LET HOPE BE YOUR GIFT TO A HURTING WORLD
WE’RE ON AN ADVENTURE TO BRING HOPE AND DIGNITY TO THE MOST DISADVANTAGED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.
Hello! Welcome to our latest catalog! :) I’m not sure how this fell into your hands, but I’m grateful. Excited even. I mean, I had no idea years ago who would become “us.” All the donors, volunteers, interns, trip-goers, partners overseas, staff here, board members… wow. WE are changing the world! It’s so awesome! Nearly 70,000 people overseas have been impacted since we started, not to mention the countless people here who’ve told us that our culture of fun generosity has changed their lives as well! We love who we’re becoming!

This catalog is our way to help you get involved and be generous. Seriously. We think there’s great joy in that. We love how people read this cover to cover and get inspired to live better lives. Others share it with their coworkers and neighbors and get excited together to increase their impact. Still more teach their children and families the joy of generosity as they have specific things to give to and can know just where their money is going.

As you browse the pages, see the humanity (these lives halfway around the world are just like you), pause and consider what their days might be like, pause and reflect on what your days are like, and then dream and jump and go crazy toward changing another life! Go for it!

I mean, why not? This world is full of heartache. I think we are going to continue to see the toll that Covid has taken on us all, let alone the normal struggles of life. These days are fleeting. Why not have some fun? Why not do something that matters with the small amount of money, resources and time you have? Even 33 cents feeds a hungry child!

Any of us can be a part of changing the world. Let’s do it together!

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Executive Director
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Who We Are

Our Passion:

**FUN GENEROSITY**
We’re so excited about empowering people to pour out God’s love.

Our Core Values:

**FAITH-DRIVEN**
We will pray & leap

**FUN**
We will play & enjoy

**FRIENDLY**
We will be human & personal

**HONEST**
We will admit & share

**HUMBLE**
We will bow & appreciate

**HARD WORKING**
We will innovate & persevere

Our Uniques:

**LOCAL OVERSEAS PARTNERS**
We work with trusted local partners overseas - people who know their culture and are committed to the work - to help those in extreme poverty.

**100% MODEL**
We have a unique 100% model (and Backbone Team) so you will always know right where your money is going.

**FUN TEAM OF DONORS**
We don’t focus on grants. We create a fun team and help you learn to care and have joy in your generosity as you become your best self in the process.

Thanks for being on this journey with us. You all have helped shape and mold who we are! Thank you! Stick with us over the next several years as we seek to:

**Become a Hub that’s helped 10,000 people generously love 100,000 people in extreme poverty.**
Earlier this year I was sitting in our partners’ office after a long day of meetings and school visits in Narok, Kenya. We were in Kenya to join with our partner organization, Nasha, to get stories of how students were impacted by our Sponsorship project. Nasha’s office is just a big house that has five bedrooms, three office spaces, a full kitchen and a big living room. It is a symbol of the home they’ve created for so many on the edge of this little city. Over the years, Elijah and Nasha have taken in kids from the street and provided a home, an education, and a love they may have never experienced. At this moment though, I was sitting on a big comfy couch wondering what was for dinner.

Meandering my way through the house to the front office, I found Raphael, the leader of our Student Sponsorship work in Kenya, and Ian, a long-time friend of Nasha and one of our College Scholarship recipients. The three of us joked around for a minute, probably about my poor Swahili skills, and quickly confirmed that we were all ready for dinner. We decided to go pick up food from the grocery store, Niavas.

We thought about waiting for a driver to take us, but our hunger couldn’t wait. So we decided to walk. I love walking. It gives me the chance to see a place. To move at a speed that allows for pausing, noticing, and interacting with an environment. As we walked to the store, Raphael and Ian stopped several times to chat with friends, taking advantage of the little moments they had to build relationships. If you’ve ever been to Kenya, you may have noticed this pace of life. One of slow, present, interactions. The Kenyans I know have such a gift of relationship readiness. I have always loved this and the way it pums the brakes on my achievement-driven, busy, American feet.

As we continued walking, some kids who were living on the streets noticed us and started to follow us, asking us for money. This is one of the difficult realities that we often face, both
overseas and even in our own city, but what struck me differently about this interaction was that Raphael and Ian knew the kids. They had met them before and started chatting with them in Swahili. They clearly knew how to encourage them. After they left, Raphael and Ian talked about the difficulties these kids faced: no parents, begging on the streets, addicted to drugs at nine or ten years old. They connected with their stories and wanted to be able to help. I loved seeing their compassion. After another minute of walking we picked up the food and headed back to the office, but that interaction sat in the back of my brain.

As we left Kenya to return to Lincoln, I was reflecting on this story. To me, it’s a beautiful picture of this local connection we have. Raphael wants to help these kids, and the beauty is that he can. He has real, tangible ways to help kids like this find a new story. Together we have helped sponsor hundreds of kids, and Raphael and the team are able to offer hope to even more. He can now walk the streets of Narok and bring more hope than he ever could before.

We can’t pack all of you reading this onto a plane, into a bumpy jeep, and let you all walk through Narok to see the needs of people who are hurting, but together we can give Raphael the ability to bring the resources of hundreds of other hands to those he encounters.

This is the beauty of partnership. We are working hard to find people like Raphael and the staff at Nasha, who are bringing hope in the little ways they can before we even meet. People that are on the ground in communities around the world. People who are ingrained in the culture they work within, who know the heart of the issues they see and have found solutions that work. Then we help provide the resources and encouragement they need to have the impact they dream of. As you dive into this catalog and read through all of the different projects you can support, know that through each project, you are supporting a local leader’s dream to make their community a more healthy, thriving, and hopeful place. That’s the power we can give, and when we do, we share in the beauty of God’s hand at work around the world.
Students in class in Kenya
photo: Victoria Petersen
Backpacks

Location: India
Partner: Charlie Abro

Many parents in southern India make just a few dollars a day and are forced to make the choice between buying food for their families or school supplies for their kids. Food obviously wins this battle, leaving many children without even a pencil or notebook for their classes. That’s where our Backpack Project comes in. For $10, you can purchase a backpack for a student in India filled with all the school supplies they need for a year, easing their worries and allowing them to do their very best.

$10
Provides a backpack for one child.

India Scholarships

Location: South India
Partner: Charlie Abro

Some students in Bangalore and Chennai already have a connection with The Hope Venture, either through our Backpack Project or our Feeding Centers Project. However, due to living in extreme poverty, they lack the funds necessary to finish their education through high school or continue on to college. $300 is the average scholarship needed for these students to carry on with school and pursue higher education.

$300
Provides an average scholarship for one student.
Kenya Student Sponsorship

Location: Kenya
Partner: Nasha Ministries

These sponsorships are for high school students in and around Narok, Kenya. Several compounding factors, such as drought, drugs and alcohol, sexual abuse, and teenage pregnancy make it very difficult for young people in this area to come up with the financial resources needed to attend school. For $55/month, you can link arms and walk alongside one of these students to help them pursue an education. Your donation now covers room and board, tuition fees, some student supplies, counseling as needed, staff visitation, and coordination costs for one high schooler. Go to thehopeventure.org/students to pick a specific student!

$55/month
Supports one high school student.

Kenya College Scholarships

Location: Kenya
Partner: Nasha Ministries

The Kenya College Scholarship project provides funds for students in Kenya who have already been sponsored through high school and want to continue on to college. It’s so special to see the students we’ve grown to know through sponsorship be able to continue on with their education!

$400
Funds the average scholarship.

$50
Provides three months of computer classes.
Lydia
Location: Kenya
Project: Student Sponsorship

As a nonprofit organization, one of our favorite things to do is tell stories. We love being able to reach across the globe and find anecdotes of how God is working through us and our overseas partners to help those in need. We love being able to draw a line of personal connection between communities that, geographically, are separated by thousands of miles, to create a bond between people who — in all honesty — would likely never meet one another.

This summer though, one student we sponsor named Lydia decided to tell us a story.

She told us the story of how her family planted trees around their small farm in Nkareta — how they sowed them gently into the soil, delicately nurturing each unique sapling. She told us how, over time and with the proper care and nutrients, the trees began to grow until they had eventually grown large enough to provide shade for her family and their livestock. She told us this story with pride, despite the fact that she herself had never been given the proper environment in which to thrive, the components necessary to bloom.

At first glance, Lydia seems like an ordinary 15-year-old girl. She lives with her parents and her four other siblings. She is a remarkably bright and diligent student. She loves science, reading, and English, and she loves playing soccer with her siblings after school. She even dreams of becoming a doctor when she is older — a neurosurgeon — so that she can help heal the sick in her community. However, Lydia is one of the many children in Kenya affected by poverty. Lydia’s father is a farmer, but does little to provide for the family. The Maasai culture is patriarchal and polygamous in nature, meaning that her father often fails to work while each of his wives strain to provide for their children. Lydia’s mother owns her own shop, often waking up early in the morning and walking long distances in an attempt to find vegetables to either sell or bring home as food for her family. Some days she is lucky and her hard work pays off, bringing home maize, potatoes, or beans. But some days she returns empty-handed, and her children go to sleep hungry.

While her mother did her best to provide for her and her siblings, she often could not afford the school fees necessary to send Lydia to primary school, let alone find the money for her to be able to continue on to high school. With no hope of being able to continue her education, Lydia also had no hopes of being able to become a doctor. She said it was likely that she would have had to marry — at only 15 years of age — since in many parts of Kenya, girls with no means for an education and no means to support themselves are often encouraged to marry by their own families. Not only do some families see marrying off their daughters as a way to reduce the financial burden on themselves, some even view it as a way to increase their monetary standing as there is often a dowry paid to the bride’s family by the groom.

Poverty has a distinct way of stifling the greatest potentials, of inhibiting the greatest ambitions. It chokes out the roots, poisons the soil. It kills dreams before they have the chance to ever really start. There are a lot of stories just like Lydia’s, stories of children with large dreams and extraordinary aspirations, stories of children who — because of poverty — have never gotten the chance to live up to their full potential. But this is where our story and Lydia’s intersect. Through our partnership with Nasha Ministries and our student sponsorship program, the financial burden of school fees was lifted off of Lydia’s parents — meaning that she finally had the chance to go to school again. Her dream of becoming a...
neurosurgeon came that much closer to being fully realized.

Yet, student sponsorship is more than simply providing financial support for students who are unable to afford their school fees — we believe in walking with them every step of the way. Our partners visit each sponsored student to help them thrive throughout their education, counsel them, and help them grow in their faith. Once a year, we host a week-long Camp to bring all of the students together, helping them form strong bonds with our partners and with each other, as well as to help them grow closer to God and be encouraged to serve within their community.

Lydia’s is a story that demonstrates the change that can happen in the lives of a sponsored student and their family — or even their whole community — if only they are given a chance. If only someone took the time and care to nurture them patiently, to see the same potential in them that God sees. At camp, we hear all sorts of dreams that these students have for their futures — dreams of becoming doctors and surgeons, engineers and scientists, teachers, lawyers, and so much more. Making sure they are able to pay for school is the first step in helping them get there.

It’s just as Lydia told us — carefully tending to the roots, meeting the needs of each individual sapling until they can successfully stand on their own. By helping to replace the oppressive weight of poverty with something as life-changing as the ability to receive an education, we are finally seeing that these students have an opportunity to grow.

Lydia and her family still face their share of hardships. Lydia’s siblings still struggle to afford their own school fees, as do many other children in the community. Despite her sacrifices and greatest efforts, Lydia’s mother still struggles to provide.

But now Lydia has hope — real, tangible hope that only comes from the opportunity to see God’s hand working in her life and the ability to fulfill her true purpose. She has been given the chance to thrive. She has been given the chance to bloom.

written by: Karsyn Bredenkamp
Uganda Student Sponsorship

Location: Uganda
Partner: Wakisa Ministries

This project partners with young moms who have gone through the Wakisa Center (a place for pregnant girls to stay and have a safe delivery). The sponsorships range in length as the moms dropped out of school at various times. These moms are struggling to get back on their feet and do not have the funds to pay for school. $600 supports the formal education of one mother and covers room and board, tuition fees, some personal supplies, counseling as needed, staff visitation, and coordination costs for one mom for one year.

$600

Supports one mom to go back to school.

Mathare Sponsorship

Location: Kenya
Partner: Fanuel Opisa

These sponsorships are for high school students living in the Mathare slums of Nairobi, Kenya. People here live in extreme poverty (making less than $1.90 per day). This is a new project for us, as we’ve developed a new partnership in this area. For $55/month, you can link arms and walk alongside one of these students to help them pursue an education. Your donation covers tuition fees, some student supplies, staff visitation, gatherings, and coordination costs for one high schooler.

$55/month

Supports one high school student in the Mathare slums of Kenya.
Agromax
Location: Uganda
Partner: Wakisa Ministries
Agromax is a six month agriculture training program in Uganda. We partner with Agromax to train girls who have had teen pregnancies and had to drop out of school. Because these women became pregnant at such a young age, they struggle to provide for their children. Agromax helps equip these moms with agricultural knowledge and training, so now they'll have a sustainable skill that can provide employment, sustenance, and stability for them and their children.

$600
Provides six months of agriculture training for one mother.

Madagascar Soccer & English
Location: Madagascar
Partner: Jac Ainatsferana
Madagascar is one of the top 10 poorest countries in the world. As we seek to help bring hope and dignity to people in extreme poverty (making less than $1.90 per day), God opened a door for us to develop a new partnership in this area. We are now training children in both English and soccer skills. $2,000 covers a teacher’s stipend, coach’s stipend, school supplies and sports equipment for 20 kids a year.

$2,000
Provides soccer and English skills for 20 students.

$100
Provides soccer and English skills for one student.
India Tailoring & Computers

Location: South India
Partner: Charlie Abro

This project seeks to equip people who come from poor economic backgrounds with vocational skills in southern India. Many of these people are from slum areas or remote villages and have the desire to work, but just don’t have the skills to do so. We provide free courses in tailoring and computer training to build them up and improve their employability.

$200
Provides tailoring training for one woman in India.

$50
Provides computer training for one child.

Lightweight Used Laptops
Email hello@thehopeventure.org to donate.

Jawadhu Hills Project

Location: South India
Partner: Charlie Abro

We launched this project at our 2019 Night for Hope and it’s been awesome. The funds from that one night have covered all the expenses so far. Despite the challenges of Covid shutting things down, we have graduated students in tailoring and computers at all four Community Development Centers now! These CDCs are going great. They are a hub of activity for tutoring at all locations and even for food sources at some. We will need more funds to keep pouring into these extremely poor and isolated communities in 2022.

$1,700
Funds all four centers for one month.
Mama Kits

Location: Uganda
Partner: Mercy for Mamas

If a woman in Uganda is pregnant and shows up to the hospital for delivery without her own medical supplies, she can get turned away at the door. This leads to dangerous and unsanitary deliveries, which can result in the death of the mother, child, or both. Our Mama Kits come full of all the supplies these mamas need to ensure a safe delivery, which keeps them and the baby safe, and helps put an end to the orphan crisis. $7 now covers the cost of the actual mama kit as well as the direct costs to execute the project (transportation, storage, etc).

$7
Provides supplies and transportation costs for one mama kit.

Medical Kits

Location: South India
Partner: Charlie Abro

This project reaches those who no one else wants to care for. Leprosy in India comes with great prejudice and not a lot of medical care, and our medical kits are stocked with clothing, groceries, and medical supplies for these forgotten people.

$20
Provides one medical kit to a needy individual.
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**India Feeding Centers**

Location: South India  
Partner: Charlie Abro  

Every weekday, kids from all over flock to our feeding centers for free, hot meals that they wouldn’t be able to get at home. At our centers, they’re not only served food, but they’re served community. They eat with their friends, play games, and even get mentored by leaders in the community. Food gets them in the door, and they leave with full bellies and full hearts.

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**Kenya Agriculture**

Location: Kenya  
Partner: Nasha Ministries  

A few years back we began an agriculture project in Kenya with our partner, Nasha Ministries. They wanted to help elementary schools in the area offset their lunch costs by growing sustainable sources of food. We helped take care of start-up costs through a grant we had, but we need additional funds to get this project to sustainability. To take the next steps on this, $500 provides a salary for an Ag Manager as well as some farming supplies for the average month.
GEORGE
George had a big grin when I met him. He spoke remarkably good English, so we talked a lot as we walked. He wore a plaid shuka around his shoulders, standard for a Maasai man here. He shared of his struggles, of his hopes, and of how he and his wife Emily got a goat for the first time this year.

George’s mom got cancer a few years back, a brain tumor, and then she passed away in 2018. The loneliness of that was as fresh as if it were yesterday. He missed his mom. It was written all over him. Perhaps it was because he loved her. Perhaps it was because it was just so scary to think about what would need to happen next. George has five younger siblings — the youngest of which was 3 when his mom died — and now he needed to care for all of them. The pressure to take care of these kids was a lot for a young 24-year-old man.

He started a boda boda business, which in Kenya means he was like a taxi driver on a motorcycle. People got rides on the back of his bike to go anywhere they wanted, but when the Coronavirus hit, people could no longer ride on the back of a motorcycle with a stranger. Very quickly there was no income. How would he survive? He had so many people to take care of. And to add to everything at the time, his wife was pregnant with their first baby (they now have a 6-month-old son). He, like so many others, had to get creative about what to do. They live near a forested area (well, not the Amazon jungle type of forest, more like the barren brier-filled type of forest) so he began collecting wood and figured out how to sell it. He’s getting by, but when he got a goat from The Hope Venture, it was a huge relief. Every little bit helps and this goat would provide milk for the family. This was especially helpful for the new baby, as the milk provides good nutrition. I could see the hope it brought him.

The grave of his mom was nearby and we went out and prayed for George and his family. He told me that maybe now God was bringing other blessings into his life. He was touched that someone he had never met from across the globe would provide a goat for him and his family. While nothing could replace the loss of his mom, he could see that there were other people, other acts of kindness, that were reminding him God was still there, still caring for him. It was in his eyes: hope. And it was beautiful.

written by: Cynci Petersen

photos by: Victoria Petersen
Goats

Location: Kenya
Partner: Nasha Ministries

Did you know you can give the gift of a goat? Goats, as stubborn as they are, are able to survive in the desert-like conditions of Kenya where most animals don’t make it. A goat provides nutrition for a whole family, especially as they enjoy chai tea with it. In addition, extra milk can be sold, providing the family with a source of income.

$45
Provides one goat for a family.

Kenya Water & Sanitation

Location: Kenya
Partner: Nasha Ministries

Five years ago, we started a project with our partners to build a water pipe and filtration system in Oletukat, Kenya. Until our pipes had been built, there had been no easily accessible water in this region. Roughly 7,000 people are now so grateful to be using this water. While our filtration has decreased water-borne illnesses, we have also been able to provide some sanitation training and toilets. To continue the effectiveness of this project, we are hiring a Water Manager to keep the pump and pipes working, as well as seeking funds for training and toilets.

$20,000
Provides training for 20 sanitation workers plus toilets in the area.

$750
Pipe Maintenance and Salary for Water Manager.
In the southwestern corner of Kenya is a little town called Oletukat. In fact, to call it a town might be a stretch. It is more like a group of scattered homes and shops along the bumpiest of dirt roads. Oletukat is home to a people group called the Maasai: a Kenyan tribe known for their bright shukas (cloaks), intricate jewelry, and livestock. These are people who depend on the land for their resources. Their homes are built from the dirt, their livestock graze on the grass, and many try to grow food to feed themselves. Yet, for Oletukat's entire history, it has never had access to water.

For as long as people have lived here, they have walked five kilometers away to a river to gather water and carry it back to their homes one jerry can at a time. This water was all they had for bathing, cleaning, cooking, gardening, and drinking. One can a day. And it was filthy. The river carries a heavy load of mud and other sediment, making it completely brown. Animals share the riverbank and their waste mixes into it. To make things even worse, the towns along the river dump their own waste into it upstream from Oletukat. Because of this, diseases like typhoid, dysentery, and cholera have run rampant in this community and the surrounding area. In fact, we have learned that nearly 6,000 people in this area faced the same situation. And this little region, with all its struggles, is home to a little girl named Jolyne.

Jolyne is the youngest of ten kids. She's nine years old. Growing up, her mom would join the women of Oletukat and the surrounding area in the walk for water. Lining up by the dirty riverbank with her jerry can early in the morning, filling it with dirty water, putting it on her back, and carrying it back uphill five kilometers home. She would divvy out the five gallons she had for her and her family to drink. She’d use a little bit of it to cook with. Then they would have to choose whether to let some of the family bathe, or wash clothes. With ten older siblings, it’s likely Jolyne didn’t get much of the water. There was only enough for her to wash herself once a week. Letting the dirt just build up on her skin each day. This was life for her. And her future seemed to be the same story as her mother’s. The daily walk for water consumed life, and the hope of something different — school, a job, a new life — seemed impossible.

Then, in 2015, things started to change. This is when our partner organization, Nasha, decided to begin the effort to bring clean water to Oletukat — to kids like Jolyne — and we decided to join them. We knew from the start that bringing water would be a challenge. In fact, large organizations like World Vision had tried to drill wells here and no water was found. So through a group of African consultants, we began the process of building a pipeline. Trenches were dug, pipes were laid, and the water from the river was starting to get closer. A huge pump was installed and a water tank was built in the center of town, and for the first time, Jolyne’s mom could walk down the street for water. But it was still dirty. We wanted better for her. So we began the construction of a multi-stage filtration system. After breakdowns,
delays, dump trucks tipping over in the mess of mud that fills the road after a rain, and thousands of hours of labor, the filtration system was up and running. And this summer, we got to see water flow. And to be honest with you all, it’s still not what we hoped it would be. We hoped to turn on the tap and get a nice bottle of Dasani out of it, and unfortunately, it’s not that.

The filtration hasn’t fully worked, but it is a step forward. It has made a huge difference in the lives of those who live in Oletukat, including Jolyne’s life.

Now her mom can walk down the street and get ten jerry cans of water for her family. They are drinking, cooking, cleaning, and bathing every day. When we met Jolyne, her skin was clean. She could feel beautiful. And although the water isn’t perfect, the health clinic in Oletukat told us that cases of typhoid, dysentery, and cholera have dropped drastically. Life is changing for the people of Oletukat.

Jolyne is now in class one at Eltomtom Primary School. Her future can look different. She won’t be spending her days walking to lug water back for her family. She can study and dream of a new world.

It can be easy to look at this project and be disappointed that the water is not perfect yet. But as a small organization, we have seen that every little step we take can make a big difference for people. For Jolyne, her life has been changed forever. We will keep fighting to make sure we do everything we can to perfect our projects, but we want you to know that every little step, each piece added to the puzzle, brings people another piece of hope. It changes the narrative one more time. So thank you to all of you who have believed in us and those we work with around the world. We want you to know we are going to continue to use the funds you generously give to keep taking more steps to chip away at the pain of oppression, poverty, and hopelessness. That’s the adventure we’re on.

written by: Josh Petersen
Home of Hope
Location: South India
Partner: New Ark Ministries

The Home of Hope is a homeless shelter where people with mental and physical disabilities can come and receive the care they need. These people are considered the outcasts of society and are left to fend for themselves, oftentimes stranded on the streets. At the Home of Hope, they are welcomed into a safe place where their medical and community needs are met.

$1,000
Provides one month of medicine for everyone at the Home of Hope.

$62
Provides one month of milk for everyone at the center.

Rwanda Cohort
Location: Rwanda
Partner: DuHope

This three year project seeks to lift up vulnerable women involved in sex work to equip them to find stable professions. In partnership with DuHope in Kigali, Rwanda, the health of mind, body and spirit will be nurtured simultaneously. We will start with outreach, assessment and initial care. We will establish a cohort of roughly 20 women, providing reproductive and menstrual health training as well as counseling throughout. In Phase 1, we will provide Hygiene & Dignity Kits to ensure they have the resources needed. Next, we will provide healthy meals for them and their children each weekday for a year, while they learn how to work and manage basic life skills. Lastly, we will provide business training, test ideas with them, and help them launch their own microbusiness. $50 provides a Hygiene & Dignity Kit for one woman in Phase 1.

$50
Provides a Hygiene & Dignity Kit for one woman.
Pilot Projects

Location: TBD
Partner: TBD

We’re so excited about our Pilot Projects. Started in 2021, this strategy has helped us open new doors in Madagascar, Rwanda, Kenya, and Uganda. If you’re adventurous and like to be on the cutting edge of shaping where we head next, this might be the fund for you!

$3,000
Funds one staff member’s travel expenses.

$1,000
Funds one pilot project with a new partner.
OK, so how do I actually get involved with all of this?
PICK A PROJECT

Found a project you’re passionate about? Awesome! When you make a donation, 100% of your money directly supports that cause. And just a little note on giving: we think generosity should be fun, that it was designed to be that way. So after you make a donation online or with the back cover of this catalog, put on your favorite song and do your best party dance, because you just helped lives overseas and that’s a BIG DEAL! Woop woop!

DONATE

JOIN THE BACKBONE TEAM

Want to further build up the very heart of our organization? Our Backbone Team is the foundation for all our efforts. By covering our operational costs, this lets us send 100% of project donations directly overseas to the people intended to receive them. Your backbone support helps us in a huge way, and we wouldn’t be who we are without it.

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GIVE WHERE MOST NEEDED

Want to give but not sure where? When you give to Where Most Needed, we’ll allocate your funds to the place that needs them most, taking the hard decision-making out of the equation for you. It’s a great giving option that makes an impact!

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START A FUNDRAISER

Want to give but don’t have the money in your pocket? Not to worry! Many of our donors have put on creative fundraisers to raise money to donate to a project they care about. We’ve seen lemonade stands, art shows, even someone cutting his dreadlocks to raise money! The sky is your limit. No idea is too big or small to impact lives overseas.

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**RUN FOR HOPE**

Lace up your shoes. Start your watch. And run for hope. Every April, we host a 5k/10k race at Pioneers Park for all runners, serious and recreational. All the profit goes to our Backpack Project, where for $10 a student in India can receive a backpack filled with the school supplies they need for a year. Running with a purpose, what’s better?!

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**AN EVENING TOGETHER**

Join us for an elegant and intimate night. We have no other event like this. The best of wines. Our personal chef. Multiple courses of dinner. No formal program. Maybe a string bass or cello in the background. $500 a plate. A true behind-the-scenes gathering. Contact us for more info.

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**ROOMIEPALOOZA**

After a wildly successful debut of Roomiepalooza, we’re bringing it back! Lincoln homes compete in an all-out fundraising battle to see who can raise the most amount of money in a single day, and stake their claim as Roomiepalooza champion. The winning house receives a cash prize! If you have a competitive bone in your body, and a family or some roommates in your house that would join you, definitely keep your eyes peeled for our Roomiepalooza in summer 2022!

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**A NIGHT FOR HOPE**

Our biggest and best event of the year. A Night for Hope is a night to do something together that we can’t do alone. We get dressed up, eat appetizers, enjoy live music, and hear about how we can impact real lives in real places. It’s a night of fun, joyful generosity, and every year our socks get blown off. Seriously. Just ask anyone who’s attended. You won’t want to miss it. Coming October 2022!

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EVENT VOLUNTEERS

Love the rush that comes with putting on big events? We’d love to have you be part of ours! Volunteering could look like greeting people at the door, helping set up an inflatable arch, handing out roses, slicing bagels... anything could happen! Trust us, it’s always a fun time for the adventurous-at-heart.

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OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

We have a couple busy times of the year when it comes to sending out mailings. Sign up to be an office volunteer and help us in the assembly line of stuffing, sealing, and addressing envelopes with HV staff and other volunteers! We jam to music and have a good ole time. (Donuts may or may not be provided, hehe.)

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CAMP COUNSELORS

Want to travel with The Hope Venture?! You can apply to be a camp counselor for the annual summer camp we host in Narok, Kenya for the high school students we sponsor there. You’ll be partnered with a Kenyan co-counselor and lead small groups, service projects, and games!

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MAKERS & MUSICIANS

We’re interested in lots of different music at our events so let us know if you’ve got some mad musical talents. But also, did you know we’re looking for people with a knack for building and making things? Sign up to be a maker and get a hands-on experience constructing mud huts, light bulb walls, wooden houses, who knows?! But beware, we don’t believe in small ideas around here, so prepare to think outside the box for the idea we’re trying to bring to life!

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ADVOCA\n
JOIN A HYPE TEAM

Already a Charlie? Want to work together with other advocates? Ready for perks like free T-shirts, surprises and the inside scoop on events? Step it up with a short-term commitment on a hype team to help us promote an event. You can join our Run for Hope Hype Team and/or our Night for Hope Hype Team. Our hype teams work together as advocates to blow our event goals through the roof! We’re so thankful for them!

BECOME A CHARLIE

When you believe in something, do you tell everyone you know about it? We have something for you. Our “Check It Out Charlies” are our advocates, our biggest fans. When you join our Charlie list, you receive an exclusive monthly email packed with all kinds of ways you can advocate for us and we help you make at least one big, bold ask a year. You put the fun in fundraising, and we love having you as our influencers!

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THANK YOU

EDUCATION
$ _______ BACKPACKS
$ _______ INDIA SCHOLARSHIPS
$ _______ KENYA STUDENT SPONSORSHIP
  O Monthly
$ _______ KENYA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS
$ _______ UGANDA STUDENT SPONSORSHIP
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$ _______ AGROMAX
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$ _______ INDIA TAILORING & COMPUTERS
$ _______ JAWADHU HILLS PROJECT

HEALTH
$ _______ MAMA KITS
$ _______ MEDICAL KITS
$ _______ INDIA FEEDING CENTERS
$ _______ KENYA AGRICULTURE
$ _______ GOATS
$ _______ KENYA WATER & SANITATION
$ _______ HOME OF HOPE
$ _______ RWANDA COHORT

OTHER
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COMMENTS

LET US KNOW WHO YOU ARE
NAME __________________________
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TOTAL
$ _______ one time
$ _______ monthly

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