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ANNUAL REPORT
2025



The Mission

Chariots for Hope shares the hope of Christ by loving Kenyan children through Christian discipleship and long-term physical, emotional, and educational care and provision.

Chariots works to create a transformed future Kenya where children have escaped poverty and committed their lives to Christ.







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IMPACT UPDATE

from our CEO

Dear friends,

What began years ago as an urgent response to support 500 children facing the trauma of losing their homes has grown into a ministry now caring for more than 850 children across Kenya. Today, young people like Cyrus, whose story you will read in this report, are living examples of what long-term care, discipleship, and opportunity can make possible.

Because of your generosity, children receive holistic, Christ-centered care that nurtures every part of their lives: educational, physical, emotional, and spiritual discipleship. Through this care, children are transitioning into quality schools and college programs, growing in their faith, and taking meaningful steps toward sustainable, independent futures.

As the average age of children has risen to 14, we are entering an important new season. Together, we are walking alongside young adults as they step into adulthood. This moment brings both opportunity and responsibility as we deepen our investment in discipleship, education, and life skills that prepare them to lead lives of faith, purpose, and independence. At the same time, we are preparing for Kenya's transition towards community-based care by 2032. We see this moment not as a challenge but as an opportunity to strengthen the care for each individual child and expand our impact for the future in new and meaningful ways.

As we look ahead, the needs continue to grow. We are prayerfully preparing for this next chapter, and we are grateful to walk it alongside faithful partners.

None of this would be possible without the generosity, prayers, and encouragement of friends like you. Thank you for helping raise a generation of young men and women who know Christ, understand their purpose, and are equipped to impact their families, communities, and nation.

With gratitude,

Mark Wakeman, CEO



WHO WE ARE

Chariots for Hope is a Christian organization dedicated to caring for orphaned and vulnerable children in Kenya. Through loving caregivers, Christian discipleship, and long-term support. We walk alongside children as they grow into independent young adults who know Christ and pursue lives of purpose.

Who We Serve

Chariots for Hope serves more than 850 orphaned and vulnerable children and young adults across eight communities in Kenya. From early childhood through college, we provide comprehensive care and support so every child can grow, flourish, and reach their God-given potential.



What We Do

Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ and the call of Isaiah 1:17 to “defend the oppressed” and “take up the cause of the fatherless,” Chariots for Hope serves some of the most vulnerable children in Kenya, many of whom have lost parents or experienced deep poverty and instability.

Through loving caregivers, Christian discipleship, and long-term support, we serve children, meeting their immediate needs while also equipping them to become young men and women prepared to live independent and purposeful lives.

HOW WE SERVE

Chariots provides care through a network of baby and children's homes across Kenya where trained Kenyan caregivers nurture children in safe and loving environments. Children receive daily care, education, medical support, mentorship, and Christian discipleship.

We serve in close partnership with the government and the local church whose pastors and ministries help guide the spiritual growth of the children and connect them to a broader Christian community.

Chariots ensures that each child receives physical, educational, and emotional care, as well as Christian discipleship, with provision and support at every stage of their journey.

PHYSICAL

- Nutritious meals and clean water
- Safe housing and stable homes
- Support for children living with relatives
- Regular medical and health care

EDUCATION

- High-quality education from primary school through boarding high school
- College, university, and trade school opportunities
- School supplies and learning tools
- Tutoring and academic. support



CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

- Daily devotions and prayer
- Christian mentorship and role models
- Discipleship camps and faith programs throughout the year

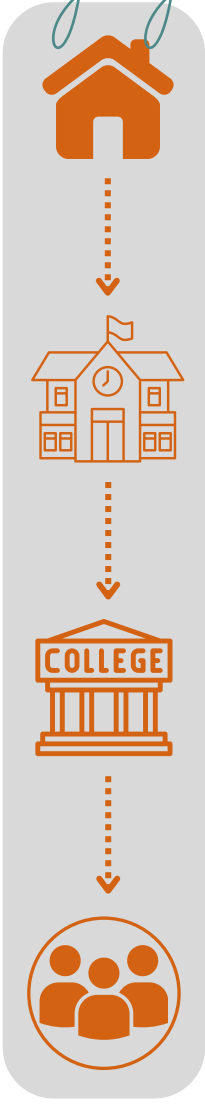
EMOTIONAL

- Safe and loving caregivers
- Trauma-informed care
- Therapy and emotional support

EXPANDING CARE

Chariots commits to caring for a child from when they first enter a children's home until they launch into independence.

ongoing commitment



- Rescued into CFH children's home
- Child living full-time at CFH children's home under 24/7 care
- Attend primary school (1st-9th grade)

- Child living full-time at boarding high school aligned with the Kenyan education system (10th-12th)
- Live with guardians during school breaks and visit CFH children's home

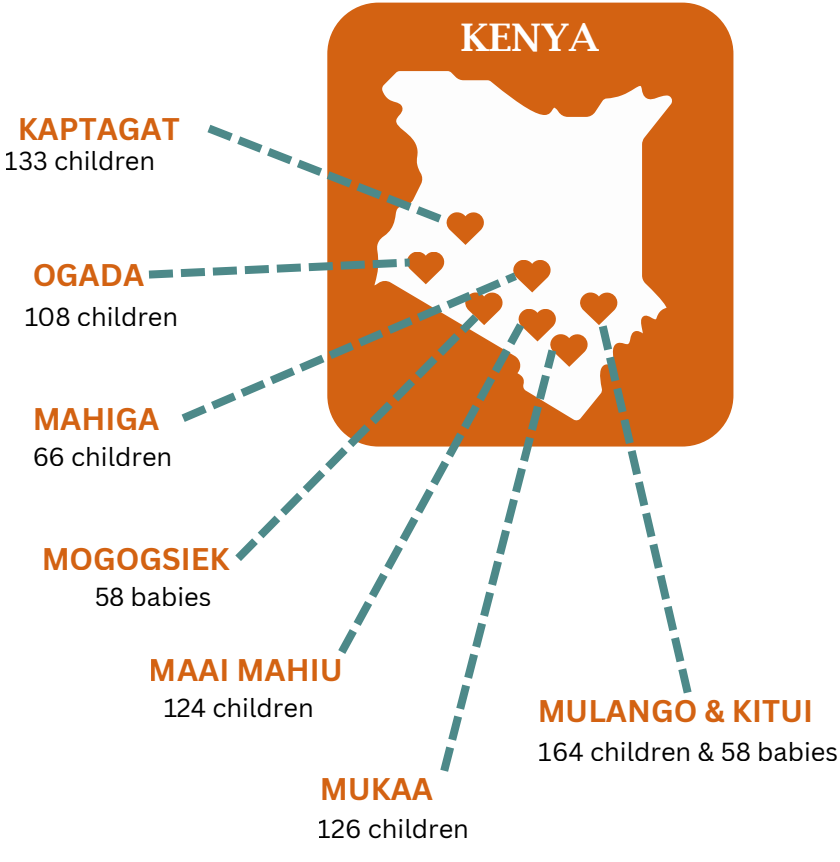
- Young adult living full-time at trade school, university, or college
- Live with guardians during school breaks and visit CFH children's home

- Young adult receives support such as rent, transportation, and food for 6 months while seeking employment
- Young adult launched from Chariots to start supporting themselves, their family, and their community

WHERE WE SERVE

Similar to a chariot bringing supplies and hope in times of war, Chariots for Hope was created to provide care and provision for over 500 children who were about to be turned away from their homes.

Since 2009, the average age of a Chariots child has doubled from 7 to 14 as Chariots has expanded care to include babies, children, and young adults through college and university.





“Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world."

James 1:25







FULL CIRCLE IMPACT

meet Cyrus

When Cyrus first came to Chariots as an eight-year-old boy, his life had been marked by violence, loss, and extreme poverty.

He was not attending school, often went without food, and didn't even have clothes that fit. Ten people shared a small, one-room house with holes in the roof where rain would drip inside.



Cyrus went on to complete high school, earn his CPA certification, and graduate from university in 2023. That same year, Chariots welcomed him back not as a child in care, but as an accounting intern.

Today, Cyrus serves Chariots for Hope as a finance manager and helps ensure other children receive the same opportunities he did.

Now the primary provider for his family, he embodies Chariots' vision: a young adult equipped to sustain himself, support his family, impact his community, and walk in a personal relationship with Jesus.



Hear Directly From Cyrus

Scan the QR code to hear Cyrus share his story.

SPIRITUAL CARE

Baptism & Partnership



In 2025, baptism was a powerful testimony of spiritual growth across Chariots' homes. Twelve children publicly shared their faith through baptism.

These meaningful milestones are made possible through strong partnerships with local churches, whose pastors and church programs walk alongside our children in their spiritual development.

Spiritual Discipleship Camps

Throughout school breaks, Chariots' homes were filled with intentional discipleship through Christian camps and Vacation Bible Schools led by church partners and visiting ministry teams.

Chariots partnered with a local organization to provide 4 discipleship camps, creating space for worship, biblical teaching, and reflection. At Maai Mahiu, children celebrated God's faithfulness, while Mukaa's camp, themed "No Other Way Apart from Jesus," led many to renew their commitment to Christ.

U.S. church partnerships further strengthened this impact. Cornerstone Church of Skippack led discipleship programming at Kaptagat with a week-long VBS filled with Bible lessons and activities.







COLLEGE RETREAT

For many Chariots' students, finishing high school is not the end of a chapter; it is the beginning of a new one. This year's College Prep Retreat was designed to help our graduates step into that next season with confidence, clarity, and courage.



Throughout the retreat, students participated in interactive workshops focused on preparing for campus life. Through guided discussions and practical exercises, they deepened their self-awareness and developed skills in communication, self-expression, and social interaction.

The retreat also included a day of joy and celebration. Students and caregivers explored Nairobi National Park, and later, they visited the Giraffe Centre, sharing laughter and unforgettable moments as they fed and interacted with giraffes.

During this time, Chariots honored Esther and Elizabeth as the first recipients of the Dorothy Keisling Award, celebrating their leadership and perseverance in front of their peers. Their recognition became a source of inspiration not just for those present, but for children across all our homes.



As students prepare to enter university and young adulthood, your support makes stories like this possible.

Thank you for helping Chariots launch the next generation with wisdom, resilience, and hope.

Learn More

Scan the QR code to learn more about the Dorothy Keisling Character Award

MEETING MEDICAL NEEDS

One of Chariots' pillars of care is physical care, and this is often seen through the support of medical needs. In 2025, Chariots for Hope continued to focus on meeting the physical needs of all children and young adults by addressing critical health needs through intentional medical partnerships and specialized care teams.

Occupational Therapy, Dental, and Vision Care

This year, occupational therapy professionals from Gwynedd Mercy University partnered with Chariots homes to provide hands-on support and train caregivers to identify and address needs in areas such as sensory processing and developmental milestones, equipping homes with tools that enhance everyday life for children with diverse needs.

Alongside OT programming, dental and vision mission trips brought additional care directly to the homes. Visiting dental teams provided essential dental assessments and care, helping children access treatment they might not otherwise receive. Rotary and other community partners, such as Great Faith Vision, traveled alongside Chariots to offer additional compassionate services such as eye screenings to children across multiple homes, reinforcing our commitment to whole-child health.

Vision screenings reached hundreds of children as well, providing glasses and vision support to community members, which made a huge difference in their lives.







STORIES OF HEALING

George



George* underwent successful heart surgery this past year, a life-saving intervention that would have been unimaginable without coordinated care and advocacy.

Winnie



Winnie*, diagnosed with a cleft palate, received corrective surgery and is healing well. Her journey with multiple procedures planned and underway illustrates how access to surgical care can reshape a child's future with confidence, speech development, and community belonging.

Susan



Susan*, who suffered a head injury, has made strong progress in recovery thanks to ongoing care and rehabilitation support, reflecting resilience and the stability Chariots strives to provide for every child.

These children are just a few examples of many children who receive hope through medical care made possible by partners like you. Thank you for partnering with Chariots to provide life saving care.

Names have been changed to protect children's identity

YOUR GENEROSITY. THEIR FUTURE.

Thank you for being a vital part of this journey. Your compassion is leaving a lasting mark. Because of your partnership, children across Kenya are growing up knowing Christ, discovering their purpose, and preparing to lead lives of impact.

We invite you to explore new ways to deepen your involvement and continue building a legacy of hope for children in Kenya. Together, we are changing lives.



Planned Giving & Estate Planning: Make a lasting impact by including Chariots for Hope in your will or estate plan. Your legacy can continue to provide hope for future generations.



Stock & Securities Donations: Maximize your giving by donating appreciated stocks, bonds, or mutual funds. This allows you to receive a charitable deduction and avoid capital gains taxes.



IRA Charitable Rollover: If you are 70 or older, you can make a tax-free qualified charitable distribution from your IRA directly to Chariots for Hope.



Donor-Advised Funds (DAF): Grant your support from an existing Donor-Advised Fund to streamline your giving and make an immediate impact.



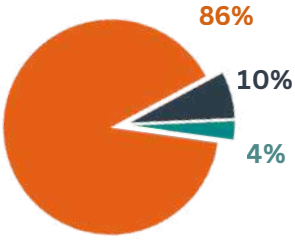
Recurring Monthly Gifts: Join our Hope Giver community by setting up an automatic monthly donation. Your consistent support ensures stability and continuous care for children.

If you have questions or would like to discuss how to partipciate in these giving strategies, please contact Gerta at gerta@chariotsforhope.org

2025 IN NUMBERS

Expenditures	2025
Program	$1,911,071
Operations	$216,544
Fundraising	$85,178
Total Expenses	**$2,212,792**
Total Income	**$2,285,747**

Unaudited records. 2025 audit will be completed in the coming months.



Thank you!

Generous givers, sponsors, and partners provide Kenyan children with the hope of the gospel through essential care, provision, and Christian discipleship.

86% **of every gift goes directly to orphan care and discipleship!**



Transparent Stewardship

Chariots for Hope is ECFA-certified. ECFA holds Christ-centered ministries and churches to the highest standards of fiscal responsibility.

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