



2016 Annual Report



**MIRACLE
FOUNDATION**

Bringing life-changing care
TO THE WORLD'S ORPHANS

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Thanks to our incredible donors and partners, we are continuing to empower the most vulnerable children in the world to reach their full potential.



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In 2016, the Miracle Foundation was voted a
TOP-RATED NONPROFIT
by GreatNonprofits and given the highest possible score of 4 stars by Charity Navigator.



Message from the Founder



2016 was our best year yet. We fed, nurtured, loved, educated and supported thousands of orphaned children and increased the number of orphanages we're supporting by 50%—from 16 to 24! We also launched a partnership with the Government of Maharashtra in India to improve the standards of care in the orphanages across the state.

Thanks to our incredible donors and partners, we're continuing to bring life-changing care to orphans around the world and empower them to reach their full potential.

Yet, it seems like every time I hear the news, it's bad news. It's not only depressing—it lacks perspective and is an injustice to all the people (like you) who are doing their part to make this world work for everyone. Clearly there is so much bad and even sad news out there, but we are also making **huge** strides in our commitment to improve life for humanity.

This is the news I want to share with you because the support you are giving is a piece of it. The work we are doing is part of a global movement to create a world that works for everyone.

In 2000, 183 nations of the United Nations signed on to a historic agreement called the Millennium Development Goals, committing to eradicate extreme poverty by 2015.

And in the last 15 years the number of people living in poverty was cut in half, hunger was cut in half, 2.3 billion people got access to clean water, maternal mortality dropped by almost half, and infant mortality plummeted. Now 80% of girls around the world are in school (as opposed to only 50% in 2000). The number of new HIV infections has fallen by nearly 40% since 2000. And while the fights for gender and racial equality are still being fought, even those are better than before.

The really great news is that in 2015 the United Nations announced the next iteration: The Sustainable Development Goals. These 17 Global Goals lay out a vision for improving the lives of people all over the world even more by 2030. And we at the Miracle Foundation are working on eight of them.

I share this news with you so you know your support is contributing to a much bigger global movement. In spite of all of the bad news in the world, there are also significant historic positive changes being made, and you are playing a role in this powerful transformation.

Thank you for doing your part. Thank you for your support in 2016. Let's make even more miracles together in 2017!

Candice Bandrup

Our Approach

Until Every Child Has a *Family*

The ultimate goal of the Miracle Foundation is to find a loving family for every orphaned child. That means we explore every avenue to reunite children with a parent or relative, if possible. In fact, we have reunited approximately 25% of our children with families. We do this by allocating resources to more effectively support alternative care options and ensuring that excellent family support services are in place. However, for orphans who have nowhere else to go, we ensure that orphanages are in line with international standards and guidelines. And we provide excellent training for caregivers, a top-notch education for the children, nutritious food and plenty of love. In other words:



If a child must live in an orphanage for now, we make sure they thrive. Learn more at our website: MiracleFoundation.org



Accomplishments for 2016

- Fed, nurtured, loved, educated and supported thousands of children without parents
- Increased the number of orphanages we're supporting by 50%, from 16 to 24!
- Launched a partnership with the Government of Maharashtra to improve the standards of care in the orphanages across the state
- Started creating a Digital Toolkit, so orphanages around the world can download and use our training curriculum

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- Hosted our 3rd annual Leadership Council in India
 - Supported 158 students in higher education
 - Enrolled 100% of the children we support in school (compared to India's secondary school enrollment rate of 56%)
 - Achieved a 98% passing rate among the 10th grade children we support (compared to India's passing rate of 42%)
 - Developed a mental health program to care for the children's grief and trauma
 - Built computer labs and launched computer literacy programs in six orphanages
 - Brought 60 committed Ambassadors to visit the children in India

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- Worked with the United Nations to promote the Sustainable Development Goals
 - Continued our partnerships with Whole Foods Market & Whole Planet Foundation, Tito's Handmade Vodka and Flash Tattoos
 - Developed a partnership with Name Bubbles

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- Increased donations by 25%
 - Partnered with the Global Citizen Festival in NYC and Mumbai—and were the beneficiaries of a **concert by Coldplay**
 - Garnered press in Rolling Stone, USA Today, The Huffington Post and Chicago Tribune
 - Secured the highest rating on Charity Navigator, America's largest independent charity evaluator

Empowered the most vulnerable children
in the world to reach their full potential!

2016

Highlights

Kids in College

In 2016, we supported 158 children in higher education. It's almost unheard of for orphans to pursue advanced degrees in India, but we are committed to children from the day they arrive at our homes until they graduate and become independent adults.

The children we are sending to college are pursuing a wide range of studies, including engineering, social work, nursing, and natural sciences. We will continue to support these children as they continue their studies and guide them in finding employment after graduation. We can't wait to see even more of our kids in college in the years to come!

Where We Are



Government Partnership

In June, we launched an exciting partnership with the Women and Child Development Department of the Government of Maharashtra.

The government invited us to implement our proven, replicable, repeatable methodology in all orphanages across the state—starting with government-run orphanages—with the goal of improving the standard of care being given to every single child without parents in Maharashtra.

We're thrilled at this opportunity to help exponentially more children.



Mental Health

We've developed a robust mental health program for the children and staff at our orphanages. Our mental health program uses a two-pronged approach: *Prevention and Intervention.*

We are committed to promoting the mental health of children and staff by creating a home environment that protects basic rights, addresses attachment, encourages self-awareness, and cultivates altruism through the ongoing support and training of staff on prevention and interventions, identifying children at risk, and utilizing outside resources when needed.

Key components of prevention:

- Ensuring a fully trained and licensed social worker lives at the home
- Providing houseparent training on topics like child development, attachment, and discipline
- Providing life skills education for the children, teaching them interpersonal skills that promote mental well-being and enabling them to effectively deal with the demands and challenges of everyday life

Key components of intervention:

- Basic counseling provided by the social worker in the home
- Counseling case consultation, where our Miracle Foundation India team members consult with a clinical social worker, Janie Cravens, on current counseling cases in the homes, and then provide guidance to the social workers on those cases
- Advanced counseling provided by a more specialized local therapist
- Our Miracle Foundation team works with Dr. Tracey Haas to review cases where medications are prescribed to ensure appropriate types of medication and doses are selected

Ambassador Program

An Ambassador is a diplomat of the highest rank, who has the authority to speak and act on behalf of someone else. We call our travelers “Ambassadors” because, by traveling with us, they have the honor and experience to speak on behalf of the children. We want everyone to know about them. As Ambassadors spread the word about the children and our unique and impactful approach, they inspire others to get involved as well.

In 2016, we took four groups of Ambassadors to India to meet the incredible children at our homes. Each Ambassador group had a unique experience, but every Ambassador walked away from their trip with a love for the children they met, a deep appreciation for our method of improving orphan care, and a new perspective on life. And the kids loved meeting their “aunties” and “uncles” from America!

A group of Ambassadors visited Cornerstone orphanage in July to celebrate their achievement of becoming a Partner Home. To become a Partner Home, Cornerstone consistently demonstrated their ability to provide each child at the home with all of their rights. It was a fun celebration for the staff and children at Cornerstone and our Ambassadors.

In August, an Ambassador group visited Aarambh orphanage. Together, the Ambassadors and kids played a bunch of games and put on some silly skits.

The Ambassadors even took the kids to a nearby amusement park for a day packed with fun (and ice cream).

A group of Whole Foods Market team members visited Chirag and Sparc orphanages in September. The two homes are just kilometers apart, and the Ambassadors loved spending time with both the girls at Chirag and the boys at Sparc.

Later that month, Science in a Suitcase—an Austin-based nonprofit that teaches children about robotics—put on a second robotics camp for our kids, this time at Anwasha orphanage. The children had a blast learning about programming, logic, loops, motors, gears, and pulleys. All the lessons were interactive, and the week culminated with the children teaming up and building their own robots. What a fun way to learn!



Our Partners Create Miracles Every Day



Provides clean water consultancy



Teaches robotics at our orphanages



St. Stephen's Hospital

Provides quality healthcare



Provides computer literacy curriculum and support



Trains tutors for each of our homes



Sends volunteers to orphanages

The Following Partners Make Generous Donations of Their Services



Marketing & website design



SEO



IT services



Donates percentage of name label sales



Raises money for Miracle Foundation



Donates percentage of tattoo sales



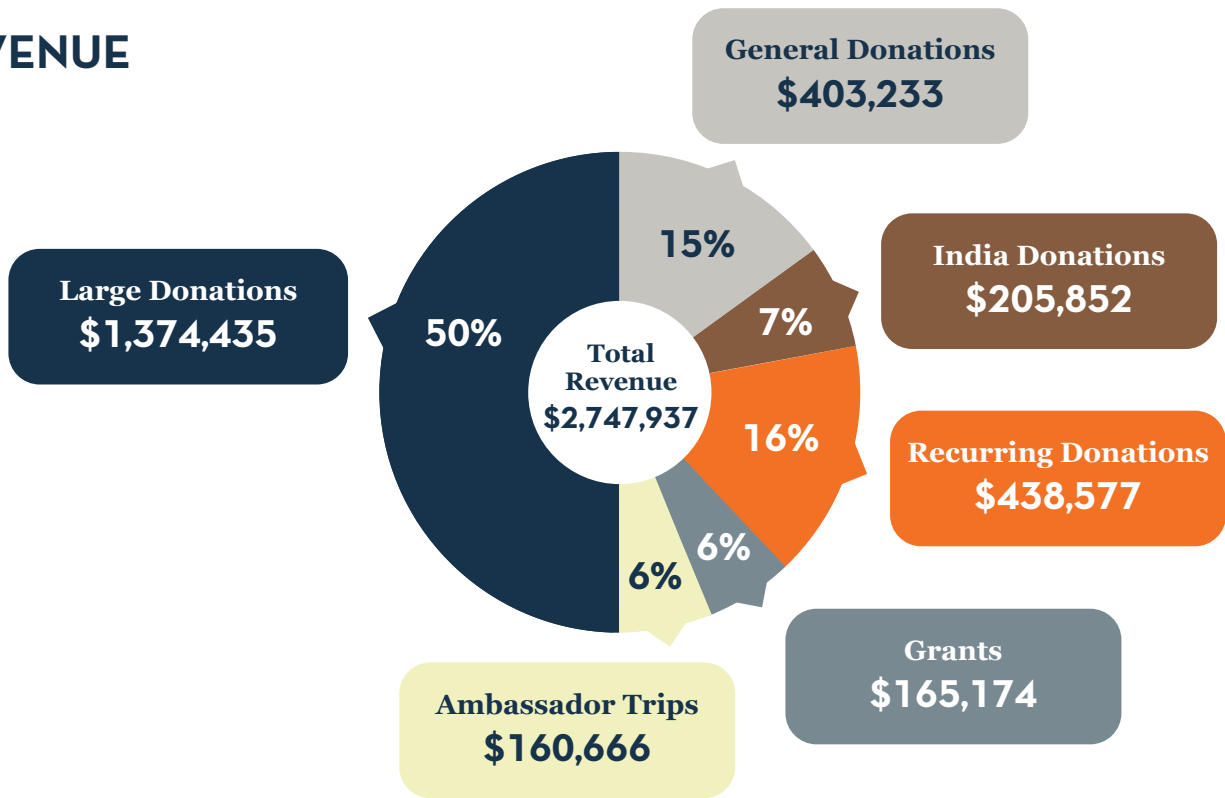
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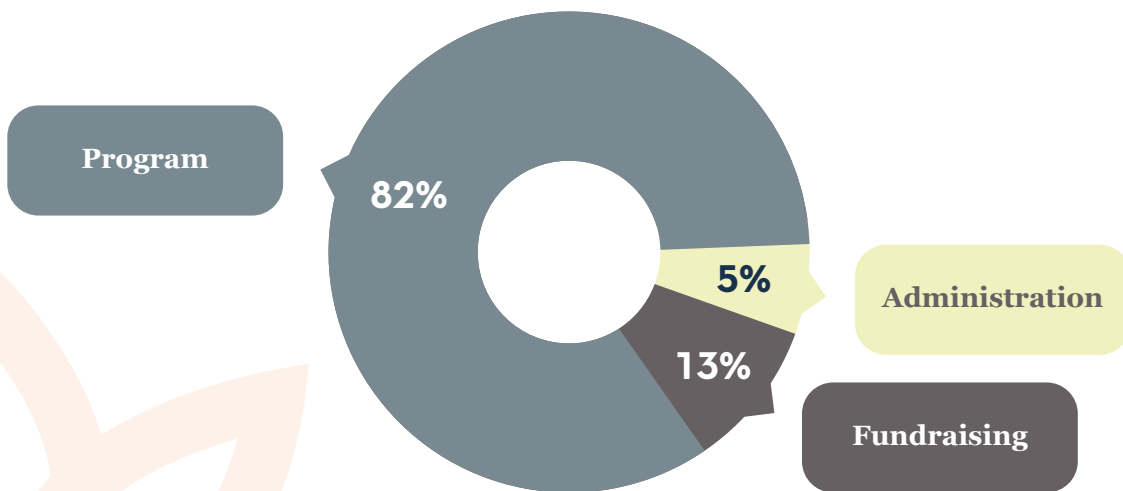
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