



MIRACLE  
FOUNDATION

# 2017 ANNUAL REPORT

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*Bringing life-changing care*  
TO ORPHANED AND VULNERABLE  
CHILDREN AROUND THE WORLD.

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*Thanks to the generosity of our donors, our goal of a loving family for every child is within reach.*

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# Message from the Founder



*“Nothing  
is heavy if  
everyone lifts.”*

—Sy Wise

Every good non-profit organization should be working to put themselves out of business. That is what Miracle Foundation is going to do, by 2040.

We see a world that doesn't need orphanages. We see a world where every child grows up in a family where they can thrive. This isn't just our vision, ask any child that lives in an institution and they'll tell you they would rather live with a family. It's time we heard these kids. We have the means, the knowledge, and the partnerships to do it. Now we just need everyone to do what they can and this vision can be a reality.

2017 was our best year yet. We learned how to achieve this ultimate goal of a family for every child. Rwanda, Romania, and Moldova have successfully gotten children out of institutions and into loving families. Their key to success? They strengthen families and help them with services *before* they are in crisis. By doing this, they no longer rely on institutions to care for children.

So, where did the children go? 80% of the children that live in institutions have a living relative that can care for them. We've seen this ourselves at Miracle Foundation. With a small amount of help, families can and do take their kids back. Other kids were adopted and some went to foster families.

2017 was the year that proved we can have a world without orphanages if we work hard and together.

As we take a look back, know how grateful we are to each of you for believing in miracles. It's working.

*Carolina Bandrup*

P.S. To help put us out of business, **consider becoming a Global Parent today!**

# Our Approach

Since our founding on Mother's Day in 2000, Miracle Foundation has taken a stand for orphaned children. Today there are 8 million children living in institutions around the world. That is unacceptable. Ask any child and they will tell you that their biggest dream is to be part of a loving family — it's where they thrive.



Miracle Foundation's **“Child First” approach is multi-faceted, collaborative and community-based.** Our measurable, systematic method ensures that children are loved, educated, healthy and safe until they transition to a permanent family.



80% of children living in institutions have a living relative. For these children, we make every effort to **reunite them with their birth family if possible** and help make sure that family has the means to care for them.



For abandoned children without family, we **advocate for each and every child to become a part of a loving and stable adoptive family.** We also help existing children's homes transition into organizations that serve the community and help strengthen families so they can stay together.



And we collaborate with governments, other non-profits and local family-strengthening organizations to **transform systems and give children a voice.**

**We know that even the greatest challenges *can be solved* when well-meaning people work together.**

# 2017 Accomplishments

Together, we are empowering more children than ever before. When we started 2017, our impact was 1,000 children across India. Now, we're transforming the lives of more than 7,000 children around the world. And we're just getting started. Thanks to your support, we empowered the most vulnerable children in the world to reach their full potential!

We partnered with **child care organizations** in **Africa, India, Mexico, and the United States** and other countries, ensuring that they can provide their children with loving homes and personalized care.

You sent **194** children to college!

Continued our **GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIPS** to help get to more children than ever before.

Hosted our **Inaugural Leadership Council for children**, giving them a voice and platform to speak for parentless children around the world.

We were honored to receive the **United Nations Association's Austin Chapter Humanitarian Award**.



Hosted our **4th Annual Leadership Council** for founders and executive directors.

Started working to improve the **UNITED STATES foster care system**.

Provided children **access to psychologists, psychiatrists, and social workers** to help them overcome their trauma.

Once again, we were awarded the **highest rating possible** on charity watchdogs Charity Navigator, Guidestar, and GreatNonprofits.



**Our Miracle Foundation community is bigger than ever before.** More than **10,785** people have partnered with us to change the world.

# 2017

## *Highlights*

### **Education**

**In 2017, we provided 194 scholarships to children in higher education.** It's almost unheard of for orphaned children to pursue advanced degrees, but we are committed to children until they graduate and become independent, thriving adults.

The children we are sending to college are pursuing a wide range of studies, including engineering, social work, nursing, accounting, and natural sciences. We will continue to support these children as they continue their studies and guide them in finding employment after graduation. The number of Miracle children accepted into college grows every year. What a great testament to our work!



# Growth

2017 saw our success grow not only in India, but also in other areas around the world. We forged new partnerships in Uganda, Sri Lanka, and Mexico – and even right here in the United States. It's so exciting to watch our mission scale and become a reality for more and more children. Our purpose: A loving family for every child...in our lifetime.

## NEW PARTNERSHIPS



# Our Partners Create Miracles Every Day







St. Stephen's Hospital



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## The Following Partners Make Generous Donations of Their Services

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# 2017 Financial Report

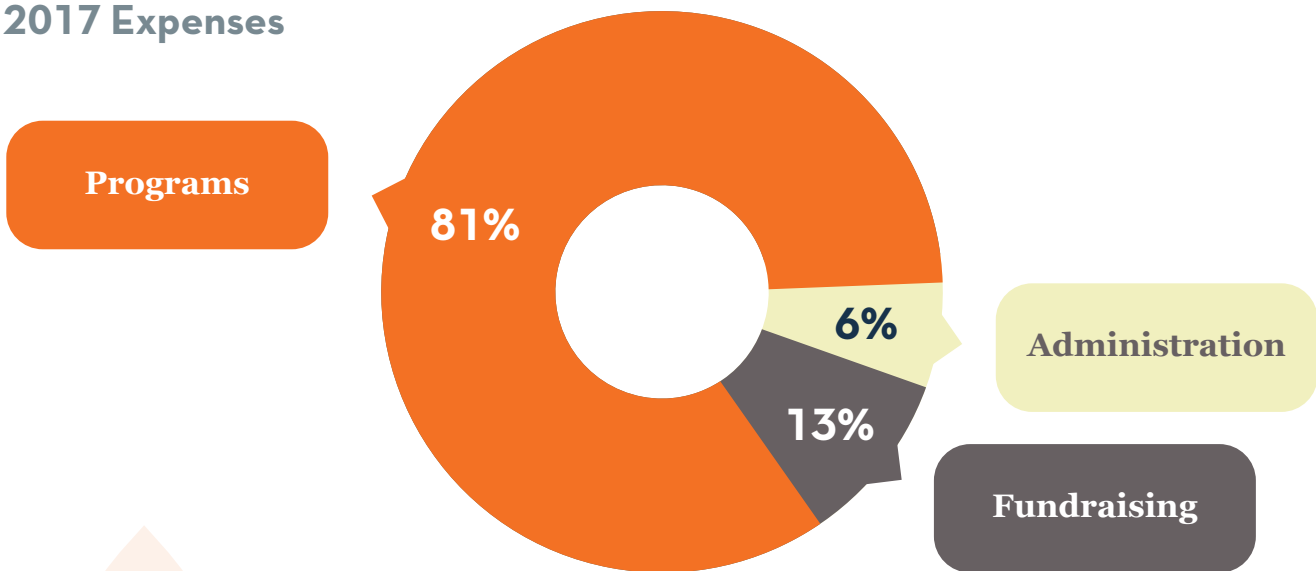
In 2017,

# we raised \$2.6M.

**We supported over 7,000 children,** giving them loving families, a quality education, and personalized care so they are healthy and “known.”

We kept Miracle Foundation **running efficiently:**

## 2017 Expenses



# Leaders and Board Members



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FOUNDER



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