



### ANNUAL REPORT 2018





"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have."

-Margaret Mead

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## Message From Our Founder



It has been 18 years since I started Miracle Foundation. Our journey over the years has been hard but incredibly rewarding and satisfying.

And this journey only gets more gratifying. It is a thrilling time to be working on behalf of orphaned and vulnerable children. Around the world, a profound shift is underway—from orphanages and residential institutions to placing children in safe and nurturing homes.

This new care model includes supporting children and families to prevent separation, reuniting children with their birth families, kinship care, and adoption. And Miracle Foundation is on the front line!

Thank you for taking so much interest in this worthy cause. Your contribution and support has helped us change the lives of so many children.

Chalera Bondiero

**Caroline Boudreaux** 

## Our Approach



Transition orphanages into family based care models through community programs.



Improve foster care by lowering barriers to entry, leveraging technology and connecting resources for foster families.



Build a global collaborative of governments, corporations and global partners committed to supporting orphaned and vulnerable children through family based care.



#### Accomplishments

Joined a global collective dedicated to supporting orphaned and vulnerable children across the world

Supported 7,700+ Children

411 caregivers trained in development, discipline and the 12 rights



Developed a new Thrive Scale for measuring family based care

Launched prototype for an app to support the US foster care system

136 children attended leadership councils

840 children trained in computer literacy

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

Ensured 100% school enrollment for our children

646 children placed with family. We continue to do what is best for each and every child, with a focus on getting them into families, where possible.

#### Our Focus on Mental Health



As per the World Health Organisation, one out of four teens in India between the ages of 13-15 years suffers from depression. In addition, our children have experienced great adversity such as poverty, trauma, difficult living situations and much more and are at a higher risk of experiencing mental health issues such as, anxiety, fear, depression and other serious conditions. This is why we promote mental health care to the children. Our approach is aimed at cultivating their social and emotional development. We educate them in life skills and help them develop coping strategies. This prepares them for the challenges of everyday life and helps them to achieve their full potential and live a productive life, from childhood to adolescence and into adulthood. This year, we were able to offer life skills education training to more than 1,800 children.

# A Story You Made

Kabir, a 15 year old orphaned child was moved to live in one of our mentored orphanages. Due to separation from his two sisters (as they were in a different institution), he had significant emotional and relationship issues and difficulty adjusting to his new environment.





Our social worker began helping Kabir with one-on-one counseling. She felt that involving him in group activities along with other children would help him adjust after the anxiety of separation. A Miracle Foundation appointed mental health resource person supported him through life book activities which helped him bond with other children. Kabir soon started to open up to the social worker about his

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After a few months of counseling, his relationship with his peers improved. Our team also focused on family bonding through planned meet-ups with his sisters. Today, Kabir enjoys spending time with his sisters and also looks forward to future bonding.

\*Identity of child has been changed for protection

#### 2018 Financial Report

#### We supported over 7,700 children.

We remained top rated on the charity watchdogs:



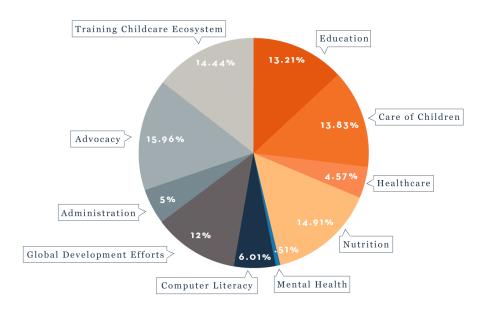




#### 83% of our funds went directly to programs.

We worked alongside government officials and childcare workers to reunite children with families and to provide each child with the quality of care and dignity that is their right.

#### **Revenue Breakdown:**



### Leadership



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