



chariotsforhope

Annual Report 2021

Celebrate

what it means
to be family



CELEBRATE FAMILY

Dear Friends of Chariots for Hope,

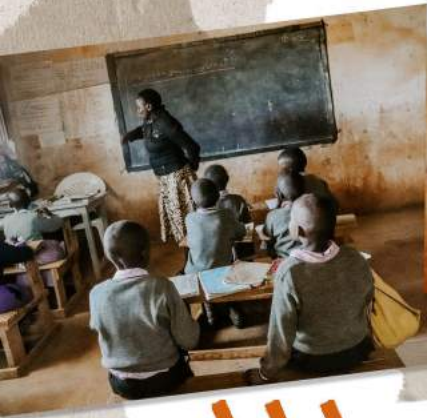
As I reflect on this year and the changes in our world and within Chariots for Hope, the word that remains at the forefront of my mind is family. Our desire for the newly rescued children brought into our care is for them to receive abundantly more than the basic needs they had been lacking, but that they would experience a hope that can only be found in a safe and loving family. From a biblical worldview, I am reminded of the spiritual family we are welcomed into through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. The depth of sacrificial love we experience in this family is something words cannot describe. We strive to create an environment in our homes for our children to accept love from dedicated staff and from our heavenly Father. We, at Chariots for Hope, are humbled and honored to be part of the new families represented by our children's homes.

I pray you will take time to reflect on your important role in the family of Chariots for Hope as you read through the amazing ways God blessed us this year. We could not provide loving homes to the children living in our care without you. I hope you realize the depth of gratitude we have for your role in our Chariots family.

With great hope,

Mark Wakeman

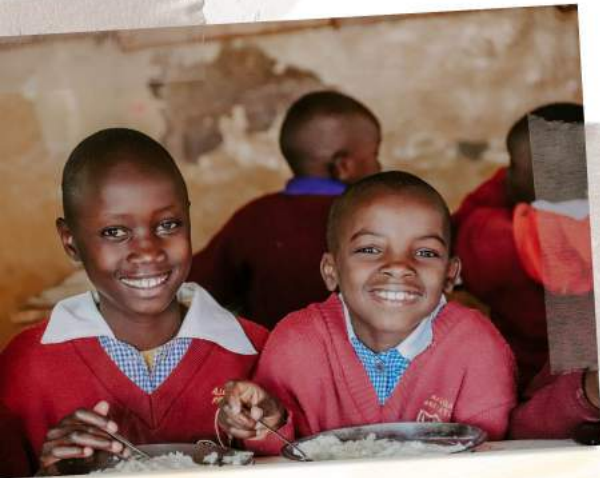
CEO



FAMILY NAME

What is the meaning of the name
chariotsforhope?

In ancient times, chariots brought supplies, support, and hope in a time of war. Thankfully, we are not fighting a physical war but we are fighting a spiritual war in our daily fight to advocate for each and every child in our homes. The purpose of our name comes from our desire to be a "chariot" that supplies our children who come from devastating situations with holistic care, opportunity, and hope.



MISSION & VISION

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.

Our Values ↘

Christ Centeredness

We will rely on Christ to lead us and abundantly bless our efforts.

Integrity

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

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.

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.



FAMILY UPDATES



Priscillah has been our beloved manager at Mogogosiek Baby Home for 22 faithful years! This past year, our Chariots team had the privilege of celebrating her legacy at her retirement party in Kenya on December 5, 2021.

The day consisted of dancing, celebrating, singing, and honoring her service and dedication to the babies that came into the home over the years. Priscillah inspired us all by singing, "count your many blessings, name them one by one" as she pointed to each of the staff and children during the ceremony.

Chariots is sad to see her retire but extremely thankful for the eternal impact she has made on Chariots for Hope and every baby under her care.



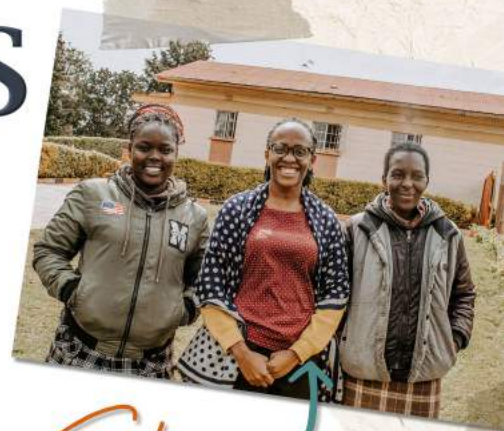
Priscillah



Stacy joined our Chariots family in February 2021 as the national program manager. She provides strategic leadership and consultation to our staff at all eight homes. In addition, she focuses on the developmental needs of children across all homes and works to implement new programs and initiatives.

Stacy orchestrated the first ever retreat for our 14 high school graduates who qualified to join university. Stacy invited guest speakers and a worship team to make this special time even more meaningful. This weekend focused on the students learning more about themselves, career planning, and team building activities. All the young adults in attendance enjoyed the weekend and felt they learned practical life skills.

This is one of many initiatives Stacy wants to implement in the future!



Stacy



LET'S Celebrate

THIS YEAR!



664 families
impacted in
the community



56 children
rescued into our
Chariots' family



114 caregivers
acting as parents



130 sibling
groups in
our homes



41 students
graduated
from trade
school,
college, or
university



801
birthdays
celebrated



12 adoptions
from our baby homes



PROVIDING TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

In the fall, Chariots started a partnership with Global Trauma Recovery Institute to begin training on staff to provide trauma-informed care. Dr. Heather Evans and Carol King, LPC taught the class. Each home's social worker and the National Program Manager participated in this 12-week online weekly class that consisted of recorded powerpoint presentations and an interactive discussion. The goal was to educate our staff to identify trauma and know how to respond.



"The trauma class has really empowered me. I know what to do with a child immediately when they are admitted into the children's home"

- Helen

"The lessons were informative and interactive. I learned how to have a deeper understanding of what is happening in the life of a child."

- Jeina



"I appreciate that it was from a biblical perspective."

- Stacy



Spiritual

In October 2021, Maai Mahiu Children's Home had a weekend retreat to share the gospel and foster spiritual growth. Twenty children accepted Christ as their Savior!



Social

Mulango Children's Home took several day retreats in December. Primary school children and secondary school children visited Machakos' People's Park. They enjoyed amusement rides, camel rides, and a grand meal! The college students went to Lake Naivasha, and university students enjoyed Chaka Ranch.



Educational

Harrison scored an A- on the Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education (KCSE) which led to his acceptance in the number one medical school in Nairobi. He is on track to be a brain surgeon!

HOLISTIC CARE IN OUR HOMES

Every Saturday at Mahiga Children's Home, dorm mothers lead a Theraplay group. Theraplay builds attachment and promotes healing from trauma.

Emotional



Physical

This year Veronica, a freshman in high school, was diagnosed with Lymphedema. In December, Vera received support supplies from a donor in the United States who understands the impact of Lymphedema through personal experience. The Chariots for Hope US based team had the opportunity to train the nurses at Vera's school as well as the staff at Ogada Children's Home to wrap her legs to decrease swelling.



FAMILY TRIPS

May

Crystal and Mark had the opportunity to visit Kenya for the first time since February 2020. On this trip, our team celebrated the opening of new staff housing units at Ogada Children's Home. As a part of a new initiative to prepare high school students for further education, our team assisted our program manager in leading students through an online strengths assessment. The trip ended with an encouraging meeting where home leadership gathered together to share ideas, dream for the future, and enjoy time together.



One way that Chariots was impacted by the global pandemic was our inability to visit our homes in Kenya for 16 months. We praise God for lessening restrictions which allowed for US staff members to travel in 2021!



November

The last trip of the year was the first time the entire US Chariots team traveled together. During this trip, Chariots met with representatives from the University of Eldoret to talk about developing a partnership to establish a sustainable farm at Kaptagat Children's Home. The team was also able to join with Integrity Foundation, a US partner of Mogogosiek Baby Home, to celebrate the retirement of Priscillah, the home manager. The team finished the trip by hand delivering packages to the excited children living at Maai Mahiu Children's Home!



In August, new members of the Chariots family had the opportunity to travel to Kenya for the first time! During this trip, the team participated in the opening ceremony of a new staff housing unit at Mahiga Children's Home. A significant highlight of the trip was bringing all the home managers together to experience an African safari for the first time. We praise God for this opportunity for togetherness, encouragement and rest.

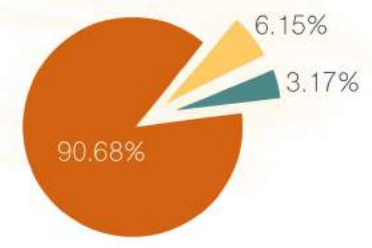
August



Expenditures	2021	2020	2019
Program Expenses	\$1,709,959	\$1,058,861	\$1,294,119
Administrative Expenses	\$115,981	\$96,293	\$91,561
Fundraising Expenses	\$59,697	\$56,508	\$54,826
Total Expenses	\$1,885,637	\$1,211,662	\$1,440,506
Total Income	\$1,622,633	\$1,274,115	\$1,705,987

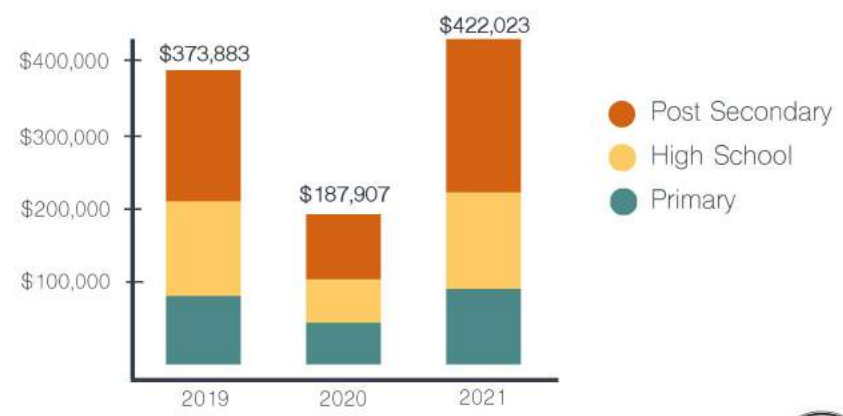
God Provides

There are many blessings to be thankful for this year. We are thankful for our generous donors, child sponsors, and home partners who make the work possible.



Holistic Care Includes Education

Education is a large part of the holistic care we provide to each and every child living in our homes. This year, many of our children were enrolled in trade school and college which led to increased tuition costs. In addition, due to COVID-19 the Kenyan government added an additional semester to make up for time lost as a result of the pandemic. This change resulted in an additional semester of tuition, which is represented in the graph below.



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WAYS TO GIVE

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Visit chariotsforhope.org to make a donation online. You can donate one time or set up a recurring gift. If you are interested in a specific program such as education or child sponsorship, you can donate specifically to that program. Donations can also be made in honor or memory of a friend or loved one.

AMAZON SMILE



If you are shopping on Amazon, part of the proceeds of the sale could be given to Chariots for Hope! Using your Amazon account at smile.amazon.com gives you the option of supporting your favorite participating organizations like Chariots for Hope.

LEGACY GIVING



Including Chariots for Hope in your legacy plan can make a long lasting impact on the sustainability of our ministry! Chariots for Hope partners with Ambassador Advisors to help plan for a legacy to spread the love and knowledge of Jesus through planned giving. If you are interested in learning about our relationship with Ambassador Advisors and how they can help you maximize your giving to God's work, please contact us or David Over directly at Ambassador Advisors, 717-405-3945.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Let your family, friends, and followers know that you support ChariotsforHope! Like us on Facebook ([Chariots for Hope](https://www.facebook.com/ChariotsforHope)) and follow us on Instagram ([@chariotsforhope](https://www.instagram.com/chariotsforhope)) to keep up with what is new and how we are achieving our mission to provide hope!



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

THANK YOU!

Our gratitude is beyond what we can express in words. The generosity and kindness shown by our partners, donors, and prayer warriors helps to accomplish the goal of providing hope and opportunity to every child that lives in our homes.

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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Trinity Valley Community Church

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.

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What a year! We are thankful for the hundreds of individuals and families who have faithfully and sacrificially given in 2021. Though we have chosen not to recognize individual donor names, please know that we could not meet the needs of so many children in Kenya without your generosity.





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