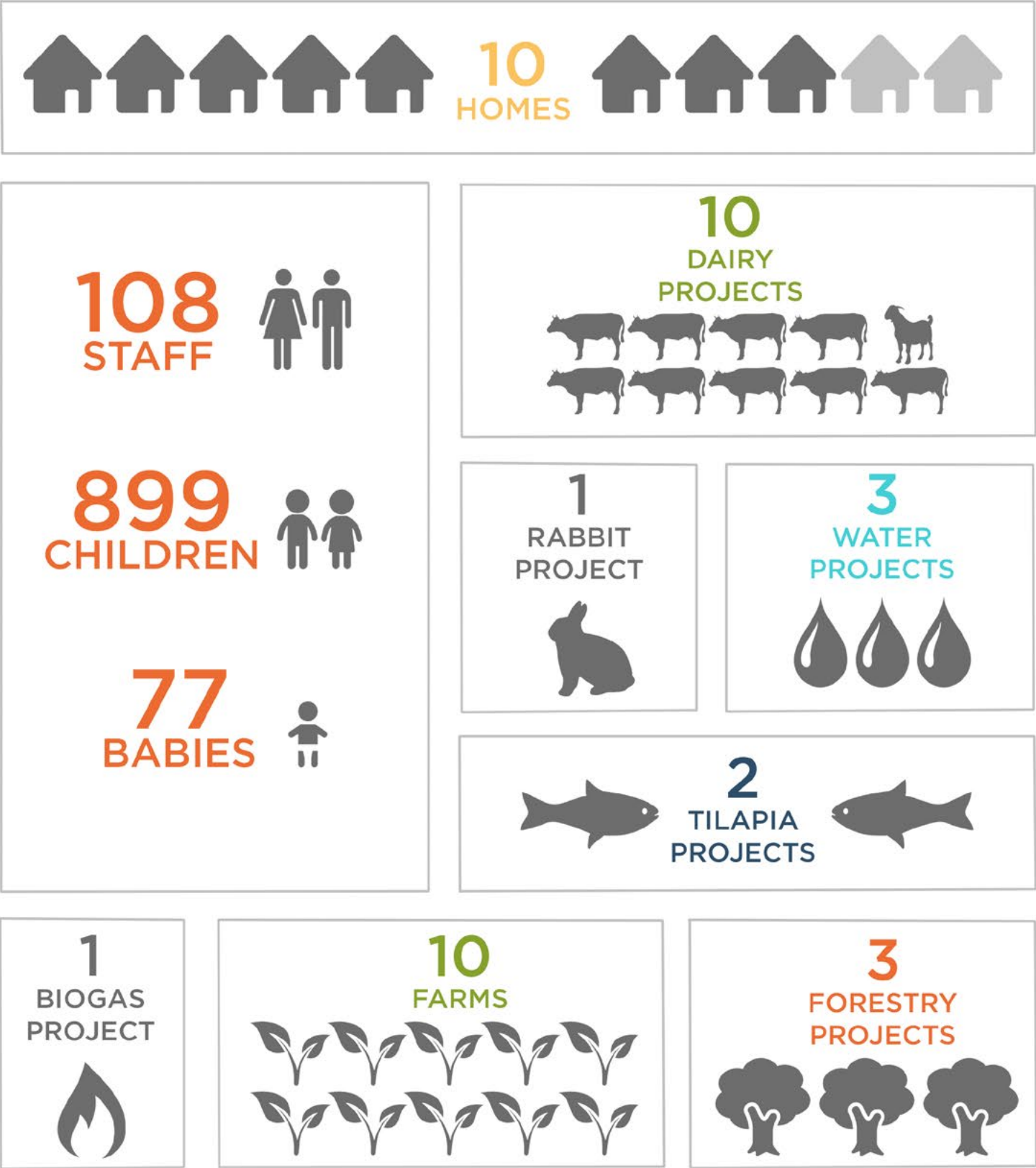
With great hope,

*Robert D. Feller*

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President & CEO



CHARIOTS at a glance...





### Kaptagat Children's Home

100 Children

Partner: Cornerstone Church of Skippack

We began our first goat project this year. We currently are raising nine goats that provide nutritious milk for our children.

### Mahiga Children's Home

97 Children

Sponsor: Christ's Home for Children

Sports and activities are a huge part of life for our kids. This year at Mahiga several children competed in divisional athletics, the equivalent of state competitions in the US.

### Kangundo Children's Home

100 Children

Our kids love being a part of their local community. A group of children from Kangundo presented a song and a poem as part of a national holiday celebration in the local town.

### Kitui Baby Home

40 Babies

Partner: 58ten

We are so excited to share that Kitui has welcomed a new home manager, Winnie Kioko! Winnie has been with Chariots for three years and brings a wealth of experience, education, and love to our precious babies at Kitui.

### Ogada Children's Home

106 Children

Partner: Bethlehem Baptist Church

This year at Ogada we were so excited to add a rainwater catchment system that allows the home to harvest rainwater.

### Mogogosiek Baby Home

37 Babies

Partner: Integrity Foundation

Through a partnership with Kenya Children's Home Adoption Society, two children were adopted into Kenyan families.

### Maai Mahiu Children's Home

126 Children

Partner: Chelton, a church of hope

We are so proud to see our children achieving their dreams. One of our graduates recently completed nursing school and is now employed at a local missions hospital.

### Mukaa Children's Home

104 Children

Partner: Sustained Acts

Each child comes to us with different needs. We helped meet the needs of several of our children with disabilities when they began to attend a school with programs tailored specifically for them.

### Mbooni Children's Home

117 Children

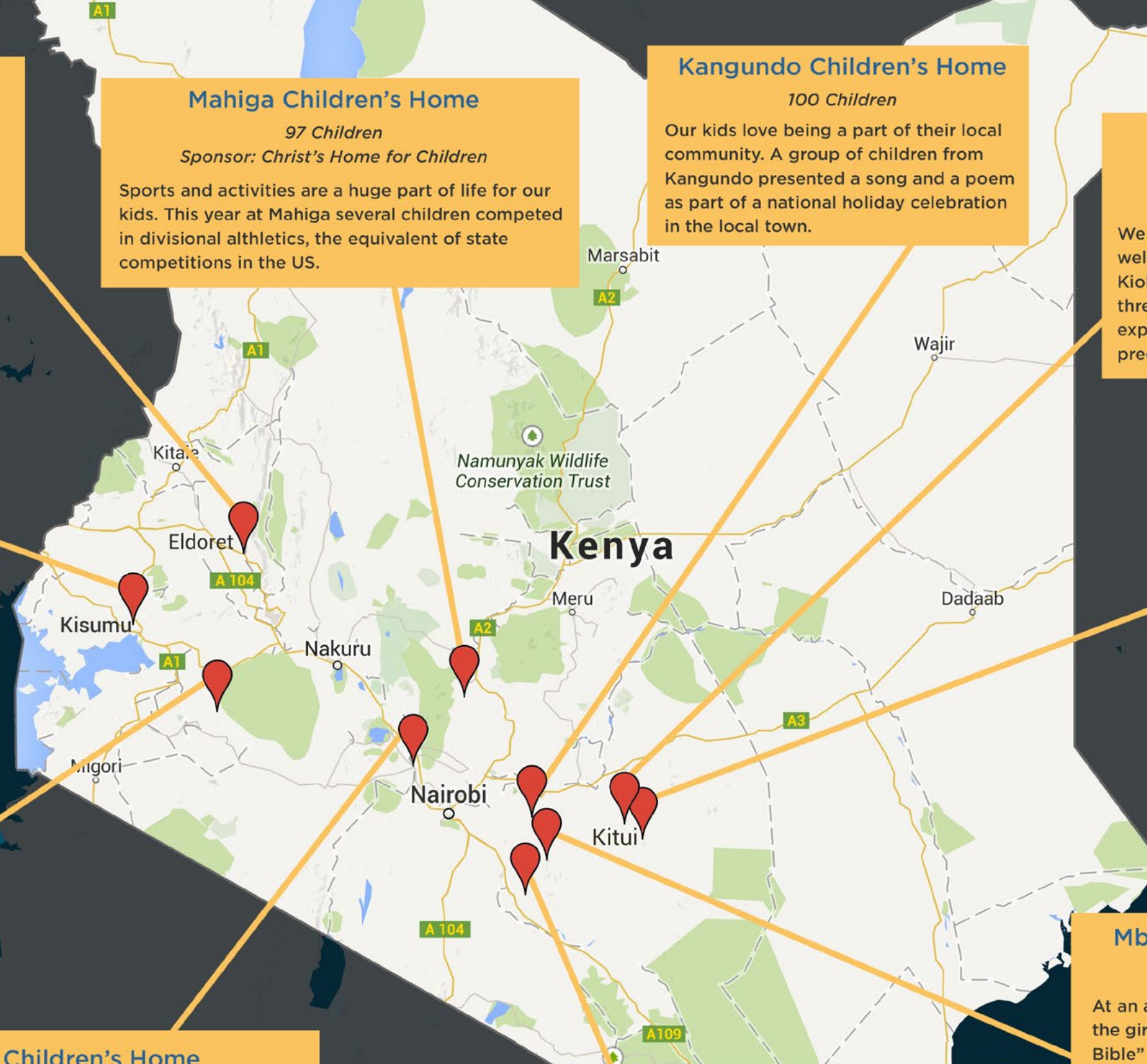
At an annual regional church conference the girls presented "Walk through the Bible" to several hundred people.

### Mulango Children's Home

149 Children

Partner: 58ten

It was a blessing to be able to provide two girls who suffered from significant leg and foot disabilities with corrective surgery. Both girls are now able to walk without a limp, allowing them to fully function in daily life.





# CHARIOTS FOR HOPE HIGHLIGHTS

## Trips to Kenya

It is a priority for our US-based staff to be continually engaged with our staff and partners in Kenya. Each year we oversee trips to each of our homes with our partner organizations, interns and friends of Chariots for Hope. God has worked in amazing ways through these trips.

Since its inception, Chariots for Hope has held a close partnership with the Africa Inland Church, Kenya Central Office, to provide leadership oversight to our homes. This partnership has continued to grow. In November, our CEO, Bob Feller, and Executive Director, Mark Wakeman, met with Presiding Bishop Yego and Deputy Presiding Bishop Gichure to formalize and sign a new memorandum of understanding, further solidifying our continued partnership.



Bishop Gichure, Bishop Yego & Bob Feller



In order to foster continued development in each home manager, we held a leadership conference in November to provide a time of learning and growth for our managers. They were able to come together to share experiences and struggles while receiving leadership training through speakers and videos. We are so thankful for the amazing men and women God has brought to our homes.

**“W**e must always keep in mind that we are  
working together to serve God  
and care for the children.”

AIC Presiding Bishop Yego

## Annual Fundraising Banquet

“Every Child Deserves a Name” was the theme of our fifth annual banquet held in May. Supporters generously gave over \$100,000 to help further the mission of Chariots for Hope and provide each child in our care with their own unique identity and hope for the future. We were so grateful to have Joseph Wainaina as our keynote speaker. Joseph is a Kenyan native who served as a chaplain at one of our children’s homes before moving to Chicago with his family to pursue higher education. He gave a great perspective on how identity plays a huge role in the Kenyan culture.



## Mukaa Community Water Project

Rotary Club International, in partnership with Sustained Acts, Chariots for Hope and JB Drilling, drilled a borehole 146 meters deep to provide clean water for the children’s home and the community! Prior to this drill, the home had to purchase water, and the children had to walk each day to collect the water they needed for bathing.

**In** Kenya, most people are not able to turn a faucet to get fresh, clean water. It is not uncommon for citizens to walk 4 miles to gather water. It’s important to us that our children have access to clean water. Generous partners worked to bring fresh water to two homes and their local communities.



## Mulango Children’s Home Borehole

JB Drilling, 58ten, and Chariots for Hope partnered to bring fresh water to the Mulango campus. A borehole was drilled in late 2013 but needed more work to be operational. We are thrilled to report that water is now able to run through the pipes of the home. This well has allowed the home to have water without having to dig in a dry riverbed and carry it to the home.

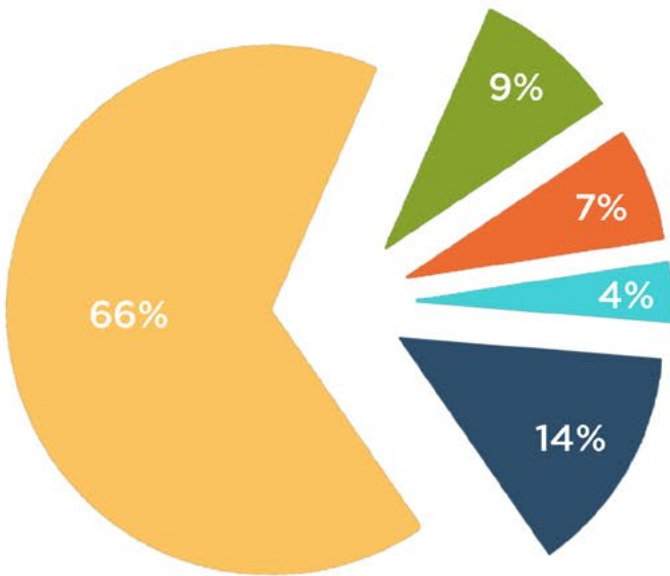




# 2014 Financials

Expenses	2014	2013
Education Expenses	\$117,089.00	\$71,618.00
Children's Home Expenses	551,705.84	543,654.13
Other Program Expenses	75,202.94	115,362.90
Administrative Expenses	58,180.95	65,220.54
Fundraising Expenses	30,626.48	35,498.60
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$832,805.21</b>	<b>\$831,354.17</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$925,160.92</b>	<b>\$764,262.13</b>

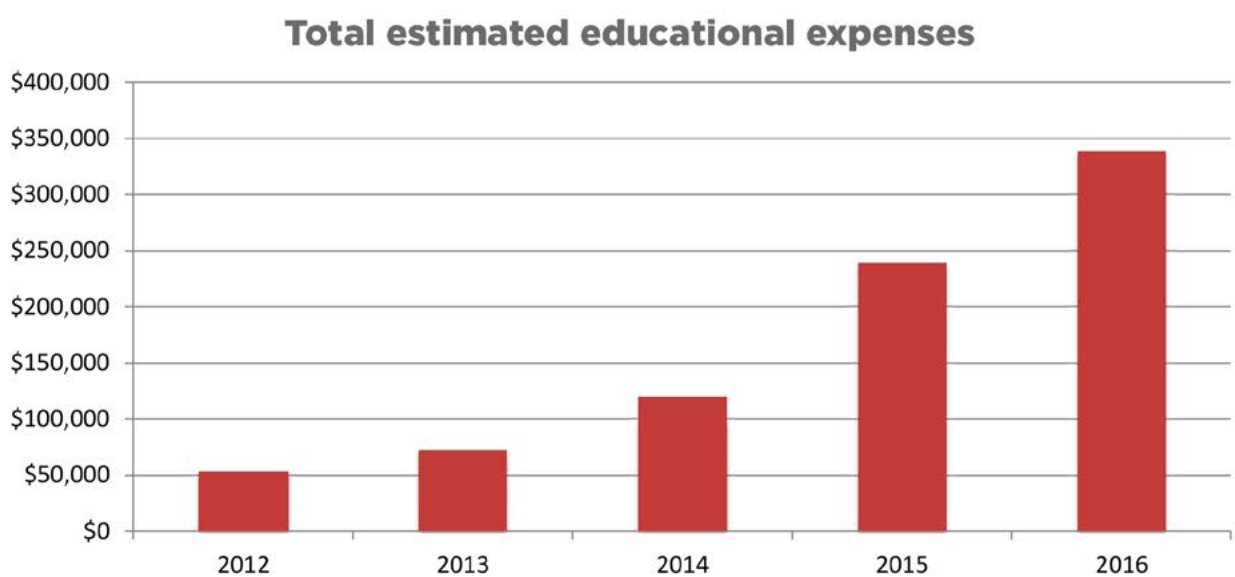
## 2014 Expenses



# The Rising Cost of Education

Chariots for Hope seeks to educate each child to their fullest potential. Education in Kenya is a great privilege and our students work hard to excel in their studies. Below, you see the challenge that we face as our children grow. Chariots is implementing a new **Educational Scholarship Fund** to help our children receive the education necessary to change the course of their lives and the future of their communities.

Education is critical to a hope-filled future!



## How does the educational system work in Kenya?

<u>Primary School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Considered to be free education in Kenya</li><li>• Children are not mandated to attend</li><li>• Nursery through 8th Grade</li><li>• Cost to Chariots includes school uniform, textbooks, and supplies</li></ul>	<u>Secondary School</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students test in to qualify</li><li>• 9th through 12th Grade</li><li>• Average cost: \$700 per year</li><li>• Most Secondary Schools are boarding schools</li></ul>
<u>College / University</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Students test in to qualify</li><li>• Average cost: \$2,000 per year</li><li>• Students earn a diploma in 2 years or a degree in 4 years</li></ul>	<u>Polytechnic Training</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• An option for students who do not qualify for Secondary School or College</li><li>• Average cost: \$1,000 per year</li><li>• 1-2 year certificate program in a trade skill such as mechanics, tailoring, or computers</li></ul>



# A Look Ahead to 2015

Our children are at the center of everything we do. It is our desire to strengthen the 10 homes under our care to continue to advance the health of the homes in caring for our children. We strive to provide more than just food and shelter; we focus on their social, emotional, educational, and spiritual health.

We are excited to introduce Schuyler and Ashley Walden, former Chariots' interns, as our 2015 internship leaders. Six interns will spend eight weeks in Kenya enhancing their professional skills while living in our children's homes.

Chariots interns continue to be our greatest advocates -- passionate and committed to our children in Kenya long after their internship experience.

## Fundraising Goals:

- 197 individual child sponsors (\$45/month)
- Home partners for Mbooni and Kangundo
- Funds to meet the rising education costs for those children who are entering secondary school, college, and vocational training.
- Several critical facility needs including:
  - \$50,000 - Boy's Dormitory at Mahiga
  - \$40,000 - Dining Hall & Kitchen at Mogogosiek

## The Banquet is coming!

We are excited for this year's fundraising banquet 'A HOPE-FILLED FUTURE' to be held on May 8th

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# THANK YOU

## ORGANIZATIONAL FINANCIAL SPONSORS:

58ten

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Calvary Church, Souderton

Cheltenham, a church of hope

Christ's Home for Children

Cornerstone Church of Skippack

Friends of Mulango

Impact Thrift Stores

Integrity Foundation

Sustained Acts

## DONATION OF SERVICE:

Lightify

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## HUNDREDS OF NAMES SHARING ONE COMMON GOAL....

We thank God for the hundreds of individuals who have generously and sacrificially given to Chariots for Hope in 2014. Though we've chosen not to recognize individual donor names here, know that we could not meet the needs of our children in Kenya without your gifts.

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