



**MIRACLE
FOUNDATION**

A family for every child, in our lifetime

2019 ANNUAL REPORT



A smiling woman in a green and yellow sari stands behind a young girl in a pink dress. The woman has her hand on the girl's shoulder. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in colorful clothing.

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Message from our CEO

2019 was a big year for Miracle Foundation. We focused on our two core initiatives of ensuring that children thrive while also preventing children from entering the system in the first place. This year we can say that we've improved the lives of more than 15,000 children and impacted almost 300 orphanages. We've also seen a 20% reunification of children with family.

To make such an impact, we've leveraged technology and utilized our proven Thrive Scale Methodology™, ensuring that children get everything they need across 14 well-being domains. These indicators include a right to a family, a safe and nurturing environment, nutrition, healthcare, education, clean water, and a sense of belonging. The children in our care continue to thrive. Many have entered secondary education and some are now in the workforce.

2019 was also a year where we doubled down on collaboration; training government officials and working with community partners to identify and support at-risk children and vulnerable families long before child placement in an orphanage becomes a necessity. We began our partnership with UNICEF across 4 states in India to ensure all actors in the child care domain are working towards common goal.

Our belief that prevention is the key to the orphan crisis remains steadfast, which is why Miracle Foundation is now part of a global network of non-profit organizations leading the worldwide movement to end the need for orphanages by 2040.

As we take a look back at 2019, know how grateful we are for your dedication and support. Together, we can ensure a family for every child.



Our Core Initiatives

Our work in the past was grounded in helping orphans to have a better quality of life but has evolved to also ensure that every child has an opportunity to grow up in a family.

In order to accomplish our goal of a family for every child, we work to:

Prevent children from entering the system in the first place.

Every day around the world, social workers, caregivers and government officials make decisions that impact millions of vulnerable children. Partnering with UNICEF, we provide highly specialized training and educational resources for these “boots on the ground” workers in the childcare ecosystem.

Through this collaboration, Miracle Foundation has trained 2300+ government officials and caregivers and partnered with community programs that identify and support at-risk children and vulnerable families long before child placement in an orphanage becomes a necessity.

Ensure that every child thrives.

All children are entitled to an education, nutrition, health and protection. Over the past twenty years, we have developed the proprietary Thrive Scale™ Methodology, based on the UN Rights of the Child and using this we are currently working with close to 300 orphanages to improve the lives of more than 15,000 children.

The orphanages we directly support see a 47% increase in Thrive Scale™ scores and a 20% reunification of children with their families.

Our Impact

20%

of children in Miracle Foundation orphanages reunited with family*

2,300

government workers and childcare workers trained on family based care*

300

orphanages using Thrive Scale™ methodology

93

children studying in college

15,000

children's lives improved*

19

states across India receiving programs and support

13,649

Life Skills Education units delivered*

47%

increase in child thrive scores from baseline support using Thrive Scale™

906

children trained in computer literacy*

*Number is all time

Accomplishments

Celebrated the **30th** anniversary of the Rights of the Child and worked with **256** organizations to pass a resolution making it inclusive of children without family

Successfully completed
1st year of our
partnership with UNICEF

Invested in technology to capture
real time data from the field and
be a pioneer in the space for data
collection and analysis

Created our Youth Ambassador program
to cultivate young leaders in the orphan
space and selected **12** amazing candidates
from the orphanages we support

Grew our Miracle
Foundation team by
21 new members





Introducing Our Youth Ambassadors

When we say that we give orphaned and vulnerable children a voice...we mean it quite literally! In 2019, Miracle Foundation selected 12 children – from orphanages all across India – to train in leadership skills and media communication so that they can represent the voices of children sitting in orphanages all over the world. We call them our Youth Ambassadors.

The 12 selected candidates were chosen from a pool of nearly 100 applicants. Each applicant sent in both written and video content talking about why they want to be an advocate and a voice for change for orphaned children. There were so many talented applicants that it was hard to narrow it down. But, these 12 stood out in their passion, poise and articulation of the issues surrounding child's rights.

In July, we brought these 12 ambassadors together in Pune, India for a 3 day conference. Two amazing facilitators led sessions on storytelling, interviewing, confidence-building and important issues surrounding orphan and child's rights.

Our goal with this program is to literally hand a pen or a microphone to the very children for whom we do this great work. Who better to represent the cause of orphaned and vulnerable children throughout India than the children themselves. They are the experts and their voices are the ones that should be heard!



Mansi's Story

Mansi is quick to smile, incredibly articulate and a great advocate for other children.

She is one of our **12 Youth Ambassadors**, lending her voice to represent the millions of orphaned children living in institutions across the world.

In 2019, Mansi felt a ray of hope when Miracle Foundation started looking into cases where children could be reunited with their families. Would she finally get to be with her mother and sister after years of being apart?

Mansi and her sister had been in a Miracle mentored orphanage for 5 years. Their mother was a single parent and could only get seasonal work on agricultural farms. Though agonizing, she placed her daughters under the care of an orphanage with the hope that they would get an education and have a more secure future.

While the girls did well at their orphanage **this small family never stopped yearning for a reunion.**

The orphanage social worker made several intensive counseling visits to Mansi's village, helping her mother access community and financial resources. With the help of her community and government support, she found the resources needed to take care of her daughters at home and ensure their education.

Mansi has been back with her mom and sister for 6 months. She is surrounded by the love and support of her family while still continuing her education, her hobbies and her work advocating for other kids as a Miracle Youth Ambassador.

Mansi's journey is reflective of what many kids in orphanages want -- a chance to be reunited with their families. And, Miracle is committed to helping them realize this dream whenever possible.

With support from our dedicated partners, we are able to create happy endings for children like Mansi and work towards our vision of **a family for every child.**

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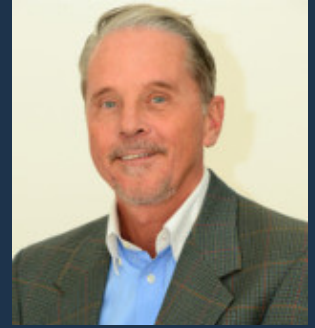
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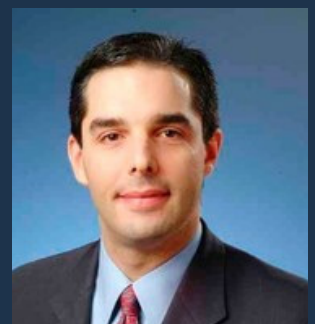
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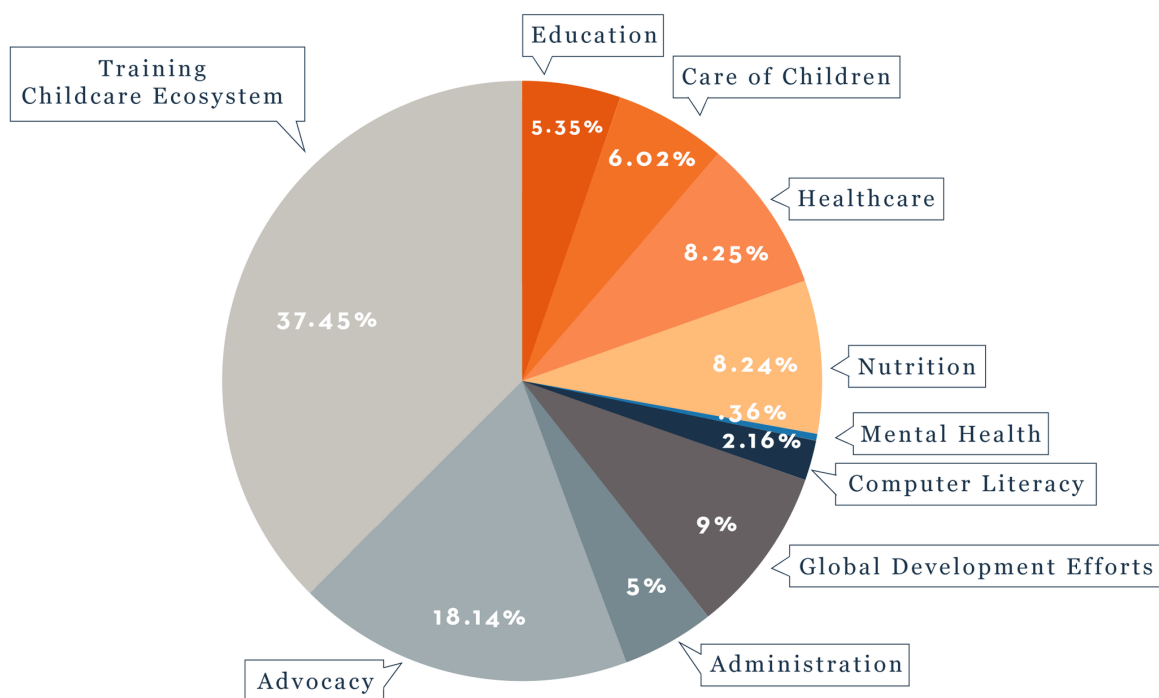
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We are supporting orphans to have a better quality of life while bringing about sustainable change that reduces the need for orphanages.



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