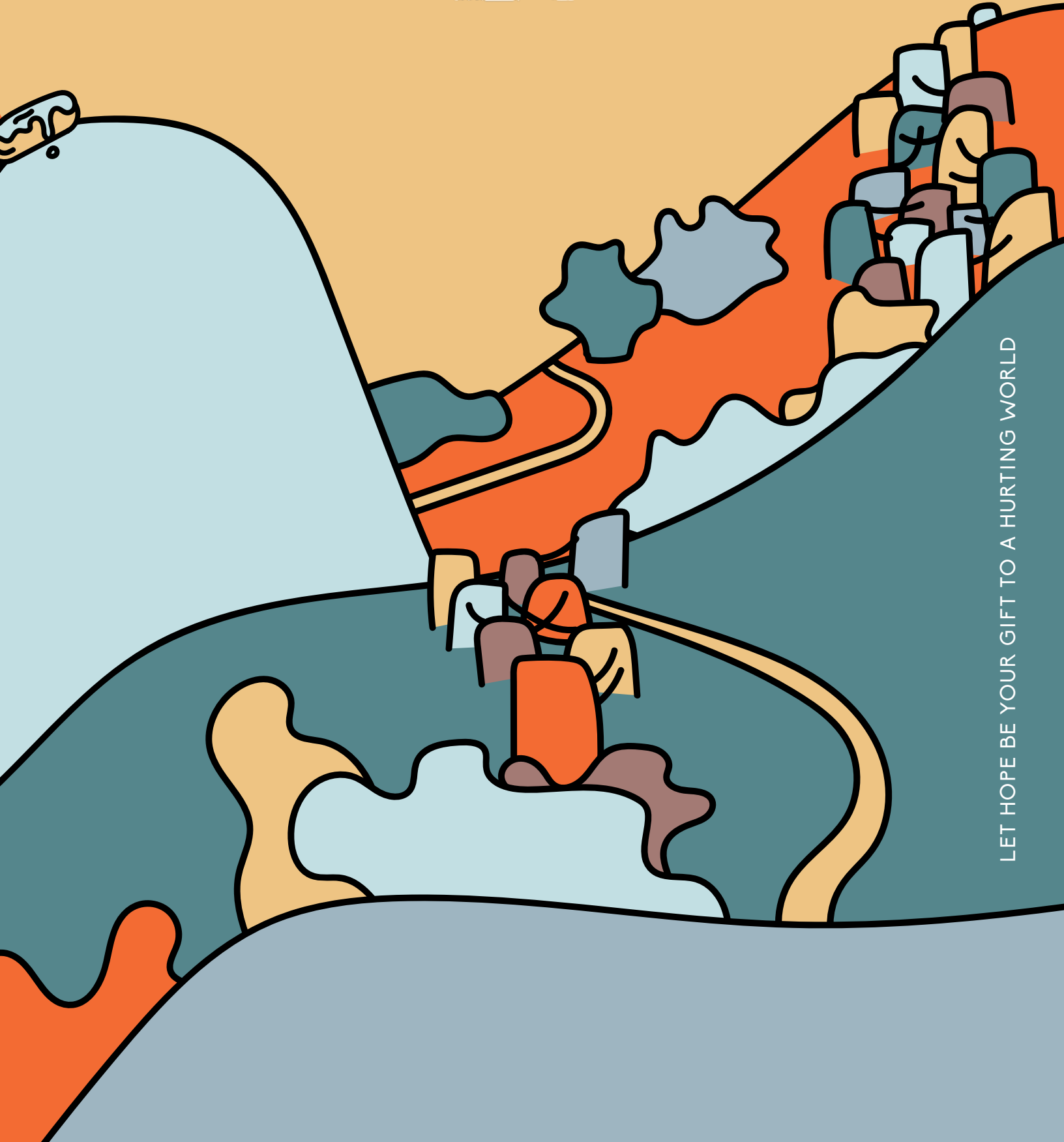


HOPE
VENTURE



LET HOPE BE YOUR GIFT TO A HURTING WORLD

Welcome

Life is hard all around the world. But all of us have opportunities to bring hope to another human. It's the least we can do. This is one of those opportunities. May you be a peacemaker, a joy-giver, a lifter of somebody's head today. We invite you to live and love generously.

**WE'RE ON AN ADVENTURE
TO BRING HOPE AND DIGNITY
TO THE MOST DISADVANTAGED
PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.**

A home in one of the most impoverished sectors in Rwanda. There are homes like this all over the world: one room, one mattress, several family members, and yet, hope can still be found here.

Photo by: Avery Clark

feature pages

Featured in This Issue

Since The Hope Venture began in 2009, we've been bringing you a catalog of opportunities for the toothless third grader, the retired hotel owner, the soccer mom, and the broke college student to get involved. Yep, these opportunities are for anyone, anywhere. You'll see over 20 education and health projects that need funding as well as other ways to get involved scattered throughout this catalog. On most pages you'll see QR codes to read more info on our website and to donate, you'll also find project names, countries, and even donuts (can you find all 25 of them?!). We even hope you'll experience motaj—moments of turn-around joy—by being a part of all this. It's quite incredible.

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OUR BACKPACK PROCESS

See how a project works from start to finish.



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Don't believe ANYONE can make a difference? Check it out!



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EXTREME POVERTY

Where it is and why we work to empower people out of it.



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Learn about our newest project that is saving lives.



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One person's journey to make a difference.



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Want community? So do we. Check out what we're doing.



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SMART GIVING

Cheerful generosity paired with wise choices? Yes, please.



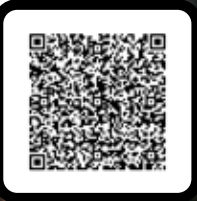
India

We've distributed over **60,000** backpacks and served over **500,000** meals since we started. Many of our backpack recipients also attend our feeding centers, and some go on to need scholarships for late high school or college. Join these projects and help boys and girls throughout India and now in Bangladesh as well!

FEEDING CENTERS

| | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 50 cents provides a meal | \$120 feeds a child for a year | 12 centers feed 50 kids each |
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PARTNER: CHARLIE



BACKPACKS

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|
| \$15 avg cost of a backpack | 1 year of school supplies | 60k backpacks distributed since 2009 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|

PARTNERS: CHARLIE JASSON (BANGLADESH)



INDIA SCHOLARSHIPS

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| \$220 avg cost of a scholarship | 43 students helped so far | 4 projects used to identify potential recipients |
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PARTNER: CHARLIE

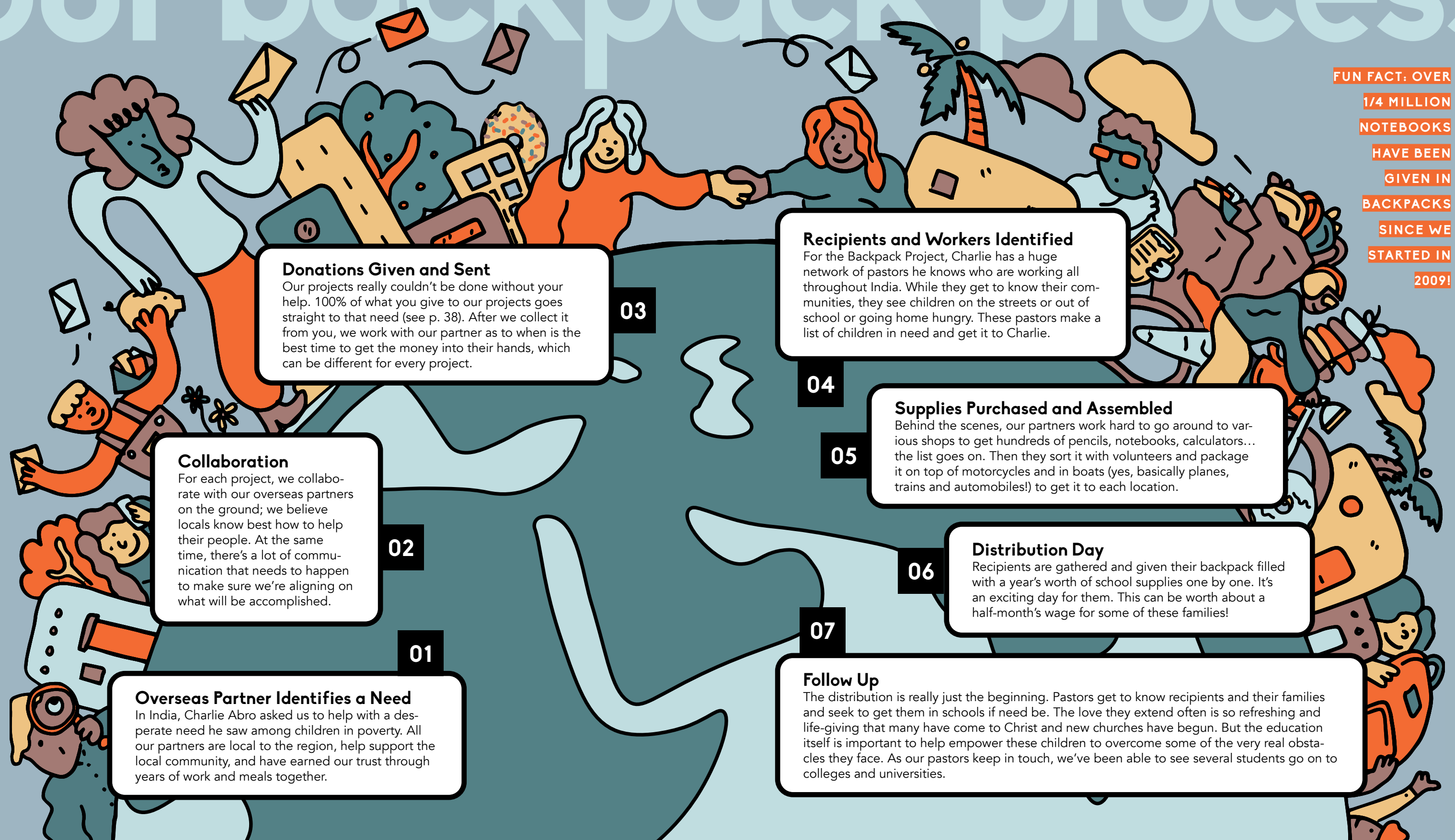


Photo by: Victoria Petersen



our backpack process

**FUN FACT: OVER
1/4 MILLION
NOTEBOOKS
HAVE BEEN
GIVEN IN
BACKPACKS
SINCE WE
STARTED IN
2009!**



01 Overseas Partner Identifies a Need
In India, Charlie Abro asked us to help with a desperate need he saw among children in poverty. All our partners are local to the region, help support the local community, and have earned our trust through years of work and meals together.

02 Collaboration
For each project, we collaborate with our overseas partners on the ground; we believe locals know best how to help their people. At the same time, there's a lot of communication that needs to happen to make sure we're aligning on what will be accomplished.

03 Donations Given and Sent
Our projects really couldn't be done without your help. 100% of what you give to our projects goes straight to that need (see p. 38). After we collect it from you, we work with our partner as to when is the best time to get the money into their hands, which can be different for every project.

07 Follow Up
The distribution is really just the beginning. Pastors get to know recipients and their families and seek to get them in schools if need be. The love they extend often is so refreshing and life-giving that many have come to Christ and new churches have begun. But the education itself is important to help empower these children to overcome some of the very real obstacles they face. As our pastors keep in touch, we've been able to see several students go on to colleges and universities.

06 Distribution Day
Recipients are gathered and given their backpack filled with a year's worth of school supplies one by one. It's an exciting day for them. This can be worth about a half-month's wage for some of these families!

05 Supplies Purchased and Assembled
Behind the scenes, our partners work hard to get around to various shops to get hundreds of pencils, notebooks, calculators... the list goes on. Then they sort it with volunteers and package it on top of motorcycles and in boats (yes, basically planes, trains and automobiles!) to get it to each location.

04 Recipients and Workers Identified
For the Backpack Project, Charlie has a huge network of pastors he knows who are working all throughout India. While they get to know their communities, they see children on the streets or out of school or going home hungry. These pastors make a list of children in need and get it to Charlie.



India

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JAWADHU HILLS

\$580

funds a CDC for one month

\$7k

funds a CDC for one year

700+ people helped since we began

PARTNER: CHARLIE



INDIA TAILORING & COMPUTERS

\$220

provides a sewing machine

\$250 /month

runs a training center

\$30k

funds this whole project for a year

PARTNER: CHARLIE



FOOD FOR THE BLIND

\$20

provides packet of groceries & sundry items

400 people seeking help

\$8k

total needed

PARTNER: CHARLIE



The Jawadhu Hills Project was launched at our first live ask during the 2019 Night for Hope. If you were a part of that night, your impact continues as hundreds of women and children have been empowered and cared for at four different community development centers (CDCs)! We love it! In addition, it's created about 30 jobs already. We were able to gather those workers and wash their feet on our first trip back to India in 2022; what a touching moment. Help us continue to lift up and love these forgotten people. We are in need of another phase of funding.

Photo by: Avery Clark

You can

MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

RAISING \$244 FOR LBC'S VBS FOR BACKPACKS

Callie and Jim Higgins, Mathias-9, Jediah-7, Abel-4, Tobin-3



CAN YOU FIND ALL OF OUR PROJECTS?

FOOD FORTHEBLIND
DUHOHMUSIKCYFWM
CGLMADECLXOBAAA
ZAWHSHIHEBLOIKN
KNACVRNOPCLCNIO
DDTWP HDL RTERDSN
JAEMISIAOTGNIAF
CMRMNTARSUEFASO
JASTDUSSYRSHTKR
ALASIDCHCKCIAIM
WNNIAEHIAAHGILA
AUI NFNOPRNOHLL
DTTAETLSEALSOSS
HRAIESAFKRACRTC
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CISDLKHOTIESSAA
TFLTDWZAULANSKC
PYBXLSTRYBEDIK
NPHIHQMSSETREMTS
OHOMEOFHOPEXOSA



2023 Motaj Award Winner

Moments of turn-around joy

Sylvia Schneider was the first recipient of our Motaj Award in October 2023. We're pumped that she heard about us from her friend Naomi and from one of our catalogs in their church. She got involved with The Hope Venture through Naomi's art sales in her garage and with her youth group. After Naomi moved away, Sylvia couldn't help but start some of her own ideas and spread HV to others. She did a bake sale for HV this year, but on top of that we learned that after seeing how even she could make a difference, she started doing all kinds of fundraisers, not only for us but also for other organizations and causes. Her heart has found the joy in giving, and she's spreading it to others. Way to go Sylvia!

We loved this text we got this year: "Yesterday I came home through the back side of my neighborhood. There were two boys, I'd guess ages 10-12. One was the lookout for potential customers. When he saw me he began to run and wave his arms to get me to follow him to the stand. I noticed they were collecting donations for "hope venter". Of course I knew what it was. I began to quiz them and they understood and communicated EVERYTHING about why they were collecting money. They told me the best was if they could raise \$50, someone else would also donate \$50. Their enthusiasm was incredible! I had a \$100 bill in my billfold that I've been asking God to show me how to use it for Him. Wow!! GOD moment for me!!! I gave them the \$100 bill. When they realized what it was, they were jumping and hollering. I told them I had been wanting to give some money to Hope Venture, and their service allowed me to do my part (something like that). So so so so cool to be a part of a very big thing at a little lemonade stand."

India



LEPROSY CARE

\$50 /month
provides ongoing treatment
for one person

42 people
medically treated 2x a week

\$25.5k
total needed



PARTNER: **MURTY**



Photo by: Rachel Meyer

HOME OF HOPE

750 people
reside here

\$6k
to assist start of nursing college

10k+ people
helped since Raja began



PARTNER: **RAJA**

India

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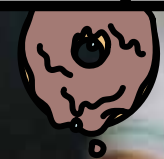
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Photo by: Rachel Meyer

MT. SINAI SCHOOL

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|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| \$0 needed normally (self-sustaining model is working!) | \$5k for some improvements | 300 students currently attending |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|



PARTNER: ANUJA



INDIA NON-FORMAL SCHOOLS

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|
| \$26k funded annually | 2 non-formal schools located in Rangpuri & Karnal | 80 kids hope to be educated |
|---------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|

PARTNER: ANUJA



Extreme — less than \$2.15/day — Poverty

Where It Is and Why We Work to Empower People Out of It.

Extreme Poverty is a global metric established by the UN to identify areas with the most concerning poverty. It is currently measured by the number of people making less than \$2.15/day.

Roughly **87% of the world's poorest poor live in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia.** This is a big reason why our health and education projects are currently in India, Bangladesh, Kenya, Uganda and Rwanda.

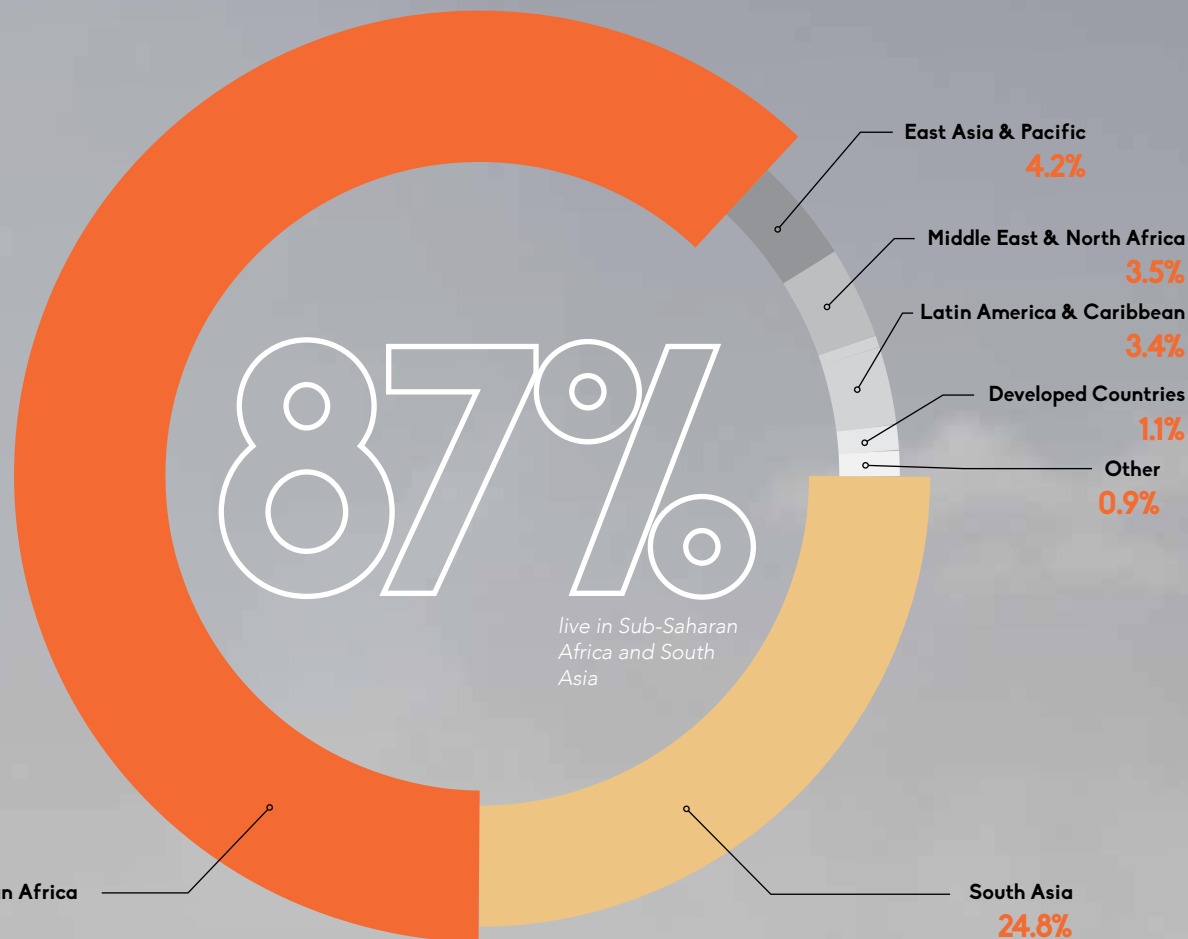
"THE POOREST IN THE WORLD ARE OFTEN UNDERNOURISHED, WITHOUT ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES SUCH AS ELECTRICITY AND SAFE DRINKING WATER; THEY HAVE LESS ACCESS TO EDUCATION, AND SUFFER FROM MUCH POORER HEALTH."

—ourworldindata.org

When you are lacking the means to cover even basic needs, life can begin to feel really hopeless. You feel powerless and unable. At The Hope Venture we do education and health projects to empower and lift up the hurting and broken around us.

"2020 SAW THE BIGGEST SETBACK TO GLOBAL POVERTY IN DECADES, AND THE RECOVERY HAS BEEN HIGHLY UNEVEN."

—The World Bank



Less than 1% of the world's poorest poor live in the US

If God calls us to help the poor, and we believe He does, how can we do that if most of the desperate needs are not on our soil?

"If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?"

1 John 3:17

"Now this was the sin of your sister Sodom: She and her daughters were arrogant, overfed and unconcerned; they did not help the poor and needy."

Ezekiel 16:49

When I started The Hope Venture, I had been noticing so many places in the Bible that talk about how God cares for the poor and needy. I am still learning how amazingly compassionate He is! I want to be like that. Today I feel called both to share God's heart for the poor with people in my hometown and beyond as well as to urge us to live and love generously toward every human being.

—Cynici Petersen



Uganda

Big News:

MAMA KITS ARE BACK!

After pausing this project to make sure it aligned with our project strategy and had clear local leadership, we are happy to announce its return!

MAMA KITS

\$7

per lifesaving kit for a mama

1.4k women

hope to be helped in 2024

\$9.8k

total needed for 2024

PARTNER: DR. EMMA



HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORMS

\$15

provides one outfit

\$65

provides clothing needed for one student

\$7.75k

total requested for 2024

PARTNER: DR. EMMA



UGANDA MALNUTRITION CLINIC

\$1.25

provides one packet of dewormers

500 lives

saved each year

\$13.5k

runs the clinic and outreach for 3 months

PARTNER: DR. EMMA



Photo by: Victoria Petersen



Sylvia

...AND OUR NEWEST PROJECT



Sylvia with her two daughters: Salim (3 months) and Shafic (13).

Photo by: Rachel Meyer

Our Newest Project!

MALNUTRITION CLINIC • KAMPALA, UGANDA

I sat on the cold tile floor with Sylvia and her two daughters: Shafic and Salim. We were in Uganda on the top floor of the malnutrition clinic that our brilliant partner, Dr. Emma, had started. In the room outside rang the wails of aching and hungry children, but Sylvia remained...still. Peaceful.

Shafic had cerebral palsy, which led to her being malnourished. They were from a village six hours away and were brought in by the clinic staff on one of their outreach visits. Sylvia had a total of five children and an abusive ex-husband. He had recently visited Sylvia, and she got pregnant with Salim... then he left her again with another mouth to feed.

Holding back tears I thought, "It wasn't supposed to be this way. It was never supposed to be this way." Then another thought: "But Dr. Emma and his team are doing something about it. And that gives me hope."

It's been 14 months since that day, and we're excited to announce that we are furthering our partnership with Dr. Emma to help support his malnutrition clinic! This project will aid in funding the existing clinic and outreach program and hopes to impact 24,000 patients per year and prevent over 500 deaths per year—INCREDIBLE!



An incubator for babies who need intensive care. Dr. Emma and his team do everything they can to provide the most comprehensive care for their patients. Photo by: Victoria Petersen

Dr. Emma's team rescues and cares for children with severe malnutrition from surrounding villages who will die within 24 hours if not helped. They're treated for everything from hypoglycemia to dehydration to infection. Most kids are just trying to survive here, but some who are able are encouraged to play to stimulate brain activity. Moms receive counseling and are educated on what to grow in their gardens to continue feeding their kids.



Dr. Emma interacting with the moms in the clinic. Photo by: Victoria Petersen

Sylvia shared that she had seen improvement in Shafic since arriving at the clinic, and although she was nervous to return to her home situation, she also felt equipped to continue feeding Shafic from the produce in her garden. Sylvia even accepted Christ while at the clinic!

I asked Cynci why she wants to do this project, and she said, "It's the real deal. The babies are in such terrible need. I say babies because they were small, but some were several years old. One boy I was with looked like he had deep, raw burns all over his body, but they said it looked like that from the malnutrition, not from any burn. Oh my word, we have to do this project."

Oh my word, we ARE DOING this project!

Written by: Carli Huston // September 5, 2023

Uganda

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WAKISA SKILLS TRAINING

6 women

we hope to empower in 2024

12 month

training programs

\$10.1k

requested for 2024



PARTNER: VIVIAN

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR TEEN MOMS

14 moms

we hope to get back into formal education

\$1.4k

average scholarship amount

\$19.68k

needed for 2024



PARTNERS: VIVIAN MIRIAM

Photo by: Victoria Petersen

Wakisa

A NIGHT FOR HOPE 2023

In October 2023, we focused on a pregnancy clinic in Uganda called Wakisa Ministries. What an awesome night we had at the Rococo Theatre in Lincoln, NE, as we raised funds to complete their latest health center where they will be able to better care for all their pregnant mamas. Thank you all so much! The projects on this page help provide funding for future skills training and education for the mamas at both Wakisa and at another center (in the same city of Kampala, Uganda) run by Youth for Christ – Uganda.



opportunities

custom to your ability

impact

direct to a real and extreme need

Anyone

Our Proven Process

motaj

guaranteed to give you joy in the process

'I ENJOY THE FUN THINGS THEY DO FOR THE DONORS, LIKE THE BASKETBALL BRACKET AND 5K RUN.'

'I FEEL LIKE THEY'RE TELLING ME THE TRUTH AND WILL DO WHAT THEY SAY. THEY WANT US TO FEEL ENGAGED SO THEY COMMUNICATE LIKE WE REALLY ARE PART OF THE TEAM.'

'LOVE THE DONUT EMAILS FROM CYNCI AND THE ANNUAL GALA. ALSO LOVE THE VIDEO MESSAGE WITH MY SPONSORED STUDENT.'

'THEY REACH OUT PERSONALLY EVERY YEAR.'

'EACH PIECE OF MAIL IS A FUN (BUT ALSO INFORMATIVE!) GIFT. IT'S ONE OF MY FAVORITE THINGS IN MY INBOX.'

'I FEEL CARED FOR JUST BY READING THE EMAILS BECAUSE YOU CAN FEEL THE LOVE AND HOPE LEAPING OFF OF THE PAGES THROUGH THE WORDS OF EACH EMAIL. I TRULY APPRECIATE THEIR COMMITMENT TO THEIR MISSION AND THEIR WISDOM/DISCERNMENT TO STICK TO IT, EVEN IF THAT MEANS MAKING HARD DECISIONS.'

'THEY MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE YOU ARE A PART OF THE TEAM AND NOT JUST A NUMBER.'

'VERY OPEN AND HONEST, BOTH ABOUT NEEDS AND SUCCESSES. WE DO FEEL CARED FOR.'

'I LOVE BEING A PRAYER PARTNER WITH THEM AND SEEING HOW THEY TRUST GOD FOR THINGS BIGGER THAN THEY COULD EVER DO.'

At The Hope Venture we believe people want to know they can make a real difference in someone's life. We all want to know that we can make an impact, no matter our skills, age, finances, or background.

HV is here to help you do that. We can help **ANYONE** make a difference that is

- custom to your ability,
- direct to a real and extreme need, and
- guaranteed to give you joy in the process.

We call it our Proven Process. This is our desire for anyone on the journey with us.

Why not try it? Find a way to support one of our projects that works for you, follow the impact as you watch your dollars translate to tangible help, experience what we call motaj (moments of turn-around joy), and by golly try it again! We need your help! Join us today.

Photo by: Kacie Heidbrink



Meet Carol

OUR PROVEN PROCESS IN ACTION • LINCOLN, NE

Carol and her husband Mike have been part of The Hope Venture team for over 10 years. They got involved slowly, took their time in figuring out who we are and what we do, and now they're some of our biggest encouragers. Carol said it best... "My husband and I were like, 'Wow. People need to hear about this organization.'" That's how I feel when I'm with Carol. Like she believes in me. Both she and Mike have had numerous meals with me and expressed how I can count on them to be with us. What a stinking joy for me as the leader of this organization! To watch God burden people's hearts to be a part of this! It's an amazing sight! I'm humbled to imagine that God is working in people's lives, without me maybe even knowing, to raise up this Hub of people ready to fund these projects.

I have no idea how to get this job done, the task at hand is way beyond me, but God keeps bringing along the Carols and the Sylvias and the Naomis and the Darryls and the Dawns and the Tracys and the Staceys and the Matts and the Arlins and the Kevins and all the people, and wow, here we are, still standing, still trusting, still moving forward to do something beyond ourselves. I don't know who God is raising up, even today, but maybe it's you. Thank you!

"MY HUSBAND AND I WERE LIKE, 'WOW. PEOPLE NEED TO HEAR ABOUT THIS ORGANIZATION.'"

We will inquire & leap

Carol has found lots of ways to help us. So many! She's invited everyone she can think of to our A Night for Hope. She's spread HV to her workplace where they've become sponsors for our Run for Hope and other events. She's been in videos for us. She's given financially. But lately she's been praying more than ever with us. That is such a huge encouragement to me. One of our key values is to be faith-driven: to inquire and leap. We are desperate for God to show up. We believe this is His idea and He will need to keep it going. Everything we do revolves around God showing up to love the hurting and broken. All of this will be in vain if He is not in the center of it. So we seek Him, and then we try to do what He says. Over the years we have found people who would join our prayer teams. Some get a weekly text with just one request, some get an insider's "donut" email, and Carol even joined a small group of us this year who prayed specifically for A Night for Hope each month for the entire year!

Helping people doesn't just happen; you make choices to alter your world and step into someone else's. It is a task bigger than ourselves. God is raising up a fun, generous hub of donors that are changing the world with us. Real and extreme needs are being impacted. Hope and dignity are being reborn in the hurting, abused, and broken. And motaj is spreading. Come see what Carol is loving and be a part of it with us! Donate and change a life, including your own.



The Hansen family at A Night for Hope last year. The Hansens have helped this event grow so much!
Photo by: Victoria Petersen

The Step Award

This year we presented our first Step Award to Mike & Carol Hansen. This is awarded to someone who trusted God and showed up in a moment when we couldn't have taken the next step forward without significant investment. Thank you Mike & Carol for your belief in us and your investment to bring hope and dignity to some of the most disadvantaged people in the world.

Prayer Team

If you're interested in joining Carol on our prayer team, text Cynci (402-802-8296) to get added! We will send you prayer requests regularly and invite you behind the scenes to help us trust God to lead our organization.



Kenya

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GOATS

\$60

provides a goat to a needy family

600 goats

distribution request for 2024

12 yrs old

perfect age to do a goat fundraiser with your friends!

PARTNER: **NASHA**



KENYA AGRICULTURE

\$3.35k

for farm manager annual salary

\$7.5k

needed for microloan

21 acres

farmed annually

PARTNER: **NASHA**



Most families who benefit from our Kenya Goats and Agriculture projects live in homes like this one and are often just doing all they can to survive. Goats are hardy in this area and help families save money by providing milk. Part of the produce from our Agriculture Project is given to a local school to offset lunch costs; the other part is sold to help sustain the project.

Photo by: Josh Petersen



Kenya

"I HAD NO IDEA THAT A
SEEMINGLY SMALL ACT WOULD
REAP SUCH GREAT DIVIDENDS."

—Student sponsor,
after going to Kenya and seeing
the project for herself

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

\$135k

total needed – ahhh!

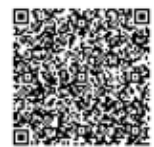
190 students

in need of scholarships

8-20 laptops

needed for students
(new/slightly used)

PARTNERS: NASHA FANUEL ACTS4RWANDA (RWANDA)



STUDENT SPONSORSHIP

\$68/month

cost per HS student
(increased due to inflation)

1 country

all these students are in Kenya

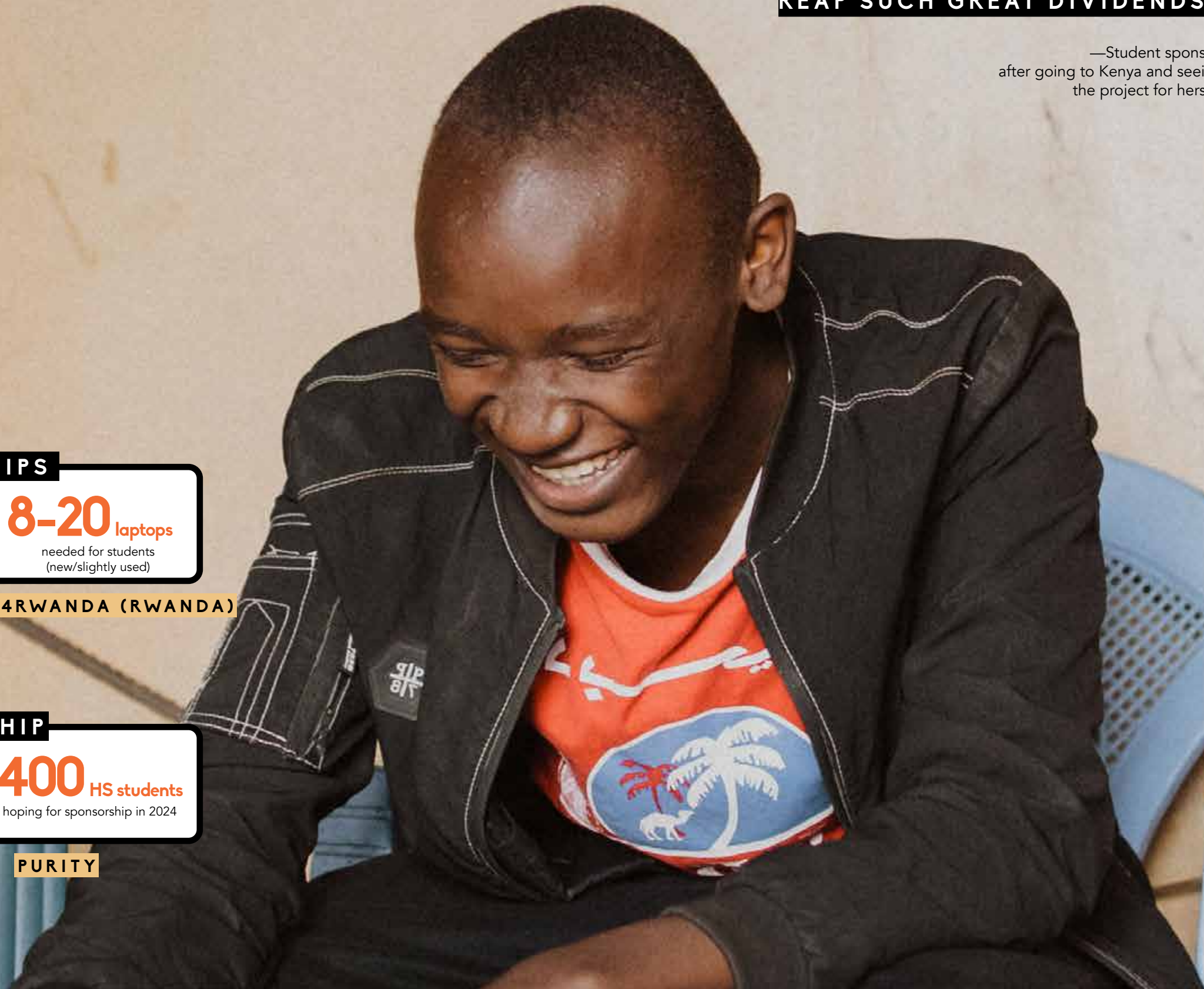
400 HS students

hoping for sponsorship in 2024

PARTNERS: NASHA ERUS FANUEL PURITY



Photo by: Rachel Meyer



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Kenya

Back to the Basics

After pausing new water projects for several years, we took 2023 to research and visit some new locations. We're excited to get back to helping every human have access to this basic resource.

Turkana, Kenya, is one of the most desolate places we've seen. Many of the locals go hungry day in and day out, yet they still find a way to give what they can to help take care of each other. What a blessing for us to give to them.



TURKANA RELIEF FUND

\$3.5k

for each distribution

800 families

hungry and needy of food

10 villages

we are trying to help

PARTNER: ERUS



WATER & SANITATION PROJECTS

\$1.5k

each needed for two more India borewells

\$10.2k

requested in Uganda for a new area

\$20k

for new tanks, toilets and maintenance in Kenya

PARTNERS: NASHA CHARLIE (INDIA) SUSHIL (INDIA)

DR. EMMA (UGANDA)



Photo by: Rachel Meyer

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James Peregrine 2:46 PM
Carrie and I just added it up and my trip was 13 flights.
👍 6 🥰

THE HOPE VENTURE IS DEEPLY
RELATIONAL AND IT KIND OF FEELS
LIKE ONE BIG FAMILY!

BEING CONNECTED IN SOME SMALL
WAY TO OTHER PEOPLE AROUND THE
WORLD IS KIND OF AMAZING.

to Cyncl, Landon, me
Hello,
First off, wow! A Night for Hope was amazing

our hub

We're passionate about growing a fun, generous hub of donors. We're based in Lincoln, NE, so if you're here too, come say hi if you see us at Zesto or at The Mill. Text or DM us, and we can go grab some Yia Yia's pizza or an Honest Abe's burger. And if you live farther away, you're just as much a part of this. Call us from your pool in AZ or from your cabin in MT. Send us a sampling of your CO chocolates or your KY bourbon (ok maybe I'm going a little too far, haha). Either way, we invite you to be a part of this crazy hub with us! Together, let's do something we can't do alone!

SOMETIMES IN THE MORNING I GET
A BIG MUG OF COFFEE AND WATCH
HOPE VENTURE VIDEOS...WOW!!
YOU GUYS ARE DOING AMAZING,
WONDERFUL STUFF!!



At The Hope Venture, we have a 100% model.

We send 100% of all project donations directly overseas to the project intended. We don't keep any of it. That means we need a separate source of funding for things like monthly rent, our electricity bill, staff payroll, and even things like sticky notes and pens. Our Backbone Team supports these operational costs, letting us send project donations right where they should be: overseas.

Why We Do It:

We believe in **honesty, integrity, and transparency**. We want to earn your **trust**, because you should believe in any organization you give to.

Explore our website and know what you're giving to. Call or text us (402-802-8296) anytime you have concerns about your money. And if you ever regret your donation, or feel like you made a mistake, we'll return your funds. It matters that much to us. We're passionate about joyful generosity. God says He loves a cheerful giver, and that's all we want too. Motaj, baby!

God never intended our giving to be something we did just because we felt like we should. Offerings are meant to be from the HEART. That's the beginning of generosity: our hearts. Our hearts lead the way. They don't control us—we can still use our brains and make wise choices—but generosity is not something pulled out of us. Even IF we are asked, it's on us to let our hearts prompt us. No one has to control us in an "offering." It's not yanked, it's offered.

THE LORD SAID TO MOSES, 'TELL THE ISRAELITES TO BRING ME AN OFFERING. YOU ARE TO RECEIVE THE OFFERING FOR ME FROM EACH MAN WHOSE HEART PROMPTS HIM TO GIVE.'

Exodus 25:1-2

Often when I've been in India I've seen beggars on the streets. Sometimes I've helped them with a little cash, more often with a little food or by purchasing something they were selling, but often I've chosen to help only by giving to organizations that are planning wisely how to distribute funds to the hurting of that country. It's actually one of the reasons I started The Hope Venture: I saw so many people wanting to give but then not being wise about HOW they gave. Even my husband and I were scammed when we started trying to help the country of India... and then again in Uganda. Helping is not always easy. Organizations work hard to figure out the best way to get real help into real hands.

For more thoughts on giving from Cynci, scan the code to see our Live + Love Generously 14-day devotional.



Good Reads:
Check out a few of our favorite books from the office library.



our 100% model

Questions about planned giving?

Contact us about helping you strategize your giving (even if it's to other organizations you love as well). We LOVE helping people grow in generosity! Whether you're in high school or just graduated college and have your first real job, or maybe you're starting to look at retirement and IRAs and all those words you didn't know existed, or maybe you want to make sure you have a will set up with your giving desires, no matter where you're at on the journey, we'd love to talk!

Want to help make all this happen?

We need you! Our Backbone Team funds all the backend of The Hope Venture, and we currently are in major need of building this team, from monthly donors at any amount to Thors (think thoracic spine—these are key vertebrae, people who commit to \$10,000+ per year specifically toward the Backbone Team) to Lumbars (people who commit to \$50,000+ per year specifically toward the Backbone Team). Currently we are struggling to grow our internships and retain employees with fair salaries due to this lack. In addition, our board has approved a salary increase for Cynci for the last three years, but she has failed to take it, still making less than a first-year teacher (which she was out of college 35 years ago). We only share this to be honest that we are not splurging with your funds, yet we do want to build something that will last, and this fund is a major need right now.

BACKBONE TEAM-2024 NEEDS

245
monthly donors
at any amount

25
thors
giving \$10,000+ per year

4
lumbars
giving \$50,000+ per year





Dancing with more than 100 past recipients we gathered together at Wakisa this past summer. Many of the moms didn't know each other but told us they were all bonded by having gone through similar experiences.

Photo by: Victoria Petersen





Thank You!

Wakisa recipient, Linda, and her daughter, Elizabeth, playing outside their home in Jinja, Uganda.
Photo by: Josh Petersen

DONATION FORM

Use this form or donate online at thehopeventure.org.

- \$ _____ Backpacks
- \$ _____ Feeding Centers
- \$ _____ India Scholarships
- \$ _____ Jawadhu Hills
- \$ _____ India Tailoring & Computers
- \$ _____ Food for the Blind
- \$ _____ Leprosy Care
- \$ _____ Home of Hope
- \$ _____ Mt. Sinai School
- \$ _____ India Non-formal Schools
- \$ _____ Mama Kits
- \$ _____ High School Uniforms
- \$ _____ Uganda Malnutrition Clinic
- \$ _____ Wakisa Skills Training
- \$ _____ Scholarships for Teen Moms
- \$ _____ Goats
- \$ _____ Kenya Agriculture
- \$ _____ College Scholarships
- \$ _____ Student Sponsorship
- \$ _____ Turkana Relief Fund
- \$ _____ Water & Sanitation Projects

\$ _____ **Any Direct Project Need**

monthly

Don't know which project has the most need? We can send 100% of this fund overseas for the greatest need! Support it one time or become a monthly project donor!

\$ _____ **Backbone Team**

monthly

COMMENTS

LET US KNOW WHO YOU ARE

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

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TOTAL

\$ _____ one time

\$ _____ monthly

Tear out this form and mail it in with cash or check to:

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