



10 years! looking back, moving forward

Dear Friend of Chariots for Hope,

In 2019, Chariots for Hope celebrated ten years of providing opportunity and hope to vulnerable and orphaned children in Kenya. As we have considered these ten years, this Decade of Hope, we've been amazed and overwhelmed with thankfulness for the Lord's blessing on Chariots for Hope from its inception to now. In this time, we have loved and provided for well over a thousand children!

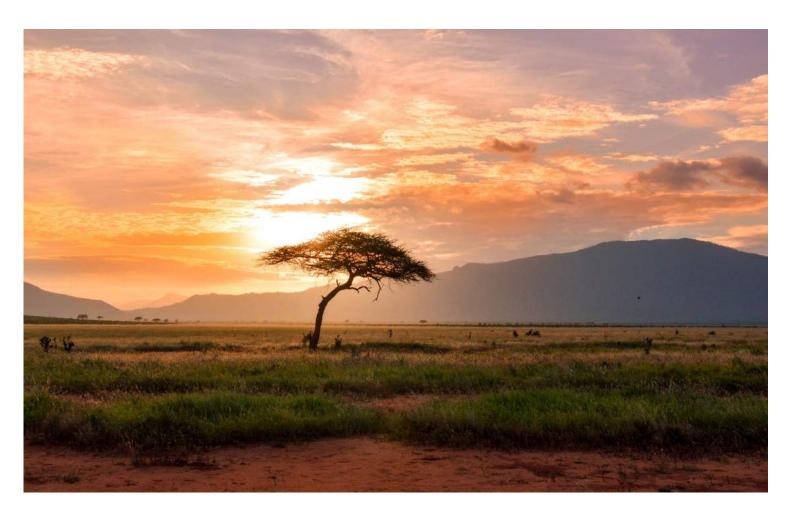
We are thrilled that so many children have been blessed through the work of Chariots, but we know that their lives are transformed one at a time. Our mission and vision states that Chariots for Hope exists to honor God by loving, nurturing, and providing for vulnerable and orphaned children by leading and sustaining holistically healthy children's homes in Kenya. We seek to provide these children with opportunity and hope so that they develop into exemplary citizens, leaders, and followers of Jesus Christ. We've had the privilege of seeing our children grow in joy, character, and confidence.

With great hope,

Robert A. Feller

Bob Feller President & CEO





a decade of hope

CELEBRATING GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

onsidering the Lord's faithfulness over Chariots' first ten years, we look to the future with excitement and great hope. We know that more people are actively supporting our work through financial giving, volunteering, and prayer than ever before. We thank the Lord for each one of you, and we enter 2020 with full confidence that the Father of the fatherless will continue to bless our efforts to provide opportunity and hope to the vulnerable and orphaned children of Kenya.

n this Decade of Hope, we have faced many challenges and have witnessed the Lord's provision in amazing ways. Beautiful examples of His faithfulness, including the ones listed below, have strengthened our belief that He considers Chariots for Hope His work."



Physical healing of our children from brain tumors, heart conditions, extreme malnutrition, and other extremely serious conditions

Emotional healing of children who have been rescued from grave neglect and abandonment

Extraordinary financial gifts that met serious needs at critical times from donors that were unknown to Chariots until they reached out to us with the intent of giving substantially to our work

Completion of major facility upgrades at all our homes, including very necessary projects whose daunting costs seemed, at their outset, to be impossible to fund

Growth of the sense of family throughout the Chariots network – among and between Chariots children, Kenya and U.S. staff, and our partners and supporters

Protection and blessing over countless teams that have traveled to our children's homes in Kenya to visit and encourage our children and staff there

Incredible faithfulness of our long-term partners, supporters, and staff

Testimonies of transformed lives among our many children who have professed faith in Jesus

On a recent trip to Kenya, my entire family visited the Mahiga Children's Home for the first time and finally met our sponsored child, James. Words cannot adequately express how overjoyed we were to discover James' incredible faith in the Lord—and his progress overcoming many challenges, including total blindness. How different would things be for James without the love and support of Chariots for Hope? I can personally attest that Chariots for Hope is actively changing James' life—and mine too! Teresa Castronuovo



As I serve on the board of Chariots for Hope, and as my wife and I provide financial support for various projects, we sense that God's plan to currently take care of over 800 children annually really started decades ago in our lives. If someone is thinking about getting involved in Chariots' ministry today they might want to reflect on how God brought them to this point and how they can be used to enhance the physical, emotional, and spiritual lives of our children. It's so encouraging to see children who are well cared for come to faith in Christ at an age where they will be able to serve Him for decades to come.



Teresa Castronuovo Sherri DeWalt, Chair Bob Feller Paul Keisling Jim Kulp Richard Smyth Stella Mugambi Tai



Jim and Janice Kulp



Chariots for Hope is founded!

Maai Mahiu & Mukaa Children's Homes join network

Partnership with Africa Inland Church—AIC—is



2010



Kaptagat and Ogada Children's Home join the CFH network

1st intern team spends a summer in Kenya

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Kitui & Mogogosiek Baby Homes join the CFH network

Christ's Home begins their partnership with Mahiga Children's Home

2 girls at Maai Mahiu successfully undergo open heart surgery



2012



58ten partners with Mulango Children's Home-Chariots re-opens this once closed home

CFH partners with Kenya

Children's Home enabling babies to be



Boreholes are drilled at Mulango and Mukaa project completed in 2014

Cornerstone Church of Skippack partners with Kaptagat Children's Home

CFH promotes Paul Mwaniki to National Coordinator—our first national position

Crystal & Jack Parisi move



2014

Bob Feller joins Chariots for Hope as President & CEO



2016



Solomon diagnosed with

a brain tumor and undergoes a year of successful treatment

Kaptagat children begin



Homes participate in Red Cross Fire and First Aid Training

Cosmas Lagat hired as Program Manager, Kenya

Healing Trauma Training held with children and teens at all 6 Chariots



2018 Mogogosiek dining hall is the first large scale project funded primarily

within Kenya Nurses

are added to the staff

at both



CFH Academy—classes for 5th thru 8th grade students—opens at Maai Mahiu Children's Home

Maai Mahiu Children's Choir places second in regionals at the National Music Competition

2009



Chelten—a church of hope partners with Maai Mahiu Children's Home

Sustained Acts partners with Mukaa Children's

Sustained

2011

Bethlehem Baptist Church partners with





3 babies are adopted

into loving homes!



Baby homes receive first multivitamin grant from

2015



Children's homes visit each other over breaks

US office doubles office space and begins using Donor Perfect database

Tutors are added at every



\$1,000,000



CFH receives ECFA accreditation



2017



\$1,500,000

Donations reach \$1.5 million dollars!





'Theraplay'

is a child and family therapy that focuses on improving the child's behavior and emotional challenges through the caregiver-child relationship

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HOUSE MOM RETREAT | In August, 18 house moms from across our children's homes gathered together in Nairobi for a time of refreshment, relaxation, and professional development. Having been several years since this group of women were able to gather together, this was a very special time. Our house moms are just what their title describes: moms. They provide listening ears, they teach life skills, settle disagreements, and give the best hugs. Their jobs are incredibly rewarding, but as every parent knows, caring for children can also be exhausting!



During their time together the house moms received training in Theraplay techniques to help them better care for children coming out of trauma. The trainer, who has been working in Kenya for eight years, was impressed with these women and their dedication to the children in their care. She remarked that she has rarely experienced caregivers with this kind of tenure. Too often they burn out within only a few years and leave. Their dedication and consistency—many have served for over a decade—makes a huge impact on the children.

What is Theraplay and how does it work? Theraplay is a child and family therapy that focuses on improving the child's behavior and emotional challenges through the caregiver-child relationship. The parent-child or caregiver-child relationship is the most powerful and influential element for changing behaviors in children. Theraplay uses that relationship and interactive play to build safety, a sense of belonging and self-esteem, and to reduce irritating, negative, and destructive behaviors. Theraplay has been used successfully to help children experiencing a variety of behavioral challenges such as: excessive anger, disruptive behaviors, defiance, shyness, depression and anxiety, attention deficit and hyperactivity, autism and other developmental disorders, etc.

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MEET HELLEN | Hellen serves as the social worker at our Mahiga Children's Home. Helen has her bachelor's degree in social work and grew up in the community near the children's home. She is deeply invested in the social-emotional care of the children and does an amazing job of knowing each child as the individual they are. Here is just one example: Hellen noticed that Mercy* was exhibiting concerning symptoms. Hellen worked closely with our US office to advocate for special resources to help Mercy work through the trauma of her past. Not only has Mercy has been attending therapy, but Hellen has been working with the therapist to develop techniques to help reinforce and encourage what Mercy is learning in therapy. Mercy is improving greatly! Hellen is constantly working to grow and learn. In early 2020 she'll be attending a Level 1 Theraplay training alongside our Program Manager, Cosmas and other CFH leaders, to continue to enhance her skills.

*Name has been changed for the privacy of the child



Hellen | Social Worker, Mahiga Children's Home

MANAGERS' MEETING | Our annual managers' meetings have traditionally been important times for our leaders in Kenya to spend time with one another and with leaders and board members from the US. Recently we've been excited to see our managers and national staff take the initiative to plan their own more frequent meetings providing one another with an even stronger network of support. We've already seen positive outcomes:

- Strengthened relationships between managers to build a broad network of resources
- Advocacy for their staff members as they care for each one professionally and personally
- Praying together and supporting one another personally when someone experiences loss or a significant event
- Discussing what's happening nationwide and the impact it has on their children, such as a teen pregnancy epidemic
- Strategizing ideas for challenging areas like caring for and teaching responsibility to our children as they grow into young adults

These meetings deepen manager relationships and provide safe havens across the country for children attending boarding schools and colleges far away from the homes where they grew up. For example, Michael, Mulango Children's Home manager, may ask Emily, the manager at Ogada Children's Home, to check in on a child attending school near her in Kisumu. Though far from home, this child has a support system nearby.

this is family!

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MULANGO CHILDREN'S HOME is located in Kitui County, Kenya, east of Nairobi. After being closed for over a year, Mulango joined the Chariots for Hope network in 2012. Opening a home that had been closed was challenging. This home's partner, 58ten has been with them from the start and continues to provide financial and relational support for the home.



MICHAEL | CHILDREN'S HOME MANAGER

Earlier this year Michael Njoroge was promoted to the role of manager of Mulango Children's Home after the previous manager stepped away. Michael has a long history with our children's homes and is doing a phenomenal job leading this home! Being raised in a children's home himself, Michael is passionate about investing deeply in children. He began his tenure with Chariots for Hope as a regional accountant. In this role he worked with four of our homes, visiting each of them monthly. The job was bigger than just numbers for Michael. He prioritized building relationships with children at every home he visited. As manager, Michael continues to be a passionate advocate for the children, an inspiring leader of staff, and a strong promoter to the local community.

A UNIQUE PARTNERSHIP

Mulango Children's Home is located just a short distance from our Kitui Baby Home. These homes have worked hard over the past several years to build a close relationship, often looking at themselves as one home with two campuses. When the little ones at Kitui are ready to begin primary school they move to Mulango. Both homes work hard to make the transition as easy as possible by creating opportunities for the children at Kitui to naturally build relationships with the staff and children at Mulango. Many of the older girls at Mulango will come play with the children at Kitui and the preschool children will often come visit Mulango after church. Even after they move to Mulango, the staff from Kitui continue to visit the children, maintaining relationships. This is family!



Tiny Graduates! | Kitui Baby Home

REAL LIFE CHANGE AGNES' dad died the

AGNES' dad died the year she was born, and her mom died two years later. Relatives didn't want anything to do with Agnes or her siblings except for an elderly grandfather. He began selling parcels of his land to raise money for the children's care but ultimately was unable to provide for them. Agnes came to live at Mulango when she was 9 years old. For the first time, she attended school regularly. Today Agnes is in her second year of college studying accounting.



KALAA came to Kitui Baby Home when she was 3 years old. Due to severe neglect, she couldn't walk or talk and was malnourished. In the baby home's care, she improved significantly. Today, Kalaa is healthy! After receiving loving care and quality nutrition, she's now able to walk and play with the other children. Kalaa moved to Mulango Children's Home in 2019 and will be starting primary school in 2020. She's still learning to speak clearly, but we're confident this will improve in time.

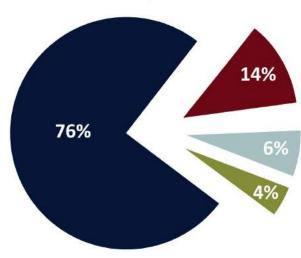


KAMWENDE'S dad passed away from malaria when she was 2 years old. Immediately after, her mom disappeared and hasn't been seen since. Kamwende was left with her impoverished grandmother who had no source of stable income. Kamwende came to Mulango when she was 9 years old. She was only in second grade because she had not been able to attend school on a regular basis. Now she's in trade school taking a course in hotel hospitality.



Expenditures	2019	2018	2017
Children's Home Expenses	\$1,088,951.54	\$943,761.80	\$854,099.05
Other Program Expenses	205,067.23	214,134.09	165,838.29
Administrative Expenses	91,560.55	95,591.11	72,265.56
Fundraising Expenses	54,826.24	50,167.63	49,432.84
Total Expenses	\$1,440,405.56	\$1,303,654.63	\$1,141,635.74
Total Income	\$1,705,987.12	\$1,511,263.70	\$1,139,870.29

2019 Expenses



Note: Income in 2018 and 2019 includes \$197,700 and \$143,000 respectively raised as part of initial stage of education capital campaign.

Unaudited results. 2019 audit will be completed in the coming months.

Chariots for Hope is proud to be ECFA Certified. ECFA holds Christ-centered ministries and churches to the highest standards of fiscal responsibility, transparency, and integrity.



of every dollar spent goes directly to the care of our children





in pursuit of excellence

CHARIOTS FOR HOPE ACADEMY exists to empower students to be men and women of character and to equip them with knowledge and skills through integrated curriculum, small class sizes, and devoted teachers.

ducation is a core tenant in our program. We believe that a quality education has significant implications on our children's future ability to break the cycle of poverty from which they came. This is why we provide for our children's full education including high school, trade school, and even college.

Local resources in primary education (1st – 8th grade) are vastly different at each of our homes. When Chariots first started, all our children attended local public schools. Wanting to ensure a solid educational foundation for our children, the leadership team began actively evaluating the quality of education. This has led to the addition of tutors at every home as well as transferring students in some areas to local private schools.

CHARIOTS FOR HOPE ACADEMY AT MAAI MAHIU

Maai Mahiu town has been growing rapidly, and the local public school has become overcrowded. The teacher to child ratio is 1:120. Our children's grades were dropping, and it didn't look like the situation was going to change. In 2017 we were able to send our grade 1-4 students to a local private school, but we still needed a solution for our grade 5 – 8 students. To meet this need we were thrilled to open Chariots for Hope Academy at Maai Mahiu in January of 2019.



HIGHLIGHTS

Existing classrooms on campus kept start-up expenses low

Our inaugural year included 31 students in grades 5-8 under the instruction of 4 teachers

A partnership with Bring Me Hope, a non-profit based in California, provided supplemental online English classes

The Academy became a registered school with the Kenyan Government

Pledged funding by several families have completely covered the on-going expenses of the Academy

For the 2020 school year, 17 students from the local Maai Mahiu community have been invited to join our school

thank you! 🖐

Our gratitude is far too great to fully express. The generous and faithful support of our partners, donors, and prayer warriors pushes our work to new heights each year, by the grace of God.

HOME PARTNERS

Home partners play a vital role in our homes. They are committed to providing significant resources and building deep, meaningful relationships with our children's home staff members and children.

58ten

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Chelten— a church of hope

Christ's Home

Cornerstone Church of Skippack

Immanuel Leidy's Church

Integrity Foundation

Sustained Acts

FRIENDS OF CHARIOTS

Friends of Chariots are businesses and organizations that generously contribute to the work of Chariots for Hope through donating finances, resources, or services.

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Jonathan Connolly Photography
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Liberty Ministries Thrift
Mission Projects Fellowship
Pretty Bird Coffee Co.
Rotary International
Trinity Valley Community Church
Vitamin Angels

e are so thankful for the hundreds of individuals and families who have faithfully and sacrificially given in 2019. Though we have chosen not to recognize individual donor names here, please know that we could not meet the needs of so many children in Kenya without your gifts.



our values

INTEGRITY—We will do what we say and zealously steward all that is entrusted to us.

EXCELLENCE—We will strive to do the best we can do to fulfill our mission and vision.

COMPASSION—We will demonstrate our care for others by treating them with love and kindness.

RESPECT—We will treat everyone with dignity and cultural understanding.

ETERNAL IMPACT—We will do our work with an eternal perspective.

HOLISTIC SERVICE—We will care for all aspects of the lives of the children we serve, including their physical, emotional, educational, social, and spiritual well-being.



Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.

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